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Lawsuit filed against fraternity members in death

► Parents of deceased
Brian Gillis sue nine
Sigma Chi members,
international organization

By Abbey Kingdon

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Members of Sigma Chi fraternity are being served a summons and complaint that allegedly holds nine members responsible for the death of Brian Gillis, a Sigma Chi member who died last April from a Gamma-Hydroxybutyrate (GHB) overdose.

Parents Patricia and Leo Gillis have filed the lawsuit and are suing the members for violation of the education code, unfair business practices and six causes of negligence, includ-

ing endangerment and abandonment, failure to obtain medical care and infliction of emotional distress, according to court documents.

The nine Sigma Chi members — Joel Edwards, Nick Coccimiglio, Brian Schnarr, Matt Soderstrom, Adam Morte, Nick Potter, Mike Garibaldi, Robert Poorman and David Seminski — are named in the complaint because they were mentioned by many sources during the investigation, and one of their wallets was found in Brian's room, said Daniel O'Neill, the Gillis' attorney.

Sigma Chi members said they were advised not to comment at this time.

Patricia and Leo Gillis also declined to comment on the case, but O'Neill said they filed the complaint because they want to know what real-

ly happened to Brian that night.

"Sigma Chi members initially discussed Brian's death, but shortly after the incident the fraternity went on a retreat, and after that no one would talk about the death," O'Neill said.

Sigma Chi members said talking about the incidents leading to Gillis' death would violate a fraternity rule, according to court documents.

A private investigator has gathered accounts of the events surrounding Gillis' death from witnesses, the police report and the coroner's report.

"(Sigma Chi members) claimed he drove home and even watched television, but our doctor said he had so much GHB in his system it would



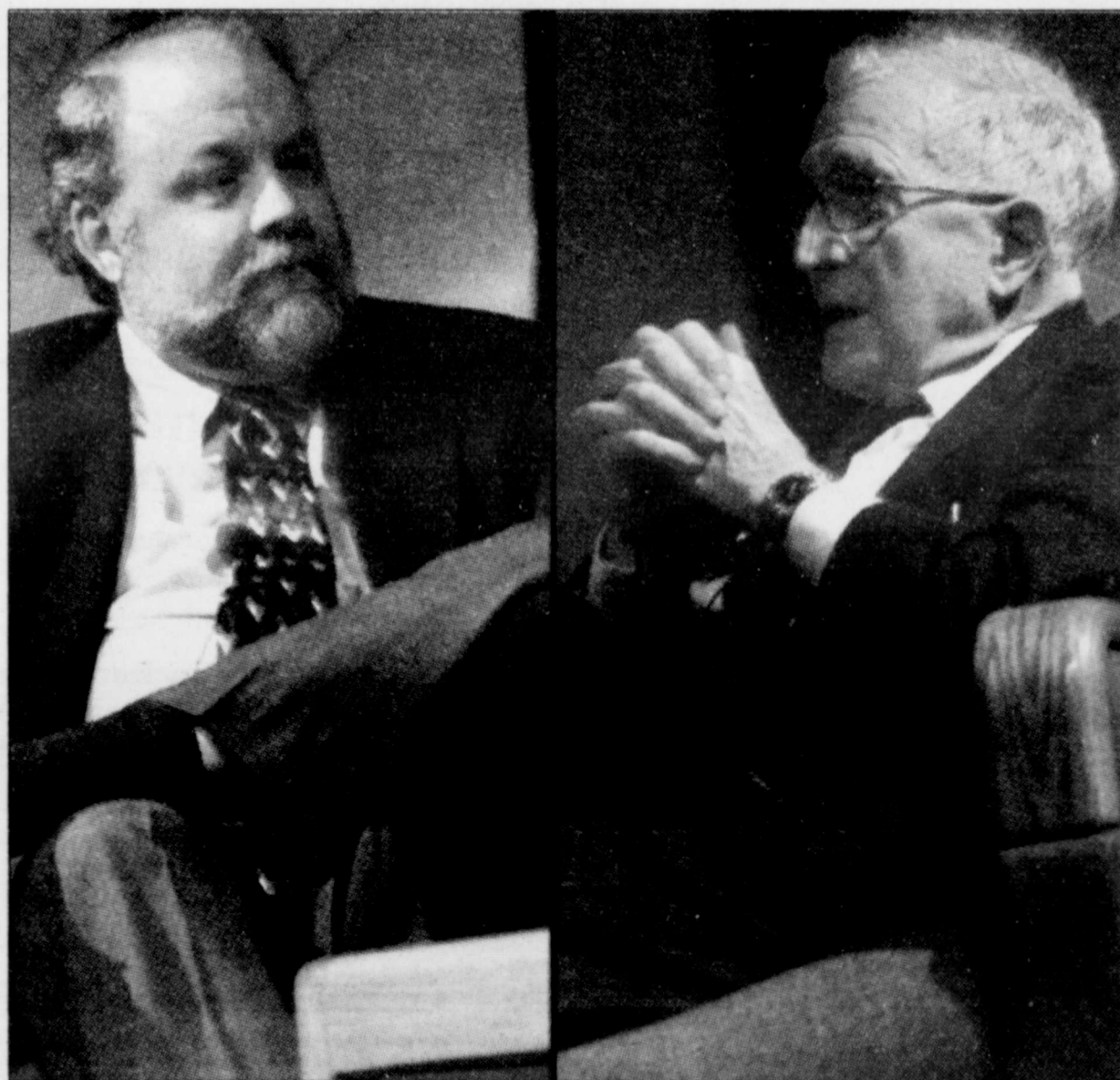
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Sigma Chi is unrecognized by Cal Poly and has no campus affiliation.

The battle over 'Truth'

Atheist philosopher
Antony Flew
(right) and
theologian
Gary
Habermas
(left) debated
whether
Jesus Christ
rose from the
dead Friday
night in
Chumash
Auditorium.
The two men
are both
internationally
known.
The discussion
was the final
event of
last week's
Veritas
Forum. See
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Priest to present 'challenge of nonviolence'

By Jordan Schultz

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Within the last two decades, Father John Dear has been arrested more than 75 times for acts of civil disobedience.

His crime? Spreading a message of peace and non-violent activism to citizens of the world.

Dear, a Jesuit priest and longtime peace activist, will bring his message to Cal Poly on Thursday. "Waging Peace: The Challenge of Active Nonviolence" will be presented at 7 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. What Dear calls the immorality of war, public peacemaking and alternatives to violence will be among the topics presented.

The discussion is sponsored by Newman Catholic Center, the Lutheran Campus Ministry, Students for

Social Change, Progressive Student Alliance, Associated Students Inc. and the Lutheran Student Movement.

The event is part of a social justice speaker program put on by Newman Catholic Center, said Sister Mary Pat White, associate director.

"One of our goals is to reach out beyond the center and raise consciousness about peace, justice and world issues for the campus and community at large," she said.

Dear has written numerous books and articles on peace and justice and most recently served as a chaplain for police officers, firefighters and families affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

He has spent time in war zones around the world

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More CSU budget cuts possible

By Jordan Schultz

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

California State University students will again feel the crunch of the state's ongoing budget crisis in the form of possible fee increases and reductions to nearly every aspect of the system, a CSU spokeswoman said.

The Jan. 10 release of Gov. Davis' 2003-04 state budget included a \$326 million cut to the Cal Poly 23 campuses. A reduction in all programs and services and an increased student to faculty ratio are among the adjustments to be made as a result of the cut.

If approved by the CSU Board of Trustees, a 25 percent undergraduate fee increase could be implemented in fall of 2003, CSU spokeswoman Clara Potes-Fellow said.

The governor also included a 20 percent reduction in student services, which could affect academic advising, career centers, tutoring services, psychological counseling and health services, Potes-Fellow said.

The elimination of various recruitment programs, as well as a reduction in part-time faculty and administrative positions, may also occur.

Details pertaining to the individual campuses haven't materialized yet, said Larry Kelley, Cal Poly vice president of administration and finance.

"It's too early and too dangerous to speculate to what level these cuts will be effected on campus," he said.

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Larry Kelley
vice president of
administration and finance

Kelley said a review of the budget will take place early this month to identify specific impacts among each of the campuses.

"We are interested in seeing the numbers that apply more directly to Cal Poly," he said.

Cuts of this magnitude have plagued the CSU system in the past, Potes-Fellow said. Between 1991 and 1994 substantial reductions resulted in a hiring freeze and the cancellation of many classes. There was no funding available for enrollment growth, and the system experienced a large decline in its numbers of new students during this period, she said.

Cal Poly enrollment is currently at maximum capacity, but the governor has set aside funds to accommodate growth among the campuses.

"One of the interesting parts of the governor's budget is the new funding for current and future enrollment growth," Kelley said. "We'll be watching closely to see how this relates to Cal Poly."

The CSU system will conduct a


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► February is Black History Month. Mustang Daily will highlight a black inventor from history everyday this month on page 2.


► See tomorrow's Mustang Daily for a story on Black History Month events at Cal Poly.


Weather Watch


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Today's Moon

Rises: 8:42 a.m. / Sets: 7:58 p.m.

Today's Tides

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Low: 5:40 p.m. / -3.5 feet
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Black History Month

Black inventors in history -

Frederick McKinley Jones invented air conditioning for the transportation of food in trucks and trains in 1922.

