

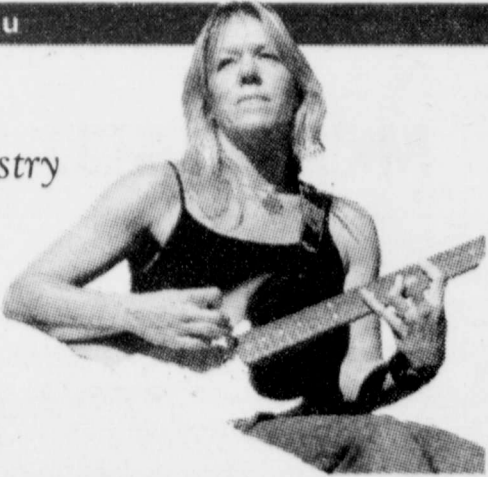
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'Voices' portrays views of body image

By Carly Haselhuhn

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

"Ten Ways to Get that Tummy Tighter."

"Try the Amazing Ice Cream Diet."

"Eight Things to Say to Get Any Man."

"Young Girl Battles Anorexia."

"I'm Bulimic and I Can't Stop."

Everyone's seen it, all in magazines, on TV shows, in commercials, everywhere. But what do students have to say about body image?

Beyond advertisements, the images and the beautiful bodies, the canvas is open. Get on the ground, take the paintbrush in your hand, rip up some magazines, create anything. Get your feelings out. Let the art do the talking.

The University Union art gallery is hosting "Inside Voices," a body image awareness exhibit, through Thursday. The event is a collaboration of several students' pieces, ranging from paintings to drawings to journals, and even glass.

Erin Partridge, an art and design senior currently battling anorexia, contributed her paintings and sketch journal and is also helping to coordinate the event.

The presentation, she said, is an attempt to start a dialogue about body image to keep people talking.

"We wanted to do it visually as well as verbally," she said.

For Partridge, seeing the amount

"All of us wanted to do something to shock people."

Gianna Pietravalle
graphic communications
senior

of images pumped into people's brains via the media is scary, only after the viewer recognizes it.

"It fuels the fires of eating disorders," she said.

A female is supposed to be pleasing for everyone to look at, she added, skinny and tall, yet unique and cutting edge.

Director of Women's Studies Mary Armstrong said the media's powerful influence over perceptions of body and beauty is often a "matter of proportion." The growth of technology has quadrupled its exposure, and thus its effect.

"The catch of the whole thing is that you're set up to fail," she said. "It's like a trap."

Partridge and Gianna Pietravalle, a graphic communications senior and co-coordinator, recognized that the media uses women's insecurities, which are instilled at a very young age. They wanted to give students an opportunity to see the affects of body image on society.

"All of us wanted to do some-

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McDonald proves up to challenge



DAN GONZALES/MUSTANG DAILY

Margot McDonald (above) is currently Cal Poly Architecture Department's interim director.

By Meghan Nowakowski

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Working as the Cal Poly Architecture Department's interim director keeps Margot McDonald on her toes.

"I imagine this experience to be similar to an ER doctor, where you never know what situation will require your attention next," McDonald said. "Being depart-

ment head or director is an enormous challenge for any individual."

This was just another challenge that McDonald was up for.

After receiving bachelor's degrees in mathematics and French at the University of California at Santa Barbara, McDonald went on to earn a master's in architecture from the

University of Oregon. She is a registered architect in the state of Oregon and is nationally certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. She is also working on an advanced degree in geography.

McDonald has been a member of Cal Poly's architecture faculty

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UPD goes beyond the call of duty

By Andy Fahey

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Contrary to popular belief, the University Police Department deals with subject matter besides backpack thefts, parking tickets and alcohol violations.

The department is a legitimate police agency, complete with sworn-in police officers, not shopping mall security guards imported from bigger cities to the north and south of San Luis Obispo, as many may think.

The department actually exceeds many state standards, from emergency dispatch to officer training. The extra efforts taken by the UPD are efforts to better serve the campus community, said Anthony Aeilts, chief of police for the UPD.

"We want to be very service-oriented and have a very high level of professional training background," Aeilts said.

The state requires that a police officer must get at least 24 hours of refresher training every two years, but that's not the case with most UPD officers.

"The fact is that they get a lot more than that," Aeilts said. "I'm not interested in just filling in numbers. I

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UPD chief of police

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Aeilts added that it's OK for officers to do 50 hours worth of training, even though it costs the department additional money, because it makes for a better police department.

The department surpasses state standards with specific regard to medical training. Campus police officers are certified to Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, also called Professional Rescuer, which is a step up from what is required for police officers in California.

"Basic police academy teaches first aid and CPR," said Fred Mills, communications and records coordinator for the UPD. "Title 22 and Professional Rescuer just takes the same training to a higher level, a little bit more in depth."

Campus police officers are also

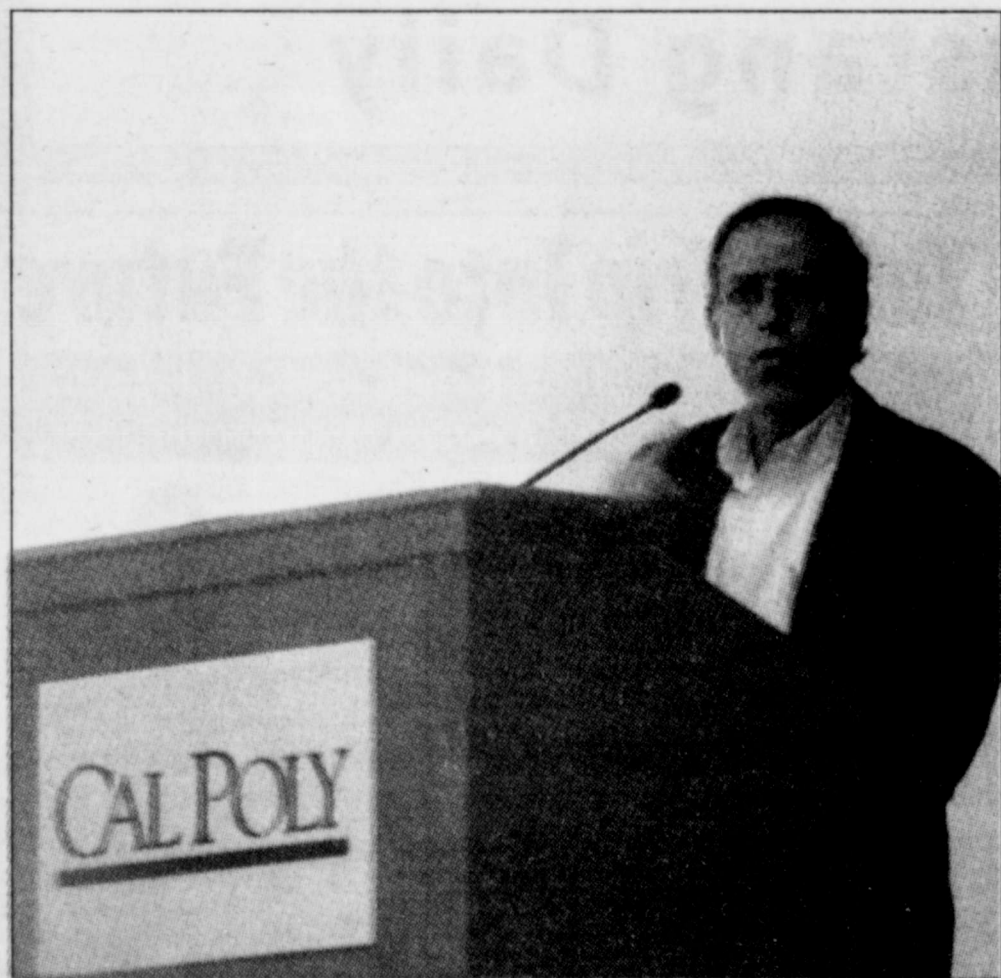
trained in the use of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs), which they keep in their patrol cars. An AED is a device used to revive the heart in case of cardiac arrest. AEDs are more common in fire departments and paramedics; most police departments do not usually carry them.