Get a sex education



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Sex and San Luis
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Mustang Daily

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and has spoken in open defiance of war and nuclear weapons. His non-violent protests have led to multiple arrests and time in prison.

White said since the country is on the cusp of war, Dear's message is important in helping to broaden a vision against vengeance and retaliation.

"I think Dear can bring consciousness to campus and help students be aware of their world," she said. "We have to bring the message of peace as close to home as we

can."

Social science senior Ali Schlageter, director of Students for Social Change, said the event will provide education for those who need more information regarding the possible war and will inspire anti-war activists to remain dedicated to their beliefs.

"This event will open the eyes of the community and students," she said. "It provides us with the opportunity to hear tremendous stories of both struggle and hope."

Dear's credibility on the subject stems from his first-hand experiences with those who have suffered from injustice and the damaging effects of war, Schlageter said.

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series of special meetings during the next several months to consult with various constituency groups about the budget crisis, Potes-Fellow said.

The System Budget Advisory Committee, made up of presidents, provosts and student, faculty, staff and alumni leaders, will begin meeting monthly rather than their usual four times a year. The CSU Board of Trustees' Committee on Finance will also meet more frequently.

A budget summit attended by campus presidents, associated student presidents, chairs of academic senates and leaders from the Statewide Academic Senate and the California State Student Association will be held in mid-March in Long Beach, Potes-Fellow said.

In May, the governor will present a revised version of his budget, and more questions will be answered regarding the fate of the CSU system

during this crisis.

"It all depends on the state's economy," Potes-Fellow said. "If the governor's budget does not fund enrollment growth and enact a fee increase, the situation will get worse for the CSU system."

Business senior Nicholas Jerkovich said he would support a fee increase due to the current and future economic problems the state is facing.

"This fee increase will provide the funds necessary to allow our future students the quality of education needed to succeed," he said.

The final budget is scheduled to be approved by the governor on July 1, but the deadline may be missed as a result of the budget problems.

Kelley said every attempt will be made to maintain the quality of education at Cal Poly during these difficult times.

"Cal Poly will continue to make all efforts to direct all available resources in support of the academic programs and mission of the institution," he said.

"Violence often causes situations where innocent citizens are victimized and oppressed," she said. "I think that it is important to always explore alternatives to violence and war."

White said she agrees with Dear's message of focusing on establishing Americans as peaceful people not reticent about taking a stand against war and violence.

"There is enough violence already out there," she said. "Let's do something else."

Art and design junior Sabiha Basrai, a co-director of PSA, said she is looking forward to hearing a personal account of the issues Dear has been involved in and the suc-

cess of his nonviolent activism. She said she encourages others to attend and hopes Dear's message will impact students.

"I think Cal Poly students as a whole are pretty apathetic," she said. "It's very valuable for them to be exposed to someone who is not. (Dear) will be very inspirational to all of us."

White said the goal of the discussion is to help educate people about war and its effects.

"It's your world," she said. "It is young people who will decide whether or not to make it peaceful."

What's Going On

Coming up this week

*Zionism: Myths and the Reality Forum-

The second Middle East forum will take place tonight from 6 to 8 in Chumash Auditorium.

***Physics Colloquium-** Dr. Rand Worland, from the University of Puget Sound Department of Physics, will speak on holographic interferometry Tuesday at 11 a.m. in building 52, room E26.

***Intramural Tournament Sign Up -** Students can now sign up at the Rec Center front desk for a table tennis tournament Feb. 5, a bowling tournament Feb. 20 and a whiffle ball tournament March 8.

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NationalBriefs

Bush's budget proposes tax cuts and record deficits

WASHINGTON — President Bush will send Congress a \$2.23 trillion spending plan Monday featuring new tax cuts to boost the economy, a conservative tilt to major social programs and record deficits for the next two years — shortfalls that Democrats blame on Bush's tax cuts.

White House budget officials said Sunday the president's tax and spending blueprint, complete with dozens of agency briefings, will roll out as scheduled despite Saturday's space shuttle disaster.

Bush's budget outline for the 2004 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, is required by law to be sent to Congress the first Monday in February. The numbers and spending priorities undoubtedly will change somewhat over the next several months as Congress acts on his request.

The Columbia tragedy certainly will prompt added scrutiny to the president's spending proposal for NASA, which has come under heavy criticism from Congress in recent years because of cost overruns for the orbiting space station and other programs.

Total government spending first topped \$2 trillion in Bush's first budget in 2002, 15 years after Ronald Reagan gave the country its first \$1 trillion fed-

eral budget.

Bush's new spending plan, which will set off months of congressional debate, projects that deficits will hit an all-time high in dollar terms — \$307 billion for the current fiscal year and \$304 billion for 2004, with both years surpassing the previous record of \$290 billion set by Bush's father in 1992.

The administration says, however, that this year's deficit will be just 2.8 percent of the overall \$10.5 trillion U.S. economy — far below the 4.7 percent level hit in 1992 and an amount acceptable for an economy struggling to emerge from recession.

Recovery teams hunt for shuttle debris

DOUGLASS, Texas — On horseback and in four-wheel-drives, hundreds of law officers and volunteers tromped through piney woods, over pastures and through swamps Sunday, looking for pieces of Columbia that could explain what brought the shuttle down.

Pieces as small as a quarter and as big as a pickup were being secured and will eventually be analyzed at Barksdale Air Force Base next door in Louisiana.

Experts will try to reassemble sections of the shuttle to figure out how it broke apart and why. Before the shuttle went up, every piece was numbered and carefully cataloged.

Through thick woods that are home to wild hogs and bobcats, 75 volunteers and law officers carried out their hunt near Hemphill on the Louisiana line.

InternationalBriefs

In Saddam's Iraq, brutality and family ties keep military commanders in line

CAIRO, Egypt — Saddam Hussein's generals who might be tempted to respond to calls from U.S. and Arab officials to mount a coup against their president could be dissuaded by recalling one fellow general's name — Kamel Sachet.

In 1998, Saddam ordered Sachet's execution, reportedly merely because Sachet had been unlucky enough to receive a letter from a former Iraqi chief of staff who had become an outspoken critic of his old boss after finding refuge in Denmark.

With such tactics — in addition to ensuring his top men are implicated in his worst crimes and by stacking his military command with close relatives and members of his clan — Saddam may believe he's coup-proof.

Saddam's survival for a quarter of a century has depended on a ruthless response to any hint of dissent. Some were executed for plotting against the leader, and Saddam is believed to have killed scores of army commanders after

his spies in their ranks reported signs of disloyalty.

Foreign journalists released after 11 days held captive by rebels

SARAVENA, Colombia — Leftist guerrillas freed an American photographer and a British reporter on Saturday after kidnapping them 11 days earlier in one of the most violent regions of Colombia.

Scott Dalton, of Conroe, Texas, and Ruth Morris, a British citizen raised in Southern California, were the first foreign journalists to be kidnapped in Colombia's four-decade-long war. Both live in Bogota and had been in Arauca on assignment for the Los Angeles Times.

The National Liberation Army, known as the ELN, released the journalists to an International Red Cross delegate in eastern Colombia, not far from where they were abducted, Red Cross spokesman Carlos Rios said.

The pair was driven in a van to a shrapnel — and bullet-scarred airport in Saravena — a town in Arauca state near the Venezuelan border. They smiled and waved to reporters before boarding a Red Cross plane to the capital, Bogota, where they were taken to the U.S. Embassy.

Their colleagues and friends in the Colombian capital, and those who had traveled to Arauca to cover the kidnapping, were ecstatic after Morris, 35,

and Dalton, 34, were freed.

Opposition riot opens second week of violent protests in troubled Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Ivory Coast paramilitary police fired guns and tear gas Sunday to disperse rock-throwing mobs angered by the killing of a well-known comedian and political figure.

The riots were the latest violence in Ivory Coast's commercial hub, Abidjan, where loyalists of President Laurent Gbagbo have been protesting for the past two weeks against a power-sharing peace deal that representatives of Gbagbo's government signed with rebels to end a four-month civil war.

Sunday's rioters, however, were hundreds of supporters of the government opposition, who suspected Gbagbo's party of being responsible for the shooting death of TV host Ash Karamoko Kamara.

Kamara's family found his bullet-ridden body Sunday morning on a street in Adjame, one of two working class neighborhoods where riots broke out. Helicopters whirled overhead as officers struck protesters with clubs, fired guns in the air and loaded rioters into police vans.

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

THIS WEEK

IN ASI EVENTS

JACKASS: THE MOVIE

"Bad Boys on the Big Screen" February film series
Tuesday, February 4
8 pm in Chumash Auditorium - FREE
See this film for free on the big screen before it's available on video.
Popcorn will be provided. Upcoming films in the series include "Ocean's 11" and "8 Mile."

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Wednesday, February 5
6:30-8:30 pm in BackStage Pizza - FREE
Hailing from Sacramento, Addict Merchants introduced to the music world a fresh sound derived from the American Jazz Era harmonized with the present hustle of Hip-Hop culture.

UU HOUR

Featuring NEW TOMORROW
Thursday, February 6
11 am in the UU Plaza - FREE
This favorite local punk band rocks the house around San Luis County. They also perform shows in Ventura and can be found playing along with Assa Nine and Two Hand Touch. This year they played at the San Francisco Warped Tour!

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Friday, February 7
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Eminent philosophers discuss resurrection of Jesus

By Jenni Mintz

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The nature of philosophers is not to win the debate; it is to deliver the truth. For renowned atheist philosopher Antony Flew, the truth lies in the face of what many consider sacred.

Flew spoke on two very different subjects for the Veritas Forum Friday, delivering his first speech, "The New Testament and the Koran: A Comparison," Friday afternoon in Chumash Auditorium.

With the Middle East gaining an increasing amount of media attention, Flew said he believes that his message is important to deliver so the youth can have greater understanding of Islam.

"I think it is very important for today's youth to have understanding of the fundamental differences between Islam and America, so that Americans can recognize the reasons

why certain Islamic people are a menace, the reasons why we are fighting, and reasons why there is a fundamental hostility on the Islamic side," Flew said.

Some students said they felt the first seminar spurred interest and contemplation in a topic needing more investigation.

"I have a greater understanding of predestination versus free will, and how difficult it can be to really determine the outcome of life," said computer engineering senior Jason Sutor. "I liked hearing a fresh perspective on how life works."

Others said they felt that although they didn't learn any new information and weren't swayed by Flew, it was still worthwhile to attend.

"I thought that the speaker was extrapolating a vague idea beyond the original scope of the idea in order to build an argument that God couldn't be good, in it's traditional identity," said mechanical engineer junior

Andrew Miller. "He logically disproved something that I didn't really believe anyway. However, his argument made me more aware of the breadth of theological interpretation."

At 8 p.m., Flew and theologian Gary Habermas debated whether Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

Hundreds of students and community members poured into the auditorium to watch the discussion between the two eminent scholars.

"(Flew) had a surprisingly weak argument for being one of the leading atheist philosophers in the world," said civil engineering freshman Ethan Dotson. "I was very disappointed."

Flew discussed the history of the region, Christ's crucifixion and what many consider evidence Christ rose from the dead.

Cal Poly philosophy professor Joe Lynch was the mediator.

"I think it was a good event," Lynch said. "I think what was inter-

esting, was in the end, there is a lot more agreement than one would have thought. When you get to the end, and Antony Flew says that he can't say the opposing belief is irrational, then the beliefs of the resurrection are plausible."

Flew, 80, has written more than 20 books, and has published more than 72 articles and pamphlets.

Flew earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Oxford and his doctorate from Keele University in England. He is now a professor emeritus in philosophy at the University of Reading, England.

Habermas is the Distinguished Professor Apologetics and Philosophy as well as chairman of the Department of Philosophy and Theology at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. He earned a master's degree in philosophical theology from the University of Detroit and a doctorate in history and philosophy from Michigan State University, as well as

a doctorate in theology from Oxford.

Many students seemed pleased to have such worldly scholars present at the debate.

"Cal Poly doesn't usually get a lot out of listening to speakers, but in this case, they did," Sutor said. "I wish that more forums and opportunities to listen to philosophical or political speakers could be brought to Cal Poly. I think that these forums are a good way to stimulate minds that would usually be focused on partying and drinking, and forgetting that their life had some kind of meaning."

Lynch said he thought the discussion was very profitable if students were able to follow the presenters' logic.

"(Flew) has rubbed shoulders with some of the greatest minds," he said. "If I could last that long, I would be very lucky."

SIGMA CHI

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be impossible to drive home," O'Neill said.

According to the toxicology report, Gillis had a blood GHB level of 915 milligrams per liter. Ingestion of 915 milligrams per liter of GHB would render a person unconscious within 12 to 15 minutes and comatose within 45

minutes, according to court documents.

"There is evidence that GHB was used at the party by others; it is likely that Gillis took it at the party," O'Neill said. "If he took it intentionally, there is no reason he would take that much."

In court documents, Gillis' parents said they believe that unfair and unlawful business practices are ongoing throughout local chapters under the control of Sigma Chi International, and the practices will continue unless restrained. Sigma Chi International is

also named in the lawsuit.

"The Cal Poly chapter is no longer recognized as a Sigma Chi chapter," said Ben Fjosne, associate director of chapter development for Sigma Chi International.

He said the members have alumni status, but they are no longer permitted to have real Sigma Chi gatherings. The Cal Poly Sigma Chi chapter was suspended by the international organization in August 2002 because of a variety of incidents, including the events

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Daniel O'Neill
Gillis' attorney

surrounding Gillis' death, Fjosne said.

Sigma Chi International will only take action against the members if they are found guilty.

"Then they will be expelled for conduct unbecoming," Fjosne said.

According to court documents, the Gillises want compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial, to punish the defendants and to deter others from engaging in similar wrongful acts in the future.

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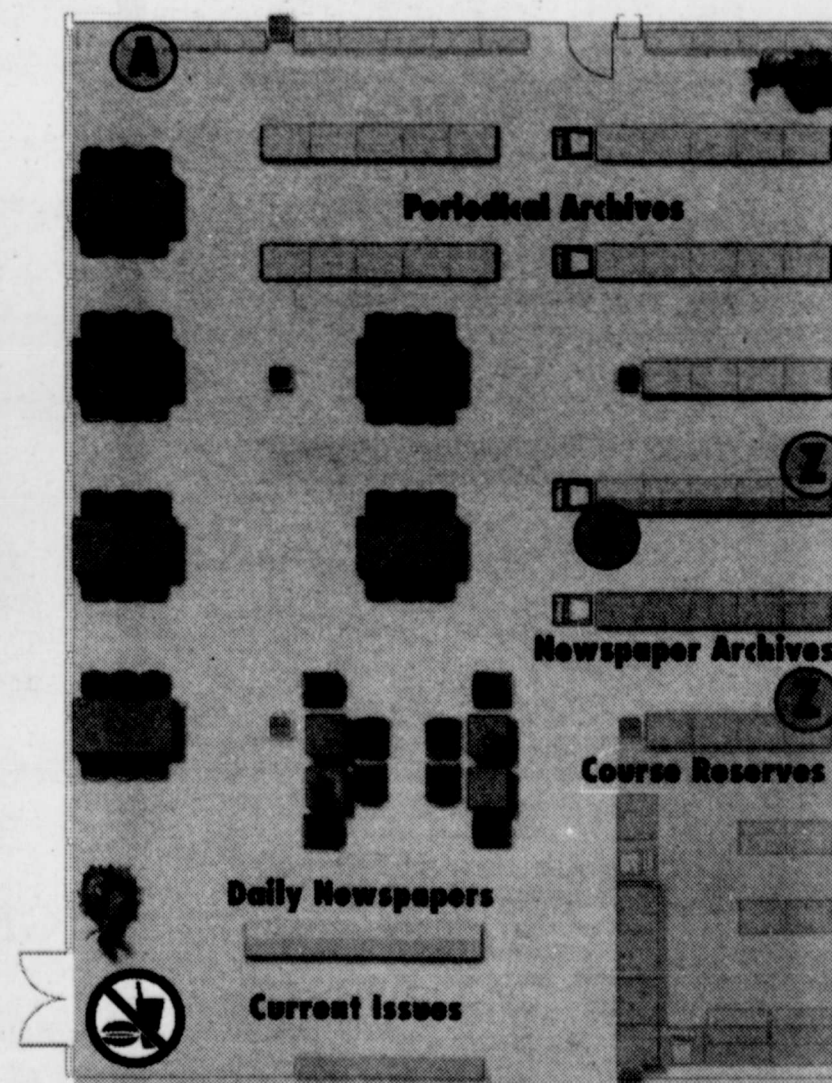
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Survey: Students not studying

By Charlotte Hsu
DAILY BRUIN (U. CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — This year's freshmen class studied less in high school than any class in at least 37 years, a new UCLA study says.

According to a survey conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA's Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, a record-high number of students spent fewer than six hours doing homework their senior year of high school, with 15.9 percent of students reporting they studied less than one hour per week.

Despite not studying as much, over 45 percent of entering freshmen at four-year colleges and universities in 2002 reported earning an "A" average in high school.

"What we're finding is students are able to get better grades than ever before and put less time into studying," said Linda Sax, a UCLA education professor, who directed the survey.

Students are more informed about what it takes to get an "A", said Sax, which sometimes means contesting grades with teachers or having parents speak with teachers about students' grades in high school. There is an increase in focus on actual grades, paired with a decrease in focus on good study habits to earn those grades, Sax said.

"It's just not as hard to get an 'A' as it used to be in high school," Sax said.

These dwindling rigors of high school may leave many lacking readiness for college.

"In high school, it was more mechanical work, but (in college) you

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Linda Sax
UCLA education professor

have to read and learn material," said Kay Lee, a first-year aerospace engineering student.

First-year electrical engineering student Brian Cheung earned a high GPA and spent 10 hours a week studying during high school.

"I came from a pretty competitive high school," Cheung said. "Most students were pretty concerned about their GPAs."

With the amount of studying he did, Cheung said he found it easy to be successful academically during his high school years.

Sax offered another possible explanation for a decrease in the amount of time students studied, citing survey results indicating an increase in computer use among students.

An all-time high of 89.3 percent of respondents said they used the computer frequently, with 78.4 saying they used the Internet for homework and research. Cheung said the computer was a useful tool for him in high school, especially for research purposes.

Following a four-year trend, entering freshmen are also partying, drinking and smoking less. Only 46.5 percent reported drinking beer frequently or occasionally in the past year — an all-time low since the survey began 37 years ago.