"Where people typically die from a medical condition in a very short period of time is with some type of heart (problem)," Aeilts said. "Or you get there and their heart is going to go and there's no resource there to stimulate that. That's where the highest rate of probable fatalities will occur. Therefore, having that AED gets into that narrow window of opportunity and hopefully ends up saving lives."

One of the reasons campus police carry the AED is because campus

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Middle East forums begin



ERIC HENDERSON/MUSTANG DAILY

Mahmood Ibrahim, a history professor from Cal Poly Pomona, spoke in Chumash Auditorium Monday about the Palestine-Israeli conflict. Ibrahim was born in Ramallah and immigrated to the U.S. in 1966.

Weather Watch

5-Day Forecast

THURSDAY

High: 71° / Low: 48°



FRIDAY

High: 73° / Low: 47°



SATURDAY

High: 69° / Low: 43°



SUNDAY

High: 68° / Low: 43°



WEDNESDAY

High: 68° / Low: 46°



Today's Sun

Rises: 7:05 a.m. / Sets: 5:28 p.m.

Today's Moon

Rises: 5:03 a.m. / Sets: 5:28 p.m.

Today's Tides

Low: 12:44 a.m. / 2.7 feet
High: 7:04 a.m. / 6.3 feet
Low: 2:37 p.m. / -1.2 feet
High: 9:27 p.m. / 3.9 feet

New e-mail coming to Cal Poly

By Dale Quinn
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly may have a new e-mail system in place as early as next fall, with student feedback providing a major factor in the creation of the system.

The change is needed because Cal Poly's e-mail and calendar systems, Openmail and Opentime, have reached the end of their life cycle, said Craig Schultz, user support services director for ITS. This means that although the systems still function, the vendor will not update them to maintain security or currency of the application.

As a result, the Information Technology Systems (ITS) at Cal Poly will create a new setup to meet future needs, Schultz said.

"We have a few options to really make some significant differences in terms of how the campus does its messaging and calendaring," Schultz said. "The key here is that we really want to engage the campus community early on in the process."

Currently, students can take a survey on the PolyComm Web site, through a link on the Cal Poly homepage, where they can indicate their level of satisfaction with the present e-mail system.

Some of the open-ended questions had more than 300 responses, ranging from general satisfaction to

frustration.

Computer science senior Tyson Van said that while he had no major problems with the current e-mail system, the layout of the site could be improved. Van logs on with the new web client, but he does not prefer the new layout to the old one.

"The only reason I use the new one is that when I leave it on, the new message window pops up," Van said.

There was minimal student input, which makes this a very different project.

In addition to the survey for the last e-mail upgrade, focus groups within colleges will also help determine what system will best benefit students. Also, the needs of faculty and staff will also be accounted for in the creation of the new messaging system.

After determining how to best serve the user, Cal Poly will select a vendor and then go into the stages of putting the new e-mail system into use.

Until the need is determined and the vendor selected, there can be no accurate estimate to the cost of the project, Schultz said.

"There are very few projects that have had this level of outreach in the history of Cal Poly," Schultz said.

For more information, visit www.polycomm.calpoly.edu.

MCDONALD

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since 1992, teaching energy building courses, design and practice.

"The year that I arrived at Cal Poly was a time of serious budget cuts, so the stress of beginning a teaching career was compounded by the stress experienced by the whole campus community," McDonald said.

However, the love of working with students kept her coming back for more.

"I quickly realized that I was in the right place for someone who enjoys teaching," she said.

Before receiving the position as department director, McDonald worked as the co-director of the Renewable Energy Institute at Cal Poly. She has managed research funds for a donor to the department and college, the Evelyn Hay Fund.

McDonald has also served on local, regional and national boards related to her professional interests, such as the Campus Sustainability Initiative at Cal Poly, the Cultural Heritage Committee for the City of San Luis Obispo, the Sustainability Project of Santa Barbara and the National American Solar Energy Society.

With the architecture department having its accreditation visit next year, McDonald is doing everything in her power to make sure the department maintains its success. Some of her main focuses

are to update the computer technology master plan and the strategic plan for the department and also to develop methods to assess student learning outcomes in architecture classes.

Many architecture students said McDonald is doing a great job.

"She is willing to work closely with students," architecture senior Wojtek Szczerba said. "She will make herself available to work with you, and I think that is really important."

Architecture senior Mark Fekete agreed.

"I like the fact that she is really concerned with the students," Fekete said. "She's quite the proactive director."

In return, McDonald is equally impressed with her architecture department students.

"This year, for the first time, I met incoming students at the Week of Welcome events, since I have mainly taught at the higher year levels," McDonald said. "Some of the students already had work experience prior to beginning their freshman year. No wonder why we rank so highly. These students are super-motivated."

McDonald does not credit herself for the success of her department.

"It is a nice coincidence that the department achieved these accolades during my time as department head, but clearly these accomplishments are representative of an accumulation of hard work by faculty, staff, students and past administrators," McDonald said.

What's Going On

Coming up this week

***Senior Project Clinic** - There will be a 50-minute senior project clinic Today from 5:10 to 6 p.m. in the library.

***Open House Info Session** - This mandatory meeting will take place Jan. 30 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in bldg. 52, room B05

***Bands Perform** - Two A Day and Too Much Or Too Little will perform at Creekside Lanes in Atascadero on Jan 31.



Steve Hill

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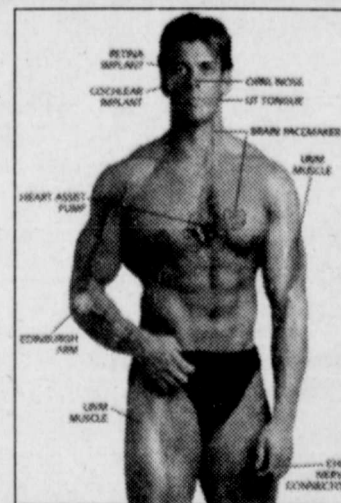
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National Briefs

Budget chief says cost of terror war has left Pentagon billions of dollars short

WASHINGTON — The cost of fighting the war against terrorism has left the Pentagon at least \$15 billion short, and the budget gap must be filled soon or troop training will have to be scaled back, the Pentagon's budget chief said Tuesday.

Dov Zakheim, the Pentagon comptroller, said in an interview with The Associated Press that the military also is ringing up unbudgeted charges as it sends tens of thousands of troops and tons of equipment to the Persian Gulf region in preparation for a possible war in Iraq.

He would not say how much the troop buildup is costing.

The budget problem could grow dramatically if President Bush should decide to attack Iraq and Congress does not cover the extra costs, Zakheim said.

"If one were to actually engage in combat, then the (cost) estimate would skyrocket," he said. "How high it would skyrocket, nobody knows. Nobody can know, because we don't know how long the war would go on, what kind of opposition we'll face, what kind of losses we might have to suffer. And that's without even beginning to think about reconstruction afterward."

UC San Francisco surgeon charged with druggings, sexual assaults

SAN FRANCISCO — A doctor in the University of California San Francisco's elite neurosurgery department pleaded innocent to charges he drugged and tried to sexually assault several patients.

Authorities arrested Errol Robert

Kolen, 32, on Jan. 7 on suspicion of attempted forced penetration, burglary and "administering stupefying drugs" to commit a felony. Prosecutors also charged him with sexual assault of a minor for allegedly attacking a 16-year-old girl.

Kolen, who is married and has an infant daughter, adamantly denied the charges and was freed Jan. 17 on \$250,000 bail.

"Like all things, there are two sides to every story," his attorney, Jim Collins, said.

Colleagues have been quick to rally around him.

Department chairman Mitchell Berger said Kolen treats patients with the "utmost of care" and "has always conducted himself with the utmost integrity and professionalism."

FBI: National mosque tally part of broader effort to target resources

WASHINGTON — The FBI on Tuesday defended its national tally of Muslim mosques as only one part of a much broader effort to apply scarce anti-terrorism resources and identify vulnerable sites.

Critics called it a form of ethnic and religious profiling.

The number of mosques was one of dozens of pieces of information FBI Director Robert Mueller directed the 56 FBI field offices to find. The survey is intended to establish a better picture of the demographics and possible terrorism targets in each region, FBI officials said.