A possible explanation for the con-

tinued decline in partying and drinking is that students who responded to the survey grew up in a time marked with vigorous anti-drug campaigns.

"These students grew up in an age where the anti-drug campaigns were incredibly vocal in their high schools and communities," Sax said.

Lee said she worked hard in high school and continues to work hard now. Lee said the reason she does not party is because she is short on time.

"It's hard to get good grades now," she said. "I don't have a chance to party. I work and go to school."

Additional survey results indicate a rising interest in political affairs in the first class to enter college after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Nearly 33 percent of freshmen reported keeping up with politics as a "very important" or "essential" part of life.

The attention to politics, Sax said, was important because it was part of a two-year trend indicating increased interest.

Third-year student Daniel Serquina said his freshman year was focused on living in the dorms and adjusting to college life. He said students may have become more involved in politics and in keeping up with the news due to recent events, among them the hotly contested presidential election of 2000.

Stanford weighs in on new birth control

By Camille Ricketts
THE STANFORD DAILY (STANFORD U.)

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, Calif. — By the end of the year, the Food and Drug Administration may approve a new birth control pill, commonly called Seasonale, which may have a dramatic impact not only on contraceptive methods but also on female lifestyles.

When Seasonale is used correctly, it can effectively reduce the number of periods a woman has each year from 13 to four. While this unique aspect of the pill has some women and medical professionals at Stanford University anxiously awaiting its release, many others remain skeptical.

Seasonale is composed of estrogen and progesterin, two hormones regularly found in other oral contraceptives. While the cumulative amount of hormones contained in Seasonale is lower than that of other birth control pills, such as Levlen and Ortho Tri Cyclen, it must be taken 84 days in a row rather than the standard 21 days before the customary seven-day break.

Similar to other conventional birth control pills, Seasonale works by suppressing ovulation and preventing the development of an endometrium layer in the uterus.

"Women have informally been achieving the effects of Seasonale for years by simply skipping the week of placebos in their regular birth control pills," said Kati Willoughby, a

women's health and Herstory coordinator at the Women's Community Center.

"Providing a pill specifically intended for this will hopefully lead to greater communication about the issue between patients and health-care providers."

There are relatively few health concerns related to the use of Seasonale. Negative side effects include breast tenderness and blood clots in very rare cases, though these symptoms were reported to disappear within the first several months of use. Research has also concluded that the pill will not enhance a woman's chances of developing breast cancer.

In fact, physicians suggest that menstrual suppression resulting from the use of the pill may even be healthy for women.

"In a primitive society, women may only have 10 or 20 periods in her life because she is pregnant or breastfeeding the rest of the time," said Dr. Jerry Sheffen, a director in the obstetrics and gynecology department at the School of Medicine.

"Having regular 28-day cycles year after year may in fact be abnormal."

Some doctors believe women who ovulate regularly without getting pregnant have higher risks of certain cancers and endometriosis. Oral contraceptives are shown to cut the risk of uterine and ovarian cancer.

The pill is still pending government approval; however, it may be available with prescription by the end of this year.

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Draft inefficient, Pentagon leaders say

By David Crary
AP NATIONAL WRITER

NEW YORK — During the Vietnam War, presidents and the Pentagon defended the draft, while the peace movement assailed it. As America edges toward a possible new war, roles have reversed.

Backed by other opponents of a war with Iraq, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., has proposed that the draft — shelved since 1973 — be reinstated in the name of “shared sacrifice.”

The Pentagon disagrees, insisting that today’s all-volunteer forces are more efficient and professional than conscripts.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has gone further, asserting at a news conference that draftees added “no value, no advantage” to the military because they served for such brief periods. After members of Congress and veterans groups protested, Rumsfeld apologized, but made clear he opposes a return to conscription.

Still, Rangel’s proposal — though unlikely to win passage — has revived a dormant national debate about the concept of mandatory national service. It is a discussion that creates unusual allies and goes to the heart of

American citizenship.

While the Pentagon and the Bush administration support an all-volunteer military, a broad constituency favors some type of universal national service, either military duty or a civilian alternative.

“The problem with the all-volunteer force is that the children of America’s elite are not serving,” said Charles Moskos, a Northwestern University sociologist who studies military issues. “It’s not good for the military, and it’s not good for the nation.”

Moskos has proposed a three-tiered draft — specifically designed to include college graduates — with the choice to serve with the armed forces, a homeland security agency such as the Border Patrol, or a public service organization such as the Peace Corps.

On college campuses, opinions about the draft are deeply divided.

“I don’t object to the argument that there’s a socio-economic bias in the military, but remedying that with a draft is ridiculous,” said University of Virginia sophomore Chris Wilson. “I would protest every step of the way.”

At the University of Oregon, law student Philip Huang suggest-

“With the all-volunteer force doing such a fine job, it might be difficult to make the case for reinstating the draft.”

Steven Thomas
American Legion spokesman

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Engineers start piecing together evidence from space shuttle accident

By Paul Recer
AP SCIENCE WRITER

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA engineers on Sunday began assembling a grim jigsaw puzzle, taking precise satellite measurements of where Columbia debris landed to learn why the nation’s oldest space shuttle disintegrated just minutes from home.

NASA chief Sean O’Keefe named a former Navy admiral to oversee an independent review of the accident, and said investigators initially would focus on whether insulation from a phased-out fuel tank caused damage that ultimately doomed the shuttle.

“That’s one of the earliest indications. It’s one of the areas we’re looking at first, early, to make sure that the investigative team is concentrating on that theory,” O’Keefe said as he vowed a thorough investigation during a round of appearances on Sunday talk shows.

The focus for now is whether insulation that broke loose from a fuel tank during the shuttle Columbia’s ascent on Jan. 16 damaged heat-protecting tiles, ultimately dooming the shuttle’s return to Earth 16 days later.

The manufacturer of the fuel tank disclosed Sunday that NASA used an older version of the tank, which the space agency began phasing out in 2000. NASA’s pre-flight press information stated the shuttle was using one of the newer super-lightweight fuel tanks.

Harry Wadsworth, a spokesman for Lockheed, the tank maker, said most shuttle launches use the “super-lightweight” tank and the

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Sean O’Keefe
NASA Chief

older version is no longer made. Wadsworth said he did not know if there was a difference in how insulation was installed on the two types of tanks.

O’Keefe emphasized that the space agency was being careful not to lock onto any one theory too soon. He vowed to “leave absolutely no stone unturned.”

For a second day, searchers scoured forests and rural areas over 500 square miles of East Texas and western Louisiana for bits of metal, ceramic tiles, computer chips and insulation from the shattered spacecraft. State and federal officials, treating the investigation like a multi-county crime scene, were protecting the debris until it can be catalogued, carefully collected and then trucked to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana.

The effort to reconstruct what is left of Columbia into a rough outline of the shuttle will be tedious and painstaking.

When a shuttle piece was located this weekend, searchers left it in place until a precise global position satellite reading could be taken.

Each shuttle part is numbered; NASA officials say experts hope to trace the falling path of each recovered piece and learn when in the fiery re-entry it came off of the spacecraft.

The goal is to establish a sequence of how parts were ripped off Columbia as it endured the intense heat and pressure of the high-speed re-entry into the atmosphere.

At least 20 engineers from United Space Alliance, a key NASA contractor for the shuttle program, were dispatched to Barksdale for what is expected to be a round-the-clock investigation.

In addition to NASA’s investigation, O’Keefe named an independent panel to be headed by retired Navy admiral Harold W. Gehman Jr.

Gehman’s panel will also sift through the Columbia wreckage, and come to its own conclusions about what happened.

Joining Gehman on the commission are four other military officers and two federal aviation safety officials.

Some body parts from the seven-member astronaut crew have been recovered and are being sent to a military morgue in Dover, Del.

Columbia came apart 200,000 feet over Texas while it was streaking at more than 12,000 miles an hour toward the Kennedy Space Center. A long vapor trail across the sky marked the rain of debris over the heavily forested Texas and Louisiana countryside.



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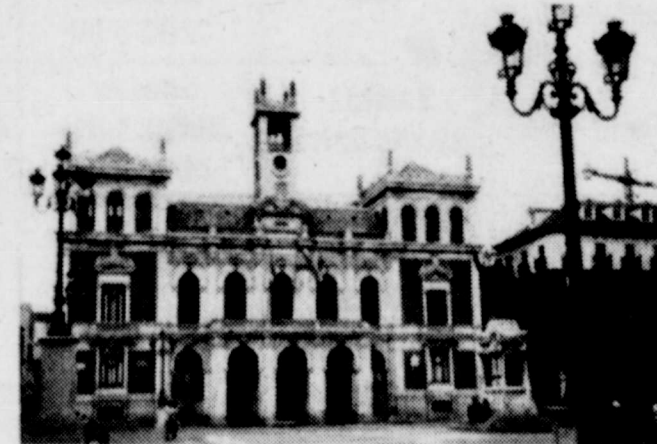
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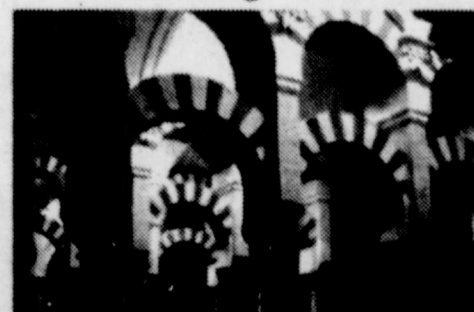
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Sinners at the hand of an advertising God

The sun was shining, the birds were chirping, people were wearing less clothing. It was 80 degrees outside, and it was January. We were driving back from the beach, cruising at a respectable clip of about 85 mph as a flurry of advertisements beckoned our call from the side of the freeway. Interspersed between billboards for Denny's and the Paso Robles Inn, a boring, black and white sign managed to stick out like a sore thumb. It read: "Need a marriage counselor? I'm available. - God"

In the backseat, Shane, one of our formerly pasty, newly sunburned partners-in-crime, had a disturbed look on his face. Maybe it was because his red skin was sticking to the hot leather seat, but we thought it was because he didn't like the billboard.