That information, in turn, would be used to establish where to direct counterterrorism resources and set goals for each of the offices as part of a larger overhaul of the FBI.

FBI field offices were also asked in the same directive to list other vulnerable areas in their regions, such as

dams, bridges and nuclear plants, officials said. They said the intent was not to single out mosques and Muslims for investigations or surveillance.

"The number of mosques in an area is not a measure of the terrorist threat, nor the basis for investigative goals or revenue allocation," said FBI spokesman Mike Kortan.

Civil liberties and Islamic groups, however, raised several concerns. The move follows other controversial efforts by the FBI to question up to 50,000 Iraqis living in the United States and a Justice Department program to photograph and fingerprint thousands of mostly Muslim men living here temporarily.

International Briefs

Sharon wins crushing victory over Labor in Israeli election, faces task of forming coalition

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who has taken a hard line against the Palestinian uprising, won a crushing victory in Israel's election Tuesday, and TV projections showed his Likud and other hawkish parties easily winning most seats in parliament.

The prospect of progress on the Palestinian front now appears to depend on whether Sharon can form a coalition that will include the opposition Labor party, which campaigned on a pledge to restart peace negotiations with the Palestinians.

In his victory speech before jubilant supporters, Sharon called for a "unity government" and warned that "there is no cause for celebration. The battle against the terrorist organizations hasn't ended and it claims more victims every day... It's a time for soul-searching, for uniting."

Israel TV quoted Sharon as saying he would not establish a right-wing

government under any circumstances, although in his speech he did not offer any policy incentive to Labor.

Amram Mitzna, who led Labor to its worst defeat in history, has ruled out joining a Likud-led government, and he reiterated that stance Tuesday after congratulating Sharon on his victory. "We will remind Sharon every day that there is an alternative, that there is another way," Mitzna said.

Even without Labor, Sharon is expected to face difficulties in forming a stable government from the myriad political and religious factions, especially amid the turmoil of the Palestinian uprising.

Ethnic fighting flares in Ivory Coast over increasingly threatened peace deal

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Ivory Coast's army said Tuesday it opposed a new peace deal with rebel forces while ethnic clashes reportedly killed 10 people, new signs that loyalist anger over the accord was spinning out of the government's control.

Thousands of government loyalists surrounded the U.S. Embassy in the commercial capital of Abidjan, demanding that Washington press President Laurent Gbagbo back out of the deal.

The accord, brokered by France during two weeks of talks that ended Friday, seeks to end four months of fighting that saw rebels seize the northern half of the nation, the world's leading cocoa producer and a vital economic hub in West Africa.

Ivory Coast's security forces are unhappy with unconfirmed provisions that would give the rebels control of the military and paramilitary police. They have done little to quell four days of often-violent protests.

An army spokesman, Lt. Col. Jules Yao Yao, said army officials met with

Gbagbo on Tuesday and "told him officially that the army does not agree with certain elements of the peace agreement."

U.S. troops clash with rebel fighters in largest Afghan battle in months

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Hundreds of U.S. troops pressed toward rebel fighters in rugged mountain caves Tuesday, while warplanes bombed dug-in enemy positions in the fiercest battle in Afghanistan in nearly a year.

At least 18 rebels were killed in the assault. The U.S. military believes the fighters are loyal to renegade warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, a powerful Pashtun strongman who has vowed to link his forces with remnants of al-Qaida and the ousted Taliban regime.

About 80 rebels were believed to be remaining in the southeastern cave network, under attack from 350 troops, including soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division, U.S. Special Forces and allied Afghan militia.

"It's the largest concentration of enemy forces since Operation Anaconda," military spokesman Col. Roger King said, referring to a fierce eight-day battle in March against Taliban and al-Qaida holdouts in a different area of southeastern Afghanistan, about 250 miles north-east of the current fighting.

While King said evidence pointed to Hekmatyar's military arm, the Hezb-e-Islami movement, he gave no further details, and a former high-ranking Taliban member questioned that.

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

Defendant in music file-swapping suit files counterclaim

By Anick Jesdanun
AP INTERNET WRITER

NEW YORK — The owners of the Kazaa file-sharing network are trying to defend a copyright-infringement lawsuit by alleging that the entertainment industry promotes piracy by failing to work with them to create a legal alternative.

In court papers filed in Los Angeles, Sharman Networks Ltd. accused several movie studios and recording labels of antitrust violations.

"The plaintiffs have failed to reasonably act to discourage infringing conduct, and the plaintiffs thereby promote the very infringing conduct about which they complain," Sharman said Monday.

Kazaa is a system in which Internet users around the world can share movies, music and other digital materials. Although Kazaa claims it does not condone copyright infringement, users can easily get copyright materials shared by other users through the Kazaa network.

More than 4 million users were sharing some 832 million files Tuesday afternoon.

Copyright lawyers termed Kazaa's antitrust defense a stretch and noted that Napster and others have failed before with similar arguments.

Owners of copyright generally have wide discretion over whether or not to

license their works to specific individuals or groups, said Evan Cox, a lawyer with Covington & Burling in San Francisco.

"The argument that they somehow have to license people who they view as having gone out and deliberately infringing their copyright by itself is not going to get them far," Cox said.

Eric A. Prager, a lawyer with Darby & Darby in New York, said the most antitrust claims would likely do is make the lawsuit more expensive for the entertainment companies. During the evidentiary phase known as discovery, Sharman lawyers could now be permitted to broaden the scope of their questioning of industry witnesses.

In the latest filing, Sharman said that the movie and recording industries do not understand the digital age and are monopolizing entertainment.

The counterclaim was in response to the industry's copyright-infringement lawsuit against Sharman and other file-sharing services, accusing them of providing free access to copyright music and movies to millions of Internet users in the United States.

Just two weeks ago, U.S. District Judge Stephen V. Wilson in Los Angeles dismissed Sharman's claim that it could not be sued in the United States because it is based in Australia and incorporated in the South Pacific nation of Vanuatu.

Iraq focus of State of the Union

By Ron Fournier
AP WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON — Building a case for war against Iraq, President Bush said Tuesday night he will present fresh evidence to the United Nations next week of Saddam Hussein's illegal weapons and vowed the United States will lead a campaign to disarm the Iraqi regime if he refuses to surrender its arms.

"The course of this nation does not depend on the decision of others," Bush said in his second State of the Union address.

"We will consult, but let there be no misunderstanding: If Saddam Hussein does not fully disarm for the safety of our people, and for the peace of the world, we will lead a coalition to disarm him," the president said.

Speaking to Congress and a global television audience, Bush presented a laundry list of Saddam's alleged offenses, some of them newly revealed to the public. He said intelligence sources have reported that thousands of Iraqi personnel are at work hiding documents and materials from the U.N. weapons inspectors.

Specifically, Bush said Saddam has not accounted for up to 25,000 liters of anthrax, 38,000 liters of botulinum toxin, 500 tons of sarin, mustard gas and VX nerve agent and upwards of 30,000 munitions capable of delivering chemical weapons.

"If this is not evil, then evil has no meaning," Bush said.

For the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks transformed him into a wartime president, Bush faced serious

questions about his leadership. Most Americans don't approve of his handling of the economy, polls show, and only a bare majority support his policies on Iraq — an area where the president enjoyed support of more than 80 percent a year ago.

"This country has many challenges. We will not deny, we will not ignore, we will not pass along our problems to other Congresses, other presidents and other generations," Bush said.

The speech was delivered amid intense security as lawmakers, Cabinet members, military leaders and Supreme Court justices gathered for the annual event. Several hundred people massed on the Capitol lawn to protest Bush's policies, ranging from a possible war in Iraq to his approach to health care.

The first half of Bush's address was devoted to domestic policy, a reflection of his desire not to let Iraq overshadow a presidential agenda geared toward the 2004 re-election campaign.

The heart of Bush's domestic agenda is his \$674 billion plan to revive the economy and a \$400 billion, 10-year plan to overhaul Medicare. His plans also include medical liability, the environment and energy policy as well as efforts to help religious groups offer federally funded community services, aides said.

Democrats challenged Bush's efforts both at home and abroad.

Washington Gov. Gary Locke, tapped to deliver the Democratic response to Bush, said that economic recovery would not happen until

states and cities receive help from Washington — something missing from Bush's economic proposals.

"People are clearly worried about terrorism and Iraq but those concerns should not overshadow the pressing needs of the people here at home," Locke said.

The president described the nation as still recovering from recession, terrorist attacks, corporate scandals and stock market declines. "Our economy is recovering, yet it is not growing fast enough or strongly enough," Bush said.

He proposed spending new money for research to develop hydrogen powered cars and to tutor children of prison inmates. He also called for a new \$600 million drug treatment program in which federal money could go to religious community service programs.

Bush, entering the first phase of his re-election campaign, opened his speech with a summary of his domestic agenda, then spent the last half of his address discussing a "world of chaos and constant alarm."

Sixteen months after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and the beginning of the battle against terrorism, Bush said, "The war goes on and we are winning."

While Osama bin Laden and other key terrorists still elude capture, the president said the United States has caught many key commanders of al-Qaida.

Citing intelligence sources, Bush renewed his assertion that Saddam

'Dr. K' is a little bit chemist and a little bit rock 'n' roll

By Jenni Mintz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

An artist, mother, triathlete and chemist, Cal Poly professor Kristen Black is a woman who croons through life wearing many hats.

Her students know her as Dr. K, her fans know her as Kristen Black and her husband, Poncho, knows her as Kristen Meisenheimer.

Black, 37, is a part-time chemistry professor, she earned a degree in biochemistry from Cal Poly in 1992. After that, Black went to graduate school at University of Colorado at Boulder and earned her doctorate in organic chemistry. Black met Poncho in their first chemistry class at Cal Poly, and they've been married for 11 years. She said he was one of the reasons for sticking with chemistry — Poncho also taught at Cal Poly.

Black will play at Mother's Tavern on Saturday, Feb. 1 at 9:30 p.m. and at Yosemite Hall on campus Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 8 p.m.

Since she was a little girl, Black considered music a huge part of her life.

"Music is where my heart is, but I also love to teach," she said. "I love the interaction with students every day. Music was my first love, chemistry I just sort of stumbled upon."

Black is happy to be teaching again. She took a year off to record her CD, "Blackout," which came out last September. Despite pursuing two very different careers, Black is balancing both without feeling overwhelmed.

"Right now I have a light teaching load," she said. "Most of my performances and rehearsals are at night or on the weekends, so it allows me to have the days for teaching."

She says her music does not fit into any one genre.

"The CD has all my favorite styles of music brought together," Black explained. "All my favorite musicians that I love never stuck to one style. When I write a song, sometimes it will be in completely different genres. It keeps my band happy too, because they never get bored."

Social science sophomore Christina Broat describes Black's music as a hybrid of pop-rock and country.

"She's got nice, catchy lyrics that can be related to but are still pretty cutting-edge," Broat said.

Black said her style is mostly rock 'n' roll, mixed with a little blues and swing. Her musical inspirations include the Rolling Stones and the Beatles.

"I love the Beatles, because they were such amazing songwriters and could write so many different styles of music and be so successful at it," she said. "They are so creative."

A self-taught songwriter, singer and guitarist, Black never took lessons.

"All my song writing comes from what I've seen growing up in Los Angeles," she said. "L.A. was a crazy place to grow up in."

Music is in her blood; she is one of many talented musicians in her family. As a teenager, Black loved to tag along with her brother's rock band and sometimes sing background vocals.

Besides music, twins also seem to run in the family; Black's grandmother had three pairs.

"I have twin fraternal boys who are 6," she said. "They are definitely my

"I'm not planning on being the next Britney Spears."

Kristen Black
professor, artist

top priority above anything."

Although Black loves her active schedule, she misses spending time with her sons and husband.

"I used to teach full-time, but I went part-time to spend more time with them," Black said.

With so many interests, Black said

she doesn't have a lot of spare time, yet she still makes time for her athletic endeavors. Usually during the early morning and part of lunch, she enjoys swimming and running.

Although she hasn't made it big, Black is enjoying living life to the fullest.

"Right now, I'm just having the time of my life playing," she said. "If something great happens, that would be fantastic. But I love to write and to perform and just to play music with people. I'm not planning on being the next Britney Spears."



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Kristen Black found time between teaching chemistry classes at Cal Poly to record and release her latest CD "Blackout."

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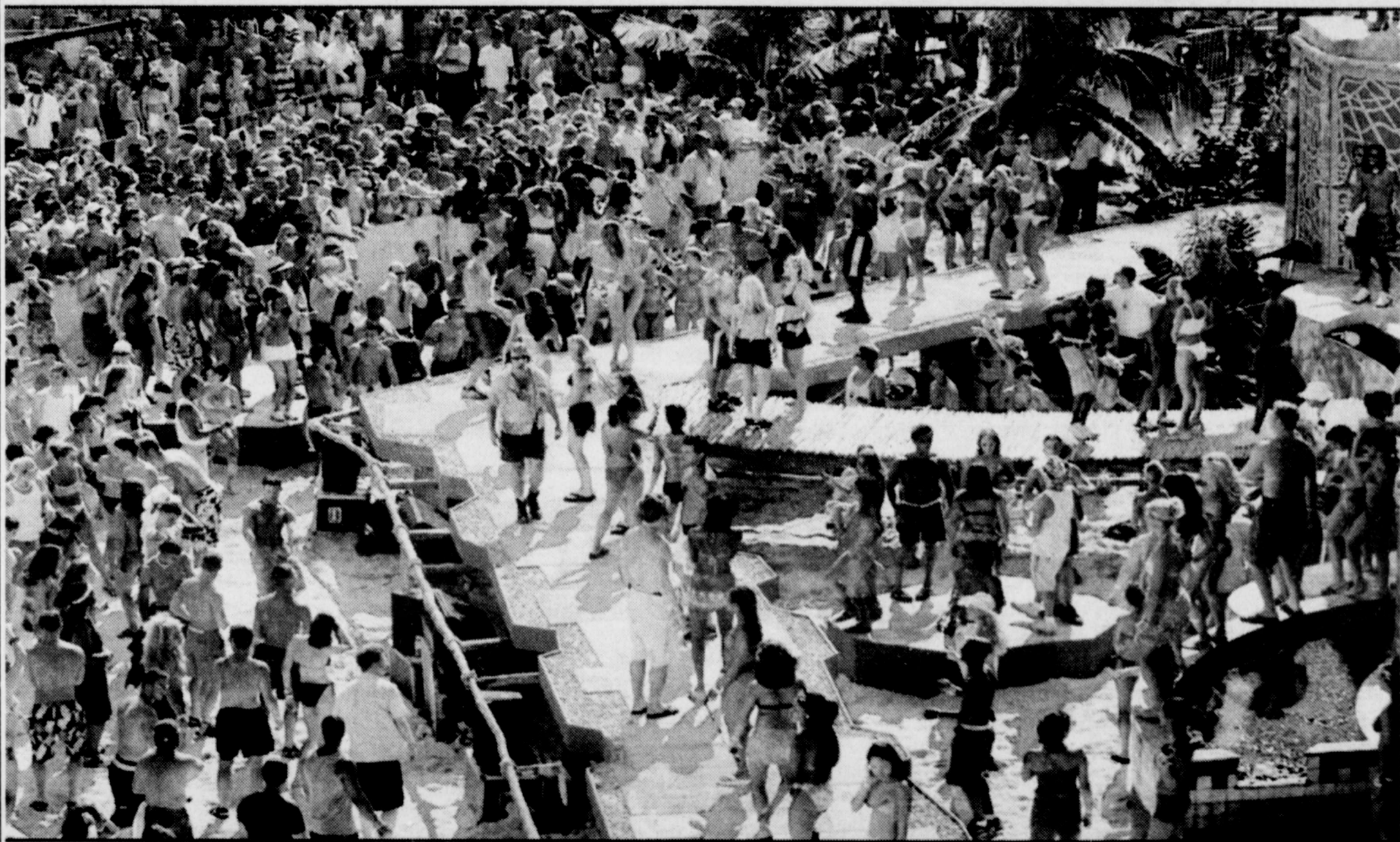


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College newspapers provide students with real world experiences

At a learning institution such as a university students spend countless hours preparing for the world they enter when they graduate. They work to find their place within the workplace and are given the tools needed to accomplish what they desire.