"Forget the marriage counselor," he said. "I need a divorce lawyer."

And with Shane's comment, we had a revelation. We were enlightened. What other types of God billboards have been immaculately conceived? We were now on a crusade to find more of these so-called advertisements.

With the help of our good friends at Google, we discovered that these boards originated in Florida as part of a non-profit effort to get more people to go to church, and now they have made their way out West. We found a whole list of these "Signs from God," and we did what came naturally to us - we made fun of them.

These are some other messages from him that can be spotted throughout the nation, with, of course, our responses to them.

Let's meet at my house Sunday before the game. - God

OK, we'll bring the kegs of water. You can turn them into beer.

What part of "Thou Shalt Not..." didn't you understand? - God

'Thou' and 'shalt.' Are you sure that's English?

C'mon over and bring the kids. - God

Sure, just as long as you don't turn on those R. Kelly videos we've heard so much about.

We need to talk. - God

Please stop - you're beginning to sound like my girlfriend.

Loved the wedding, invite me to the marriage. - God

Actually, you should check out the honeymoon - it'll make



the Garden of Eden look G-rated.

That "Love Thy Neighbor" thing... I meant it. - God

Tell that to our neighbors. Maybe then they'll stop calling the cops every time we throw a party.

I love you and you and you and you and... - God

Are you aware polygamy is illegal in all 50 states, including Utah?

Will the road you're on get you to my place? - God

Can my car handle such an incline?

Keep using my name in vain, I'll make rush hour longer. - God

If my girlfriend keeps using your name in vain, will you make something of mine longer?

Follow me. - God

"...And everything is all right. I'll be the one to tuck you in at night."

Big bang theory, you've got to be kidding. - God

Walking on water, you've got to be kidding.

My way is the highway. - God

Then why did it take my tax dollars to build it?

Need directions? - God

Yes - should we stop at the next burning bush?

You think it's hot here? - God

Was that here or "herre"? Should we also take off all our clothes?

Have you read my #1 best seller? There will be a test. - God

Kind of - we bought the Cliff's Notes version at El Corral for an unholy price.

Don't make me come down there. - God

Isn't that what we've been waiting for?

Do you have any idea where you're going? - God

Yes, straight to hell after you read this column.

Congratulations. If you've made it this far in the column, God loves you.

In all seriousness, though, we're not just bagging on religion for the sake of bagging on religion. In fact, we were both raised with religious backgrounds. But there is a problem when you know that messages from The Holy One are going to start popping up in Super Bowl commercials and personal ads.

Advertising religion defeats the purpose of finding your own spiritual faith; it dilutes the true meaning of going to church or watching those funny evangelists preach on television every Sunday morning to an audience of people who are too lazy and hung-over to get out of their pajamas. People should seek out religion; religion should not seek out people. Leave the billboards to Pea Soup Andersen's and any other venue that is 60 miles down the road and desperately needs some love.

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Trying children as adults is inhumane, unnecessary

In the United States of America, a 16-year-old can't legally buy pornography, cigarettes or alcohol. They can't even vote on these issues. In fact, they can't even sign contracts that are legally binding because of their immaturity to

Commentary fully comprehend the contract. Yet the second that "immature child" commits a violent crime or is caught in a large drug bust, he or she can be tried as an adult.

In the eyes of the public, as soon as a child commits an inappropriate act, their maturity level skyrockets.

The main difference between a juvenile court and a regular criminal court is that in the former offenders are presumed immature. It is understood that their development is incomplete, they are unable to judge their decisions maturely and their character is still developing. In a criminal court, offenders are presumed mature. They are deemed competent, responsible and unlikely to change, said Lawrence Steinberg, in a paper presented to Congress as part of a research briefing on the causes and consequences of juvenile crimes. Basically, a 16-year-old tried as an adult still hasn't fully matured physically or mentally, unlike the offenders being tried in a regular criminal court. So how can the two groups be tried together as if they were the same?

How can a teenager be considered mature just because they commit a mature act? Many 16 year olds have sex, a very mature act, yet that doesn't mean that they are able to comprehend the consequences that come with having sex like pregnancy or STDs. The same goes for committing crimes such as burglary or assault.

I'm not saying that if some minor goes out on a shooting spree, they should be waived of any responsibility just because they are young, but I don't believe that they should be sent to prison for the rest of their lives, or worse, that they should be sentenced to death. This might sound unreasonable, but so do the American capital punishment laws when compared to other countries.

According to Amnesty International, the

Just because we live in a country where it's OK to try children as adults, doesn't mean we should.

United States and only five other nations impose the death penalty on juveniles. Those other countries are Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

Even though there are other countries that are willing to execute their children, the United States is by far the leader in executions. Since 1990, we have executed nine males who were juveniles at the time they committed their crimes. Five of those executions took place in execution-happy Texas.

In America, only 24 states will allow the execution of juveniles who are tried as adults, 20 of which set the minimum age for trial at 16. Currently there are 70 inmates on death row who were sentenced to death when they were juveniles. Add to this the scary fact that some of them might not even be guilty.

According to The New York Times, death sentences are being overturned in two out of three appeals. That means in two out of three cases on appeal, courts have found insufficient evidence to sentence inmates to death.

"The practice of executing (juveniles) is a relic of the past and is inconsistent with evolving standard of decency in a civilized society. We should put an end to this shameful practice," wrote Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens.

Yes, I do believe that it is a shameful practice to execute children because of crimes they committed when they might not have been old enough to comprehend what they did. Just because we live in a country where it's OK to try children as adults doesn't mean we should. After all, how do we draw the line between what constitutes being a child and what constitutes being an adult?

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Letters to the editor

Bush wants war for own gain

Editor,

I'm writing in response to John Holbus' Polytics column ("Liberal stance on war doesn't make sense," Jan. 28).

First, I find it difficult to believe that oil companies won't benefit in some way from a war with Iraq. The question of higher profits aside, perhaps they hope to gain control of Iraqi oil fields, or get concessions from a pro-U.S. Iraqi government. Besides, if there is no connection between this war and oil, then why are we looking to attack Iraq instead of North Korea?

As for the question of U.N. opposition, I would at least like to see the U.N. inspectors get the time they need to do their jobs. We need proof of Iraq's noncompliance with the peace treaty. If they're not in compliance, then

we do what we must. Of course, it pays to remember that we've broken a few treaties in our time (ask any Native American).

I find it interesting that World War II comes up again as a reason to go to war with Iraq. Is Saddam really another Hitler? If so, then why isn't more mention being made of the Kurdish question?

Second, insinuating that only Republicans are capable of logical thought is highly illogical, not to mention insulting to non-Republicans. I'm getting really fed up with such patronizing attitudes sweeping off conservative Republicans like a cold wind off the Pacific. The "lead, follow, or get out of the way" message in this article really worries me.

Dubya wants a war. That's really the long and the short of it.

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Confederate flags represent racism, not pride

The day before what would have been the 74th birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. last month, some 300 demonstrators marched through the streets of Atlanta en route to the Georgia Capitol.

These marchers were white, dressed in Confederate uniforms and waving Confederate flags.

The enthusiasts were demanding that Gov. Sonny Purdue come through on his campaign promise of calling for a vote to return Georgia's state flag to its old "Southern Cross" emblem.

Commentary

Until last year, the Confederate battle-emblem comprised two-thirds of Georgia's state flag; however, the state legislature voted to reduce the emblem to just a tiny symbol among representations of Georgia's other historical state flags.

Some Georgians want their old flag back. Of course, they have been met by opposition – thank goodness.

The arguments are familiar: Supporters of the flag say it honors those who valiantly fought for the South in the Civil War and critics say the flag is a symbol of racism and an ugly reminder of slavery.

Georgia is not the only state taking heat for the rebel flag. Mississippi has also incorporated the Confederate flag into their state flag. The Alabama flag is similar to the Confederate flag and South Carolina has the Confederate flag flying over its

Capitol building beneath the actual state flag.

A Mason-Dixon poll conducted this January found that three-fourths of the African-Americans polled said the old flag symbolized oppression and racial division, while nearly as many whites said it is a symbol of heritage and history.

So, what does the flag represent?

To answer that, one must delve into U.S. history. In 1863, the Confederate States of America adopted the flag as its official symbol during the Civil War, a war many believe was fought over slavery alone. The war actually began over whether a state had the right to secede from the Union.

Okay, enough history!

There is no Confederacy; we are all members of the United States, and the Confederate flag is a well-recognized, international symbol of racism, slavery, hatred and white supremacy. It symbolizes a dark, shameful and painful era of American history.