Or so they're told.

More recently, censorship of college newspapers is limiting the tools these students have, not to mention their constitutional rights.

"Come on. It's time that college journalists are taught a lesson: In a newspaper, the inmates don't get to run the institution except to the extent that the publisher allows."

Veteran journalist and editor Pat Cunningham wrote this in a July 29, 2002 commentary in the Rockford Register Star in response to the recent hype over college newspaper censorship.

Commentary First of all, to be referred to as "inmates" is downright appalling. I have heard of people whose only residence is a cold cement cell referred to as inmates, but college journalists? And more so, I am in disbelief that a fellow journalist wouldn't stand up for the First Amendment rights of the people whose position he was once in as well.

Cunningham also doesn't show much sympathy when referring to the recent censorship case involving Governors State University school newspaper, The Innovator.

"In the case of the paper at Governors State, the school's administration is the publisher, unless and until some other arrangement is made official policy," Cunningham said.

Anyone who has come into contact with a college newsroom would think the exact opposite. Editors put in countless hours every week, carefully deciding the content of their pages and the image and style that they want to present to their readers.

To try and say the administration should be in charge of something they have never even had their hands on is completely ludicrous. Many of the administrators who supposedly should be in charge have never even set foot in their college's newsroom.

When Margaret L. Hosty and Jenni S. Porche became editors of The Innovator, they stepped into the position assuming that they would have control over the content of their paper.

To create more awareness among the student body, Hosty and Porche began a series of articles that attacked Governors' State professors by name and focused on their poor classroom performance. They had a rude awakening when their investigative efforts were quickly put to a halt.

The women have recently been fighting their case in the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, where Governors State is using the well-known Supreme Court case Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier as a precedent case in why college newspapers should be censored.

The Hazelwood case granted public high-school administrators the authority to review and censor school papers. Since this decision in 1988, college newspapers from all over the country have feared that courts one day might apply the same standards to their publications.

Traditionally college newspapers have enjoyed much greater freedoms than high school publications, and rightfully so. To try and govern two completely different types of institutions under the same rules has no relevance.

College serves as a bridge from high school into the real world, where students form their own distinct opinions and views about the world. Students find these values through self-expression in the arts and writing. To try and censor a part of this development only hinders the students and their futures.

As James Madison, a key framer of the First Amendment, once said of the press: "It is better to leave a few noxious branches to their luxurious growth, than by pruning them away, to injure proper fruits."

Regardless of any college newspapers' content, no publisher or administrator should be able to censor a newspaper. To try and censor a form of the students' opinions and beliefs is an infringement of their First Amendment rights.

The censorship of college newspapers only opens more doors to the hindering of students' freedom of expression on campus. One of the main components of a public university is the students' rights to express themselves freely. The public university system was founded upon these ideals and should fight to preserve them.

Alexa Ratcliffe is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Parental laziness peaks with help from Mattel, Barbie

We live in the midst of the computer era. No longer do we have to leave our home to shop for groceries or clothes. Stocks can be bought, sold and traded by the click of a mouse. Everything from medication to groceries can be ordered online. We can even develop relationships through chat rooms organized by identifying characteristics. As time goes on and technology progresses, where will we draw the line? When do computers stop being helpful and start making us lazy?

I believe we've found that place.

Mattel Inc. and UVOX Networks Inc. launched a new service called the Barbie Call Time program. They are offering a computerized service where parents can call a phone number where Barbie herself can tell

your child a personalized message for only \$1.99. By personalized messages they aren't talking corny greeting card stuff, but rather parenting messages like "Gee honey, don't forget to do your homework."

Mattel has basically created a digitalized nagging service. Parents may not enjoy telling their kids to do their chores, but like it or not, it's part of the job description.

The sheer notion of something like this is frightening. I'm scared to live in a world where we must rely on Barbie to do our parenting for us. This service is nothing but a cop out for parents who aren't willing to deal with the realities of family life, like disciplining their children.

I can't say that I always loved it when my parents told me to clean my room, but doing my chores taught me responsibility. In retrospect, learning to do such tasks not only made me a capable adult, but taught me to respect my parents as well.

Parents shouldn't be afraid to discipline their children. They are parents, not peers, and must know when it is time to act as a disciplinarian and when it's time to be a friend.

The time we spend with our families, whether it's doing

Since when are we letting plastic, anorexic bimbos parent our children?

chores or going to Disneyland, shapes us as people. The love and nurture of our parents makes us human. By asking Barbie to step in to do our parents' dirty work is ridiculous.

Since when are we letting plastic, anorexic bimbos parent our children?

It is a sad day when we would rather have this pathetic excuse for a role model guide our youth into their future, than to just tell little Jenny to fold her laundry. If parents can't bring themselves to actually regulate their kids, then they should reconsider their choice to become parents in the first place.

What happens when the kids finally come to the realization that Barbie isn't a real person and could care less if they clean their rooms or not? As soon as the little kiddies figure this one out, the whole service is obsolete.

First in vitro fertilization, sperm banks, cloning and now this. I mean why do we even need parents or families, we can just start mass producing armies of children, right?

Please! I understand that the nuclear family is an ideal of the past, with half of all of today's children living in family structures other than with two married parents. But as our culture comes to recognize all sorts of family varieties, a line must be drawn when Barbie is to be considered a spouse or parent.

I agree with parents getting help to take care of their children. With 61 percent of both parents working outside the home, child care is necessary. But allowing Barbie to become your new baby sitter is ludicrous.

Stacey Dorning is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Commentary

Letters to the editor

Guns are a necessary evil for protection

Editor,

Dale Quinn claimed in his commentary ("Right to bear arms clung to by fearful Americans," Jan. 23) that Americans own firearms because they live in fear. While this may be true for a few, for the majority of American gun owners self-reliance is the real reason.

Unfortunately, the world is not perfect. Bad things happen, and can happen to anyone. Accepting this reality is not to be confused with fear. I carry jumper cables and some basic tools in my vehicle. Am I fearful of leaving my lights on or having my vehicle break down? Not at all, I just want to have some tools on hand just in case.

Along these lines, gun owners have decided that should their life or the lives of their family be threatened, they want to have a tool to deal with the situation. We all know the police won't get there in time, if they do at all. You are the one ultimately responsible for your own safety. But why guns? Firearms are the best tools for self-defense—that's why the police have them. Most of the time merely presenting a firearm will send the bad guy running away very fast.

The Second Amendment is about self-defense and self-reliance. It is the only guarantee that you will always be able to use the First Amendment. If you choose not to own a gun, that is your right too,

but please don't take the right away from your neighbor. He or she might even end up saving your life someday.

Kevin Scheidel is an electrical engineering senior.

Evil shark needs to be dealt with

Editor,

The other day I watched a special on the great white shark. I couldn't believe the things this animal was doing. The physical and mental scars great whites impart on attack victims are disturbing.

The TV also said the great white had been bioengineered by the Nazis, and that they vote Libertarian. After watching, I found myself disgusted by the great white shark. And then I started thinking: If, for some reason, I had business in the ocean, and some great white started messing with me, I'd stab him in his beady shark-eye with a rusty knife. Undoubtedly, this would scare him off. I would return to shore, secure a boat and track him down. Upon returning to the mainland with my catch, I would make the shark live in a small tank of water, put him on display and charge \$10 a head. People would come from all over to point at the shark and laugh with scornful ridicule. "Ha ha, look at ole' Sharky McStabEye," they'd say.

Activists would get uppity and say that

I was "exploiting" the great white. To them, I say two things. One, the great white shark isn't one of God's creations. Try to hug a great white and you'll be out an arm and a water-wing. Two, forget about the great white's sense of compassion. Where compassion is in a normal creature, there's black goo and spiders in a great white. Kill Sharky!

Chris Schmidt is a political science senior.

Self-defense is unsaid Constitutional right

Editor,

Certainly, it is wrong for anyone to initiate force against another human being. When it is done, it should be punished, but by no means should people not be allowed to own guns because guns have been used to perpetrate horrendous crimes. ("Right to bear arms clung to by fearful Americans," Jan. 23). We all enjoy the right to life in the United States, and a necessary corollary to that right is the right to possess the means (i.e. a gun, a knife, etc.) of defending one's life. I am not saying that it is necessary for everyone to own a gun; I am saying that it is necessary to have the right to own a gun. It is unfortunate that the framers of the Constitution didn't state this explicitly.

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Letters to the editor

Columnist the real villain in abortion controversy

Editor,

My dear Ann Foster, don't you realize that you're attacking the wrong people in your holy war against the "murder" of the unborn ("Woman's right not reason enough for abortion," Jan. 24?) Roe v. Wade may have given women the right to cancel their pregnancies, and this did indeed keep millions of unwanted children from being brought into the world, but the TRUE villain is – Shallon Lester!

That's right, Ms. Lester can be blamed for more deaths of unwanted babies than any abortion clinic. Just compare the numbers – while even a large abortion clinic can only claim perhaps hundreds of abortions per year, just think of the millions and millions of innocent little sperm that cast off every day due to the masturbatory practices that Lester promotes!

My heart goes out to every one of them, as they are senselessly murdered in our culture of death. I encourage all young men to choose LOVE, and, by the grace of God, only use your sperm to make lots of babies that you cannot financially support, who will further crowd an overpopulated planet so that our resources will run out even faster.

Please, I beg you, do not make an ill-considered "choice" and trade the lives of your precious tadpoles simply for your immediate physical gratification. They are living things and, believe it or not, sperm have feelings too. I'll see you all at daily Mass at the Mission.

Justin Fraga is an electrical engineering senior who believes in the sanctity of all life and the intrinsic right to life, especially of the unborn.

Abortions aren't the only solution; truth regarding rights

Editor,

This letter is in response to Jordan Schultz's Jan. 22 commentary "A woman's right to choose needs to be protected."

Ms. Schultz fails to convince me that abortions are the only solution to "the problems of deadbeat dads, single mothers in poverty and the highly sexualized nature of the media." She says, "Women are unfairly forced to carry their burdens."

She makes it sound as if women have no choice when it comes to sexual activity. What Ms. Schultz calls a "burden," I call a human life. Science shows that at the moment of conception, a fetus is alive with a unique genetic code. She will have blonde hair and blue eyes; 20 days later her heart will start beating.

I disagree that reproductive rights are "the most basic freedom." However, before one exercises her perceived freedoms, she should look to the objective truth of the matter. "And the truth shall set you free."

Andy Coughlin is a civil engineering sophomore.

Editor,

In "A Woman's right to choose needs to be protected," (Jan. 22) Jordan Shultz said that whether or not abortion constitutes murder is not the real issue. I believe that it is the issue. If the fetus is a real human baby, then abortion would be murder and the courts would be wrong (if the courts determined rape to be legal that would not make it right).

At the moment of conception the new embryo has its own completely unique set of DNA which purposefully begins to create the body that will eventually be born. Since trimester divisions are arbitrary designations, it stands to reason that life must begin at either birth or conception. We know that a 2-day-old baby will die just as easily as a 2-day-old embryo if left alone. So viability cannot be the determining factor. Also, the only difference between a baby minutes before and after birth is whether it is breathing air or not. This can hardly be the determining factor for being human. The lungs have been working for a while by the time of birth (merely in a different capacity), as have all the other organs. It seems that conception is the time where the real change happens from non-life to life because that is when the creation of that complete set of DNA occurs. I ask that someone would please, on scientific grounds, prove abortion to not be killing of a human life. Because that is the real issue.

Chris McGlone is a mechanical engineering junior.

Attractive columnist can't complain

Editor,

Like Yvonne Lynch, I have a problem with Shallon Lester's column "Sex in San Luis." Unlike Yvonne Lynch, my problem does not stem from being a prude who is terribly frightened by the idea of healthy young people enjoying their own and each other's bodies. Another trait that sets me apart from Lynch is that I do not rely upon teasing talented writers about their names to make my point.

No, the problem I find with "Sex in San Luis" is much more

subtle. While her column is almost always a delightful and insightful to read, it suffers from a flaw which runs down to its very core. You ask, "What could possibly motivate this fellow to fill this page with such bloated rhetoric?" Well, to get to the point, I am tired of hearing what the attractive people think about sex. Every Monday, I have to hear people in class tell stories to each other about "kickin parties and hook-ups" and about all the things men did to vie for an attractive young lady's attention. People who can easily have sex are not shy at all about telling everyone (by telling their friends very loudly, very publically) how much sex with how many different people they can get. There are hours of prime time television devoted to the subject, as well as hundreds of major motion pictures.

Everywhere I look, I see beautiful people talking about sex. In addition to all of this, we get to read about Shallon's adventures with her harem. Does this mean I am, like our friend Lynch, calling for an end to sexual expression and enjoyment?

Of course not! Instead, I am calling out in the name of average-looking people out there. I think it is high time to hear the voices of normal people in discussions about love, sex and flirtation. Surely there are some regular Joes and Janes in the offices of the Daily who possess both working knowledge of the English language and an active sex life? Sex is not limited to Abercrombie models, bling-bling players, cheerleaders, porn stars and so forth.

(As an aside to all of you with bleached hair and fashionably cut shirts with American Eagle logos: The next time you sit next to that lanky computer science major boy, or the chubby girl with the glasses, remember that come Friday and Saturday night, he or she loves to get nasty just as much as you do, probably even more.)

Steve Rosen is a city and regional planning sophomore.

Commentary accurately showed that Bush is a thief

Editor,

I would like to comment on the well-written article regarding George "Dubya" Bush by Mike Marquez ("Bush appears to be more mobster than president," Jan. 23). Marquez could not have done a better job of unfolding the truth about the mobster/gangster/crook/thief that our country somehow elected as president. Actually, we did not elect this sorry excuse of a leader.

The Bush regime pulled off the ultimate scam: They stole the election. Not only did they steal the election, the Bush regime is now emboldened. Bush is now on the ultimate power trip (or should I say cocaine high?), determined to start a war that his daddy didn't quite finish. They know that all they have to do is tell us all to mind our own business, and it is obvious that most Americans are doing just that.

Please, Cal Poly students, do not support this idiot son of an a\$\$hole.

Erin Carroll is a landscape architecture senior.

Opinion shows lack of research on Bush

Editor,

I can't remember a time that I have ever read such stupidity. Mike Marquez's article, Bush appears to be more mobster than president, represents a lack of intelligence and therefore is dense.

First of all, I highly doubt that are three highest ranking officials in government would tell reporters, "Mind your own business" on such issues as the how we are treating Al Qaeda prisoners and the fight on drug use.

Marquez's writing and research abilities are poor and he should probably be replaced with someone of more aptitude. Marquez's naivete represents a youthful notion that Government is a secret society in which they keep hidden information away from the public. Grow up Mike, stop watching movies like "Independence Day" and "Men In Black." These movies are not true. Start thinking for yourself. This article represents someone who visited a left-wing Web site and heard of all the "awful" things that the current administration has done. My advice to you would be to go out and get a more well-educated opinion. Viva la Mexico.

Bowen Cardoza is a fruit science senior.

Writer misread; education values are merely different

Editor,

I never said that some cultures do not value education (Letter: "Focus on economic status, not race," Jan. 22). I said that some cultures value education LESS than others. With respect to that comment: It was a general statement based on personal experience. I am from San Jose, a far more diverse area than most of the country. My (public) high school had large African American, Hispanic and Asian population, as well as Indian, Eastern European and Middle Eastern. Here is what I saw: The honors and AP classes were primarily White and Asian. Middle Eastern, Eastern European and Indian students tended to have a smaller percentage; there were very few blacks and Hispanics.

When I went to take the SAT, the majority of the people there

were White and Asian. Yes, this generalization is often times based on stereotypes, but stereotypes are generalizations of facts. I never specifically stated people of color – why did you assume that was my intention? This shows something about your attitude.