Am I alone here or does the Confederate flag bring about images of hillbilly-yahoos driving recklessly, tossing beer cans from their pickup truck windows, giving that spine-chilling rebel yell and dragging, say, oh, I don't know ... a black man, as some may remember, the recent case in Jasper, Texas?

Regardless of what the flag may have originally stood for, many groups have caused it to become a symbol of "white power." In many ways the Confederate flag has become the 21st-century version of the swastika.

Why would anyone want to remember that? Or worse, why would anyone allow that to be the representation of an entire state? It is naive to think that we can view this flag without thinking about its history. Let's learn from the past and move on.

If individuals choose to fly it, it's their right as Americans. But it is also your right as Americans to join together in advocating its deletion from any publicly financed building. It is closely associated with racism and its continued presence in these states is an embarrassment to the rest of the nation.

The Confederate flag has been closely tied to many racist causes. The flag was adopted by the KKK, Racist Skinheads, American Nazi Party, Aryan Nation and other hate groups. Regardless of what the flag may have originally stood for, many groups have caused it to become a symbol of "white power." In many ways the Confederate flag has become the 21st-century version of the swastika.

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Poly students run high risk with plagiarism

It is 11 p.m. when you realize that the nine page paper due tomorrow can be put off no longer. Your eyelids seem to literally pull themselves closed as you stare at the screen in front of you recalling the expanse of your not-so-productive weekend.

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With a few changes, the work becomes yours and finally the night has come to a close. The paper you never thought would be finished is ready to be turned in.

Guess again.

How much is it really worth to stay up and pound a few extra cups of coffee or risk the consequences of actually getting caught plagiarizing? From receiving an "F" to expulsion, no matter how many times professors warn and threaten there always seems to be those few students who consider the chances of being caught not great enough to keep them from doing it.

With this in mind, a look at the online sites seemed to be reinforcing this idea of a guarantee on online papers.

Free samples, toll-free help numbers and the promise of "completely original" documents suck students in as bright statements of those who bought the papers pop up across the sites. Some students even claimed their lives had been renewed and refreshed because of this "life changing" service.

Considering the guilt and worry most people feel about the consequences of lesser actions, it is not likely that students turning in these previously used papers will sit back and not consider what could happen to them if, or when, the professor finds out.

There are even a few machines out there that will take term papers submitted on disk and scan through hundreds of sites online to locate any phrases that match any in the paper. Some of Cal Poly's very own departments have these machines and put them to use.

Although the flashy promises on the sites sang of a carefree life, when it comes down to it, students have a unique voice that deserves to be heard. These sites don't allow that voice to get out there. These sites are robbing students of the freedom in having an opinion and expressing it in ways that can make an impact on the reader and the writer.

Although actual plagiarism is wrong (not to mention illegal), the lines have broadened the definition in the last few years to include a few extra guidelines that seem, in the least, a little shady.

Students who have submitted their own senior projects to the Kennedy Library are considered plagiarizers for using the work they have submitted in the future.

Yes, you read right. Copying or reusing your own words can now be considered plagiarism.

In fact, the rules have tightened so much that students writing the wrong citations, on purpose or not, can be cited for plagiarism.

Despite these exceptions, students have earned the chance to say the things that they want to say and writing is one of the many ways to really show what students can do. Taking advantage of this opportunity can change even the student's views on the world, which is what college is all about.

Whether you want to consider it a vice or an opportunity to write these papers, plagiarism will never get you far.

Next time it comes down to the last few hours remember to rely on your coffee maker and make your work your own.

To all the plagiarizers out there who don't take this warning: If you are going to do it, do it well and the best of luck to you, you're going to need it.

Courtney Witt is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

More letters to the editor

Abortion about choice, not life

Editor,

As a firm believer that everyone has the right to their own opinion, I would like to personally thank all the anti-abortion advocates that have taken to the column in the last few days for expressing their beliefs.

After the first anti-abortion opinion piece came out last week, I decided to bide my time and see what the pro-choice of Cal Poly had to say. Unfortunately, it's almost a week later and the most I have seen is Justin Fraga's tongue-in-cheek commentary blaming Shallon Lester for the deaths of millions of pre-people (which was kinda funny, so thanks).

Being pro-choice is not about being pro-abortion, it's about CHOICE; having the choice not to get pregnant by access to birth control and informed sex education. It's about being able to say, "Yes, my choice is to keep this fetus/child" or not, and to not to be shamed or threatened because of my choice. I do not want my options to be taken away from me by Bush and his Supreme Court justices or anyone. Abortions are already scary enough without the anti-choice protestors outside of abortion clinics, waving signs of "Baby Killer" and pictures of dead fetuses, screaming at the top of their self-righteous lungs.

While I can't say that abortion is the choice that I would make, I do not want to see women forced into returning to illegal abortions in dangerous and dirty conditions, like "coat-hanger abortions" with no regulations on my, or any woman's, safety. I don't want my sisters or my friends to have to suffer like that just to appease some high-minded, "morally superior," anti-abortionist.

Katherine Anderson is a history sophomore.

Males the majority weighing in on abortion

Editor,

In response to the three letters printed in the Monday, Jan. 27 edition and the two letters in the Tuesday, Jan. 28 edition: It is notable (though perhaps not surprising) that all dissent with regard to abortion rights printed thus far has been written by males.

Jake Ashley is a journalism junior.

"We" are not fighting the war

Editor,

I'm writing in to recognize the selflessness of John Holbus, political science junior and Mustang Daily columnist (See: Polytics Jan. 28).

Following the example of his heartfelt words, I'm sure Mr. Holbus has decided to enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces, and I want to be the first to applaud his patriotism and courage.

What's that, he's not enlisting? He'll never get close to war? He needs three more years to graduate?

I'm more than a bit confused! How can he say "we" can and should eliminate Saddam and his way of life? What about "we" will kill you if you don't abide by American treaties?

Doesn't "we" imply that John himself will be picking up a weapon and risking his life to defend Bush's "noble war?" (See: My daddy can beat up your daddy)

The simple truth is that Mr. Holbus is going to stay as far away from Iraq as he possibly can (See: White & conservative San Luis Obispo). But, you ask, what of his noble support for the war effort? Well, I believe that's going to have to be limited to school newspaper columns and the tattered flag flying from the antenna of his Chevy. (See: Hypocrite)

Mr. Holbus didn't stop to consider that tens of thousands could die in this war. It's easy to say that "we" are going to go over and punish Saddam and his A-RAB buddies, but before you open your mouth again, take a second to recognize that you're not involved at all.

Chris Russow is a business senior who doesn't support Bush Senior's war.

Shark deserves to eat dinner too

Editor,

Where compassion is in a normal person, there is black goo and spiders in Chris Schmidt ("Evil shark needs to be dealt with," Jan. 29). I am not sure which episode of Stephen Spielberg's "Jaws" Chris was watching when he decided sharks are all-out murderers, but he is severely misinformed.

Sharks are just another creature on this planet filled with tigers, black widows, humans and alligators. All of which deserve a five-star dinner every night. Whether that dinner be a seal, fly, hamburger or human, that animal has every right to eat every last bite. On this planet, there is a law called survival of the fittest, and every animal (including humans) is subject to that law.

Humans are not exempt just because we can drive a car or build a skyscraper. When we venture into the ocean, we are in the shark's domain and he has every right to make a meal of us, just as we do of him. Sharks are also not the blood-thirsty murderers Chris makes them out to be. Sharks do not kill for fun as some humans (such as our Sept. 11 terrorists) do. They kill for food; they kill to survive.

Most shark attacks on humans are a case of mistaken identity. A surfer in a wetsuit can look just like a tasty seal from underwater.

Once the shark gets a taste of foam neoprene, he may decide he doesn't like it and spit it back out, giving our lucky surfer a chance to catch another wave another day – if he is brave enough. As humans we do not own this planet; we share it and we must obey the laws of nature. If you are not fit enough to survive in the ocean, stay on the beach.

Bryan Conatser is a forestry and natural resources junior.

Even more letters to the editor

Christians shouldn't think of self

Editor,

I've been wondering: Are the means justified by the ends? Or are they just the means to an end that you didn't really want in the first place? For example, let's take college. Why do people attend Cal Poly? It is clearly a means to an end, isn't it? Someone might attend Cal Poly to get a good education. So I have to ask, why is a good education important? And I'm sure that someone would reply, "so I can get a good job." Why? "So I can earn a lot of money. So I can buy a lot of nice things. So I can show them off to people and have them praise me for being so rich."

Does this sound familiar? I believe that deep down, this is the reason that most people attend Cal Poly: So others can praise them. Even if you are thinking you want to make a lot of money so you can financially raise a family, don't you still want your spouse to drive the nicest SUV? Or your kids to have the best clothes and the fastest sport cars and the best education, so they can grow up to be just like you? You, as an individual, cannot change the world if you are only focusing on yourself, and if you're Christian and self-focused, you are no better than a dog who chases his own tail. A spectacle for others to see and marvel at how stupid you are.

You are a light unto the world; don't look at yourself. Look up! Look towards Jesus! Seek the Lord. If you are Christian, you know him. The second-greatest commandment is to "Love your neighbor as yourself." Not that you should love yourself, but that you already do, and now it's time to love others. Don't be lazy.

And for those of you who do not proclaim to follow Jesus, I challenge you to seek out the truth. Read the Bible and ask questions. An idling car can only go as far as the first obstacle. I apologize if any of this sounds offensive, but I'm convinced that only liars and those they deceive are offended by the truth.

Jonathan Dow is an architectural engineering senior.

Polytics column was clear and rational

Editor,

John Holbus's Polytics article ("Liberal stance on war doesn't make any sense," Jan. 28) was a breath of fresh air on this campus. Everyday I seem to see more and more liberal rhetoric scrawled on sidewalks, walls and practically any other place on campus. Personally, I don't see why they feel the need to resort to gross vandalism to convey their message, but I digress. Despite being somewhat tongue in cheek at times, his refutation of the arguments against an operation in Iraq were logical and reasonable; too often public sentiment is based on a few words and catch phrases, with little in the way of actual individual thought.

There are two sides to every story, and it was nice to see Mr. Holbus giving this one the print that it sorely needed. If someone chooses to write a rational, point-by-point case against the war, I would be most pleased to read it. Note that I did not ask for a speech, a demonstration or a march; I'm simply asking for the liberal view couched in terms of rational argument.

Patrick S. Thomas is a computer science freshman.

Oil, hypocrisy things to consider in war

Editor,

A message for Mustang Daily commentator John Holbus: The world does not need another Rush Limbaugh. If your true intention is to educate the rest of us, as you state in your column, then perhaps you should omit all of the condescending and arrogant remarks from your column and use the space for the rest of the relevant facts.

First, oil companies care very much about the price of crude oil. You point out that they make their profit on margin (of course they do), but this doesn't mean that they don't care about the total price. Although oil is less elastic than a lot of other commodities, in the long term the American people will buy much less of it if the price increases. People will take less vacations, live closer to their jobs if they can and buy more fuel-efficient vehicles if the price of oil is high. Higher oil prices would make power production, industrial manufacturing and international shipping much more expensive.

Our economy is so oil-dependent that high crude prices will mean higher prices for just about everything, including food (tractors run on fossil fuel, after all). So clearly, not only do the oil companies want to keep oil prices low, many powerful industries do as well.

Second, if the United States takes control of Iraqi oil fields, it will be a severe blow to OPEC's hold on the world's crude supply. Iraq has 25 percent of the world's known oil reserves, but very little of it is on the market right now. If U.S. and European corporations take control and flood the market with Iraqi oil, this will vastly undermine the OPEC cartel's ability to regulate the supply of oil. This is something Washington has wanted to do since the energy shortage of the 1970s. In truth, we have the power to undermine the OPEC cartel without waging war and seizing our own supply of oil. All we need to do is spend more money on developing alternative energy sources such as wind, solar and hydrogen, and break our nation's oil dependency.

Third, Mr. Holbus, on your list of the "most hypocritical nations on earth," you omitted at least one key nation: the

United States. Although you point out that France and Russia sold a lot of weapons to Iraq prior to the 1991 Gulf War, you fail to mention that throughout the 1980s the United States fully supported Saddam Hussein and gave him arms and intelligence to use against Iran (even though the Reagan administration knew that he was using chemical weapons in battle and against civilians). Hussein was a ruthless dictator then, as he is now, but he was Washington, D.C.'s friend because he was fighting Iran. Only when he stopped cooperating with us in 1990 did any of these atrocities become a concern to the United States.

I agree that people should think realistically about the world they live in today. Since I am a realist, I know that there are dangerous people out there that will use weapons against civilians to achieve their own political aims. One of these people is George W. Bush. That is why I am doing everything I can to stop this war.

Clayton Whitt is a social science junior.

Arguments don't stand up to scrutiny

Editor,

John Holbus ("Liberal stance on war doesn't make sense," Jan. 28) disses liberals, questioning their intelligence and calling them cowards. Let's examine his arguments:

Dumb conservative argument No. 1: Oil companies have no interest in this war. Their profits stay the same, no matter how much crude oil costs.

Reality: Profit equals margin times volume, not just margin. Volume depends on consumer demand and available supply. Available supply is the huge amount of oil reserves in Iraq. This prize has the oil companies drooling. The United States already announced that securing the Iraqi oil fields will be the primary objective in the early days of the war.

Dumb conservative argument No. 2: A unilateral (or small coalition) attack on Iraq is justified.

Reality: Lacking convincing evidence, most nations oppose a unilateral pre-emptive attack. The world is weary of the United States acting as world policeman. Bush is desperately scrambling to find some way to legitimize this needless war. His latest ploy: He will seek a U.N. resolution to permit unilateral action, which violates basic U.N. principles ("U.S. Seeks Right Iraq Formula," Los Angeles Times, Jan. 28).

Dumb conservative argument No. 3: It is America's duty to forcefully disarm Iraq.

Reality: Before the Gulf War, Iraq obtained many weapons from – you guessed it – the United States and Europe. Iraq has not attacked any country since the Gulf War. George Bush Sr. had the opportunity to remove Hussein from power and disarm Iraq; we did nothing. If there is consensus in the United Nations that a real threat exists, then a coalition of nations should take action. Otherwise, war in Iraq is not justified.

Finally, Mr. Holbus, show us your bravery by enlisting in the armed services this week. Please let us know when you do so.

Michael Sullivan is a first-year city and regional planning master's degree candidate.

On columnists' stances and abortions

Editor,

Concerning Bowen Cardoza's response to Mike Marquez's article ("Opinion shows lack of research on Bush," Jan. 29), I would like to ask what replacement Mr. Cardoza would propose.

Perhaps we could replace Marquez with more Josh Holbus, an anti-left liberal hating Republican. Every single column he writes insults Democrats, debunks point-by-point Democratic issues and/or is an Ann Coulter-like "left this," "left that," "they are stupid we are smart" commentary. Perhaps Mr. Holbus should spend far less time talking about Democrats and far more time talking about Republicans. I enjoy reading about conservative viewpoints, but if all you're going to do is talk about how stupid you think liberal views are, then it makes me wonder about your capacity for intellectual rhetoric.

How about giving Shallon Lester a bi-weekly column? She's oh-so-wonderful to read. That column is the epitome of brainlessness in American society. It further proves that the only two organs that America (and Cal Poly) uses are the penis and the vagina. Look at Abercrombie and Fitch (which many Cal Poly students proudly wear). They sell clothing using people wearing no clothing! It boggles my mind. It shouldn't surprise me that people enjoy Ms. Lester. I think Yvonne Lynch has the right idea, and I'm thoroughly disappointed at all the hate-letters sent in.

Hey, speaking of sex, here's an idea to all you abortion-haters out there: Ever consider that excessive pre-marital sex leads to unwanted pregnancies, thus leading to the need for abortions? Perhaps you people should spend far less time distributing pictures of dead fetuses to students (they do that at high schools and in the University Union last year), and more time advocating abstinence.

Oh sorry, would abstinence be hypocritical to your sex life? You know what they say; you should stop problems at their source. The source of aborted unwanted pregnancies is premarital sex (and in some cases rape).

Speaking of rape, would you give birth to a psycho rapist baby (a permanent reminder of the heinous crime that violated you)? That would be a good story to tell your kid someday: "Your father

is an evil rapist who violated mommy in the worst possible way." Or is it a nice made up story, like "God sent you to me, like Jesus to Mary." How ironically blasphemous.

Brian Takeuchi is a landscape architecture sophomore.

Speaker at forum was biased, angry

Editor,

Last Monday evening, I attended the first meeting of the forum on the Middle East that has been organized by Dr. Manzar Foroohar of the Cal Poly History Department. Both of the invited speakers gave extremely one-sided presentations, in the sense that they seemed to blame all of the current problems in the region on Israel and its government without any acknowledgment that Arab or Palestinian organizations might share responsibility for the current mess in that part of the world. This came as no surprise to me and to many others who attended the meeting.

However, I would like to draw a distinction between the two speakers. Suzy Mordechai displayed a very strong bias, but at least she spoke in a somewhat calm and rational way and gave the impression that her main reason for addressing the audience was to promote her formula for peace in the region. By contrast, the lecture by Dr. Mahmood Ibrahim was little more than an angry tirade, from start to finish.

This man was so seething with anger that he could not refrain from interrupting members of the audience who presented an opposing point of view during the question and answer period, and could not even concede that Palestinian suicide bombings of Israeli civilians are immoral and ought to be stopped. I feel sorry for anyone whose childhood was so painful that he harbors so much anger, and I also acknowledge Dr. Ibrahim's legal right to say what he wants. What disturbs me is that someone would use academic credentials and promise to give a "historical perspective" as a pretext for venting anger and hostility.

Bob Wolf, Ph.D. is a Cal Poly math professor.

War talk has making of board game

Editor,

In response to "Liberal stance on war doesn't make sense" (Jan. 28) by John Holbus, I'll try to limit this to only a few of this guy's overwhelmingly intelligent remarks.

First. Yes, I can see how he can call himself "an American who is capable of thinking logically" versus those "liberals or cowards," as he calls them. Because, unlike them, he engages in a great amount of "logical thinking" so that he can agree with this brilliant man we call our president. Don't hurt your brain there!

Second. Oh yes, the fact that Iraq invaded Kuwait a decade ago gives America's government every right to wage this war. While we're being so moral here (and we're America, so we have a God-given right to do whatever we like), why don't we go after every country that's invaded another? And I must say, I love the way this guy talks about war. Why don't we make a board game out of it while we're at it? We'll call it: "BUSH, The Great ****." Players: America, the "good, big, white" game piece. Everyone on our side of the board: either a beautiful patriotic Republican or an ally country who will "make our soldiers some waffles."