What I was actually referring to is the macho idea in Hispanic culture that says that being educated is not "manly." Again, this is a generalization, I realize that many Hispanics do not hold this idea, but it is frequently seen in various Hispanic cultures. This is not intended to hurt anyone from any culture, because I know that there are many people from other ethnic groups that greatly value education and are pursuing it. It doesn't offend anyone to say that Asian cultures place a higher value on family than whites do, (which is generally considered to be a good thing), so why is it so offensive to say that they place a higher value on education than another culture, providing there are facts?

I agree that diversity is a valuable part of education, and I feel lucky to have had the chance to go to such a diverse high school. As far as other means of diversification, there are many things that can be done besides lowering admissions standards. The best idea I have heard (and I have to give my roommate credit for this idea) is increasing recruitment efforts in schools that have a high minority population. There are many scholarships available solely for minority groups. And don't forget about CalGrant- financial aid for anyone who qualifies.

It's important to remember why affirmative action was started in the first place: We want to raise the economic status of all ethnic groups. Good intentions. But how does making things easy for them help them in the long run. If minority "Bob" gets a college education through affirmative action, then gets a job through affirmative action, doesn't that tell him that he doesn't have to work as hard because he is a minority? How will that benefit him in life? Now, say Bob works his ass off and gets accepted solely off his own merit. Isn't Bob more likely to work harder in the future, thus be more likely to get promotions and raises? Remember that America is about working hard to achieve your dreams. I could go on and on here, but I'll end with this: I would love to see more diversity at Cal Poly. But affirmative action is RACIST. I find it difficult to understand how any educated person believes otherwise.

Tegan Lentz is a mechanical engineering sophomore.

Cloning opinion writer uninformed

Editor,

Chrissy Roth's opinion on human cloning ("Cloning shouldn't be tried" Jan. 23), came across as misinformed and she gave no support whatsoever (by the way, most scientists think the Raelian thing is a hoax). I thought you were supposed to inform (isn't that your job?)

I'm not saying her viewpoint couldn't be supported, I'm saying that it wasn't supported at all. The most "reputable" quotes she had in the thing were from people who knew nothing about the science of cloning. The first was an adviser of the pope – a man who knows squat about science; did you really have to hear what he said to guess what their opinion was? And another from a fellow student, who, while vastly more intelligent than the popish adviser, probably didn't know much about cloning either.

Why didn't you interview one of the faculty in the biology department – someone who knew tons on the technology and the ethics?

Or perhaps inform us a little on the advantages of human cloning (of which there are multitudes; everything from curing genetic diseases and the disabilities to growing tissues for transplants – the list is endless). Instead you gave us this: a horrible analogy that compared cloning to a nuclear bomb. That's what's called a "false analogy," Chrissy. You must have slept through that class on argumentative writing.

Timothy J. Petro is a mechanical engineering senior.

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aids and protects terrorists, including members of al-Qaida.

"Secretly, without fingerprints, he could provide one of his hidden weapons to terrorists or help them develop their own," Bush said.

Invoking memories of the Sept. 11 attacks, Bush said, "Imagine those 19 hijackers with other weapons and other plans — this time armed by Saddam Hussein."

Bush said Saddam has shown "his utter contempt" for the United Nations and must be brought to account unless he disarms.

"The dictator of Iraq is not disarming. To the contrary, he is deceiving," the president said.

Among his charges:

—The British government has learned that Saddam recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa.

—Three Iraqi defectors say Iraq had several mobile biological weapons labs in the 1990s that are now not accounted for.

"The only possible use he could have for those weapons is to dominate, intimidate or attack," Bush said.

He said Powell will go to before the U.N. Security Council next Wednesday to present intelligence about Iraq's weapons programs.

Construction Science Forum starts tomorrow

By Meghan Nowakowski

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The fifth annual Construction Sciences Forum will take place Thursday and Friday in the architecture building.

Sam Harper, president of the Construction Specifications Institute and architecture junior, said the forum will be benefit all any CAED students.

"Anybody whose major is involved in the many disciplines of construction would find this informative, educational and interesting," Harper said.

The forum will begin Thursday at 6:30 p.m. with a guest lecture from Peter W.T. Wong, an internationally renowned architect from San Francisco. Wong received the 1996 award for Museum of the Year in Japan, as well as the 1997 American Institute of Architecture certificate of merit for excellence in architecture design in transportation.

Ray Ladd, associate director of advancement for CAED, is assisting the college's students in publicizing the event and encourages

students to attend.

"The CS Forum allows the CAED students and others to meet and hear first-hand from architectural professionals in the field, including Wong and others who will be at the roundtable," Ladd said.

Friday's events will begin with a product show, from noon to 4 p.m., in which 15 different manufacturers will preview various types of construction products and help educate students on leading construction technology products.

"It will give students an opportunity to see first-hand what is available at the product show," Ladd said.

Harper agreed that it was an excellent opportunity.

"Sometimes as students we get caught in our little bubble atmosphere of school," he said. "It is good to be reminded of the resources that the workforce has to offer. The Construction Sciences Forum provides that opportunity."

The forum will then host a dinner at 6 p.m. where students will get the chance to dine with the

professionals in the industry and network.

"Students can learn to break the ice, and learn how to interact with professionals in their field," Harper said. "They can make some contacts, get some new ideas and also network for potential jobs."

The evening will end with a roundtable discussion at 7:30, where four professionals will be ready to answer any questions which students and faculty may have.

"The small-scale gathering in the gallery will allow for direct interaction with the roundtable panelists," Ladd said. "At these annual gatherings, there is an exciting and slightly unstructured format."

The professionals will include guest lecturer Wong; Byron Scott, a structural engineer; Barbara

Jackson, a construction management professor; and Robert Botta, who works for the Public Agencies Personnel of San Luis Obispo.

Those in charge of the forum hope students take advantage of this opportunity.

"The forum is going to be awesome," architecture junior Corrine Dolman said. "It is a great way to meet professionals in our field." Construction management senior Matthew Gallagher agreed.

"I try to never miss one of these forums," Gallagher said. "Not only is it good for meeting people, but it is really informative."

All aspects of the forum will take place in the architecture building (bldg. 5). The roundtable discussion and guest lecturer are free to the public. The dinner will cost \$5 for students and \$15 for professionals and faculty.

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thing to shock people," Pietravallo said.

They also provide an outlet for suffering students so they can start reacting in a healthy way.

The presentation includes an interactive art show, where students can use the provided paints, brushes and magazines to put their feelings on canvas, with the unveiling taking place Friday morning.

Also, the UU gallery will hold an open mic night Friday. Students can share personal stories, along with designated speakers.

With pamphlets, brochures, statistics and personal stories all being provided at the gallery, Pietravallo said the coordinators hope to make the event as welcoming an atmosphere as possible.

Since there are no forums to talk about eating disorders and no real help offered on the Central Coast, Partridge said problems are often viewed as "shameful."

"It's ridiculous, considering the amount of eating disorders there are on campus," she said.

Teresa George, head of counseling services, admitted that there's a lack of resources of this type in San Luis Obispo.

"It's unfortunate because we don't have a very good mental health safety net," she said.

Knowing the importance of talking about such issues, Partridge said the ultimate goal, beyond bringing students to the gallery, would be to get a therapist-run peer group started on campus for eating disorders.

The media, she explained, suggests that solutions to problems come from food — either from over-consumption or a lack of it — ice cream and truffles or lettuce and carrot sticks.

Media depictions and falsities aside, there's a bigger picture to look at when it comes to body image, Armstrong said.

"People draw a parallel that is too simple," she said, when it really delves into a "much more complicated system about what we value in women."

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police officers generally have a faster response time to medical emergencies than the fire engine or ambulance.

"Our police officers are usually on the scene in less than a minute," Mills said, "so they are typically the first emergency personnel on the scene. So having them having the advanced (medical) training and the ability to use AED is a real asset here, and it fits in with the nature of our community."

Officers aren't the only ones in the department with higher standards. University Police dispatchers are certified in the use of Emergency Medical Dispatch Protocol, meaning that all dispatchers can give medical directions to the 9-1-1 caller. Though this is quickly becoming the norm among all police agencies, the UPD was among the first in the county to adopt EMD in the late 1990s.

Dispatchers on campus receive about 100 medical response calls per year, Mills said. Any 9-1-1 call made from a campus phone or "Blue Light" emergency phone is the by a campus dispatcher.

When a dispatcher takes a medical response call, they first determine whether the emergency is life threatening. If it is, the dispatcher will send a police officer, ambulance and fire engine to the scene.

If the situation is non-life threatening, only the police officer and ambulance will respond. In either situation, the dispatcher reads from a set of cards and gives verbatim instructions on how to treat the injured person or persons. By the dispatcher asking questions and giving medical direction, they can evaluate the patient's condition and relay that information to the responding parties.

In addition to dispatchers' increased capabilities, they use an enhanced 9-1-1 system. Under the old system, the dispatcher would only know where the call is coming from, but the enhanced system also shows the dispatcher where the caller is located. The dispatcher knows where to send the response if there is a language barrier or in case the caller's condition makes him unable to speak.

The extra measures taken by the department were self-imposed. No one ever told them they had to upgrade their standards, Aeilts said.

"Most of anything we've done is just a matter of it's the right thing to do," he said. "It's good for us. It brings a sense of quality and professionalism."

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CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

TEMPE, Ariz. — Arizona State won eight of the 10 matches of the dual meet, as it cruised to a 32-9 defeat of Cal Poly in a Pac-10 wrestling dual meet at Wells Fargo Arena on Friday night. The Mustangs are now 4-6 in dual meets, while Arizona State improves to 9-5. The Mustangs only managed three wins.

In the 157-pound match, Nick Hopping edged out Mike Smith, 4-2. In the 184-pound match, Ryan Halsey defeated Joe Renzi, 17-10. Also, in the 125-pound match, Joel Mittleman defeated Adam Chavira, 8-3.

The Sundevils won four of their matches by fall or technical fall.

The Mustangs travel to UC Davis Thursday.

Men's Basketball

Icy shooting dooms Poly in loss to rival

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The men's basketball team was defeated by the Gauchos 70-61 Saturday. The Mustangs shot 35 percent in the game, while the Gauchos shot 42 percent from the field. With the loss, the men are now 7-9 overall and 3-4 in Big West.

Varnie Dennis and Jason Allen scored 16 points and were the only Mustangs to reach double figures.

Women's Swimming

San Jose St. edges Mustangs, 165-130

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

SAN JOSE — The Cal Poly women's swim team fell to host San Jose State in a dual meet on Saturday by a final score of 165-130.

Stacy Peterson took two first-place finishes for the Mustangs. In the 200 meter individual medley Peterson finished with a time of 2:12.44 and turned in a time of 1:55.51 in the 100 backstroke. Peterson also placed second in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:11.29.

Other top finishers for the Mustangs were Kira Linsmeier, Mary Thomas and Megan LaPlante. Both Linsmeier and Thomas broke their personal bests in the meet. Linsmeier took second place in the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:16.80, while Thomas came in at 1:55.51 in the 200 freestyle for a second-place finish.

Thomas also placed second in the 100 butterfly with a time of 59.41. In another second-place finish for Cal Poly, LaPlante clocked in at 2:27.40 in the 200 breaststroke.

The women's swim team returns to action on Friday when they host San Diego State.

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly men's tennis team lost 4-3 in a close match against the University of San Francisco Sunday at Mustangs Courts.

The Mustangs earned the doubles point by winning two of the three doubles matches, both in tiebreakers. At No. 2, Greg Levy and Nick Tracy paired up to defeat USF's Pablo Pires De Almeida and Mason Fuller, 9-8 (7-5). Also taking a win was doubles pair Stacy Meronoff and Garrett Leight at the No. 3 position by beating Jon Lippert and Axel Elvik (USF), 9-8 (7-4).

In singles competition, junior Stacy Meronoff and freshman Adrian Mardyks took home wins for the Mustangs. At No. 4 singles, Meronoff defeated Mason Fuller 6-2, 7-6 (7-5). At No. 5 singles, Mardyks captured a 6-2, 6-2 win over Jon Lippert.

The Mustangs (1-3) will host Santa Clara Saturday at 1 p.m.

The Cal Poly women's team also suffered a close loss last weekend.

The Mustangs were defeated 5-2 by No. 26-ranked Fresno State at the Wathen Tennis Center in Fresno.

The Bulldogs dominated the doubles competition by sweeping all three matches.

In singles play, three Mustangs pushed their matches to three sets.

Ultimately, Sheila Lewis was the only one of those three to record a win at the No. 4 position by defeating Lucia Sainz, 6-7 (3), 7-6, 6-4.

Also receiving a win at No. 6 singles was Kristen Grady by default.

Cal Poly drops to 1-3 overall.

The Mustangs return to action when they host Westmont College in their home opener on Friday at 2 p.m. on Mustang Tennis Courts.

Cal Poly Tennis

Dons outlast Poly



Cal Poly business freshman Brett Van Linge serves during his match Sunday against the University of San Francisco Dons. Van Linge lost a close first set tiebreaker 7-6 before falling 6-3 in the second set. The Mustangs were edged 4-3 in the match and fell to 1-3 this season. Cal Poly hosts Santa Clara University Saturday at 1 p.m. on Mustang Tennis Courts.

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Cal Poly Fencing

Aero soph dominates local duel

By Ashlee Bodenhamer
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly fencers sparred against local fencers and each other at a United States Fencing Association (USFA) tournament Saturday in Atascadero, for a shot at berths in future rated tournaments.

Aerospace engineering sophomore Brian Davis was triumphant in the sabre competition, beating out seven other fencers and securing first place after a close 15-14 bout. He received a rating, and is now authorized to fence in rated tournaments.

Davis can compete with other rated Cal Poly fencers in the Feb. 1 intercollegiate tournament at USC.

Chemistry sophomore Leon Sheynkman took second place in the foil competition, losing only one bout, 15-9, to a non-Cal Poly fencer.

Davis, who has been fencing for three years, enjoys the logistics and problem-solving aspects of fencing.

"I like how you don't think and things happen anyway," Davis said.

Sheynkman said his greatest strength was his ability to anticipate what his opponent was about to do.

"I would always start out, usually behind, and then catch up and win, except for that last one," Sheynkman said.

Cal Poly fencing coach Joe Lyons said that fundamentals were the key.

"People who had stronger fundamentals, (who were) able to control the legwork, able to control the distance from each other...were the people who won today," Lyons said.

One fencer, after thrusting his sabre into the protected chest of his opponent, let out a warrior-like "aaaargh!" to which Cal Poly Fencing Club president Jennie Oestreicher said, laughing, "That's a sabre-ist for you."

Sabre fencing is a more brutal and ruthless form of fencing, according to Oestreicher, an animal science senior. It was originally done on horseback, so the target area is anywhere above the waist. Hits can be scored with the point or the cutting edge of the sword. Fencing does not stop when off-target areas are hit.

In foil fencing, only hits made on the torso are valid, and they are only counted when executed with the tip

of the blade.

"Foil was more of the killing attack," Lyons said. "It was a way of killing a person, only killing them quickly and nicely versus letting them bleed to death."

Fencing attracts mostly students from science majors, but interest has been growing in other colleges.

"In foil, it's really like a chess game, where you've got to know what your opponent is going to do just as much as what you're doing," Sheynkman said.

Lyons agreed with the analogy.

"It's like playing a very fast game of chess, only with a lot more complexity to it because you have the physical aspect," he said. "We're drawn to it because it's a physical form of a mental act."

Fencing doesn't only heavily involve the mind, but the sport also strengthens it, Lyons said.

"It builds a discipline in you," he said.

According to landscape architecture senior Ed Chandler, fencing exemplifies Cal Poly's philosophy.

"It's a learn-by-doing sport," Chandler said.

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Did you know?

1-5

The Cal Poly men's basketball team's road record this season. The Mustangs won at Saint Mary's on Dec. 28.

4.6

The Mustangs are averaging 4.6 blocks per game, tops in the Big West. Center Varnie Dennis is 24th in the nation with 2.4 blocks per game.

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Tuesday's question

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