Everyone on the other side: a dirty, unpatriotic (God forbid), and hypocritical liberal. Game: America is the only player intelligent enough to make decisions about the rest of the world. "Hmm, I think I'll bomb that country. A few more dead people in THAT one would be nice!" Good innocent fun!

Lastly, this guy wrote in his piece: "Could you imagine what would happen if countries didn't enforce peace treaties and stop violent states from arming again after a war?" No, I can't imagine! Why don't YOU tell me! You big peaceful guy, you!

Taline Ayanyan is an economics freshman.

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ed in a campus newspaper column in October that a draft would make U.S. leaders more judicious about launching war.

"You would have a different army under a draft, more of a cross-section politically and racially," Huang said.

In a survey of 1,200 undergraduates nationwide, conducted last fall by Harvard University's Institute of Politics, 67 percent opposed a return of the draft. The poll's margin of error was 2.8 percent.

The machinery for reinstating the draft is in place even now, thanks to the Selective Service System, which requires American males to register within 30 days of their 18th birthdays.

A renewed draft would differ from the Vietnam War draft in at least one important respect. Under revised Selective Service procedures, college students receiving a draft notice could defer only until the semester ended; in the Vietnam era, they could avoid service as long as they pursued a degree.

There could be other changes, as well. Some feminists object to the male-only aspect of draft registration; a suit was filed Jan. 9 by five Massachusetts students saying the current law amounts to gender-based discrimination.

"It's so ingrained in our society that this is the way it is," said plaintiff Nicole Foley, 17. "Boys, when there's a war, go off to war, and the girls wait home and get the letters."

Some gay-rights activists and military experts advocate another change — extending the draft to openly gay men. This proposal has been endorsed by Moskos, who helped develop the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that lets gay and lesbian soldiers serve if they keep their sexual orientation private and don't engage in homosexual acts.

"We now have about 1,200 people a year getting out of the military with an honorable discharge by saying they're gay," Moskos said. "In a draft, that would become such a common loophole, it wouldn't work." The best way to block that option is to include gays in the draft, he said.

Rangel, a liberal from Harlem, made it no secret that his restore-the-draft proposal was intended to slow the march toward war with Iraq — though he intends to push his idea, however that conflict turns out.

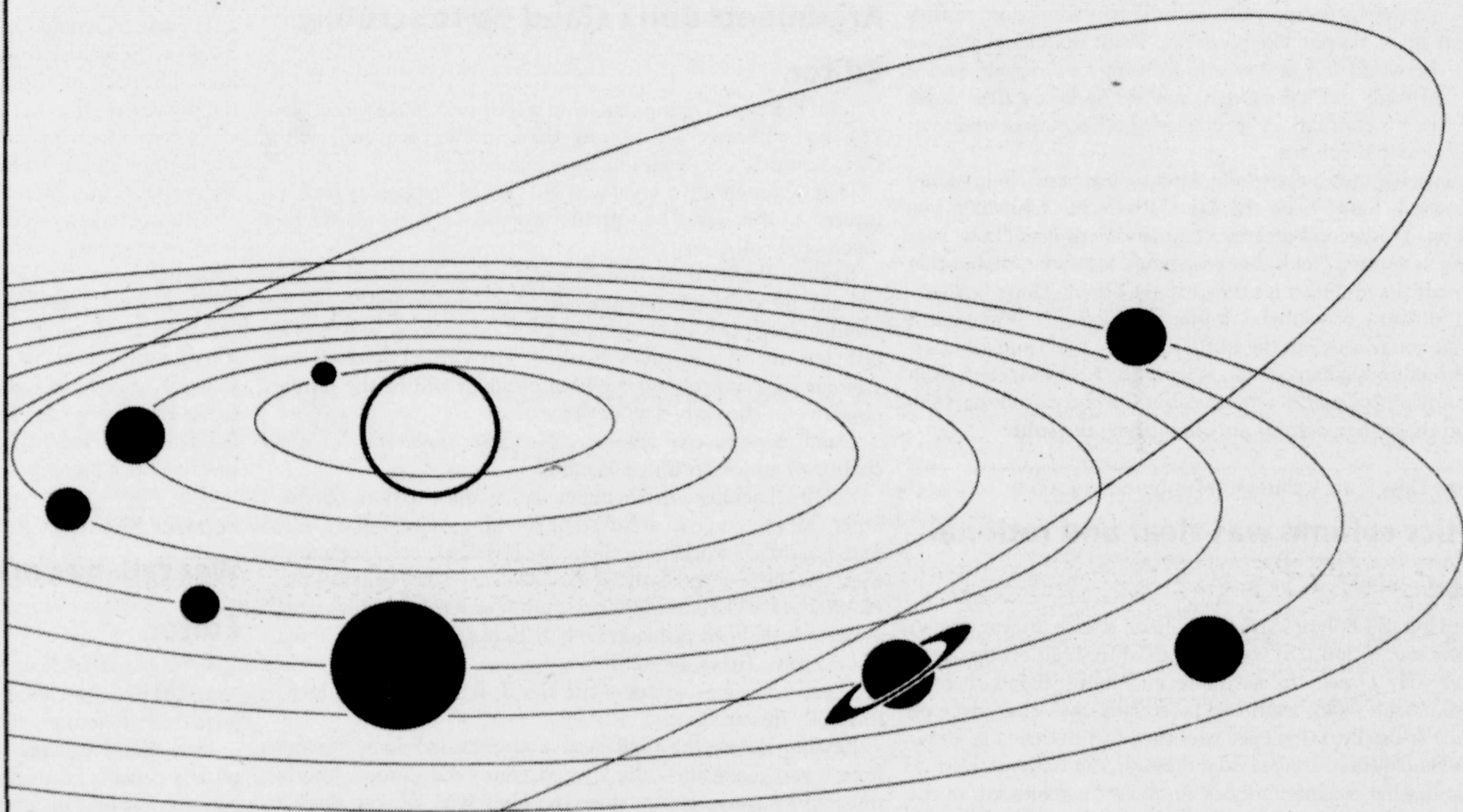
"I've been criticized by some of the CEOs of the country for not supporting the president," Rangel said.

"When I ask them, 'Would you feel the same if it was your kid being placed in harm's way?' they hem and they haw."

The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans group, welcomed the debate and is urging Congress to hold hearings on how best to meet long-term military personnel needs.

"With the all-volunteer force doing such a fine job, it might be difficult to make the case for reinstating the draft," said Legion spokesman Steve Thomas. "But the Legion is a long-standing supporter of the principal of universal military training."

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opening in 2001.

Lee said that he was pleased with the number in the stands.

"It was a good turnout and hopefully we can build on that and make it a festive type of atmosphere," he said.

Cal Poly took control of the game at the opening pitch. After a 1-2-3 top of the inning, the Mustangs got on the board when outfielder Chalon Tietje hooked a double just inside the left field foul line to score Billy Saul from first.

Mustang infielder Bret Berglund added to the lead in the second inning with a homerun. This was the first of two homeruns for Cal Poly; first baseman Kyle Wilson hit the other in the fourth inning.

The Mustangs bounced Gaels starting pitcher Eric Bowden out of the game with one out in the top of the fourth. Saint Mary's replaced him with Jeremy Gonzales, who went the rest of the way for the Gaels.

Fitch said he felt that Cal Poly

played an excellent game.

"I mean you can't ask for anything better," Fitch said. "It was 9 to 1, we put runs on the board and threw strikes; everything went well."

On Saturday, Chalon Tietje scored on a wild pitch with the bases loaded and one out in the bottom of the 10th inning, lifting Cal Poly to a 5-4 win over Saint Mary's before 643 in Baggett Stadium.

Tietje opened the 10th with a double to center field. The junior right fielder moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by Bret Berglund. Alex Chavarria and Josh Mayo were intentionally walked to load the bases, but Justin Sloan — Saint Mary's third pitcher of the game — uncorked a wild pitch, allowing Tietje to score the winning run.

"An early season win like this, the way we won in extra innings, will carry over into late in the season," Lee said.

Cal Poly built a 4-1 lead with a pair of runs in both the fourth and sixth innings.

Junior left fielder Billy Saul belted a two-run home run in the fourth, his second career blast, en route to a 3-for-5 day at the plate. In the sixth,

Saul and Kyle Wilson singled with no outs. Saul eventually scored on a grounder by Bret Berglund while Chavarria doubled to score Berglund.

Saint Mary's scored three in the top of the eighth to tie the game. Sam Battle's infield single scored one run. Bryan Byrne's grounder scored another and Jeff Cunningham singled to right, knocking in the third run.

Cal Poly loaded the bases with two outs in the bottom of the eighth but failed to score.

Mustang senior southpaw Josh Kougl produced another strong performance on the mound and could be 2-0 this season. Instead, he's 0-1 with a no-decision. On Saturday, he had nothing to show for limiting the Gaels to three runs and seven hits in 7 1/3 innings. Kougl struck out four and walked two.

Last week against the University of San Diego, Kougl gave up just three runs and eight hits in 6 2/3 innings with no walks and four strikeouts. Cal Poly eventually lost the game, 4-1.

Saul is hitting .458 with seven RBIs in five games.

"He swings the bat extremely well," Lee said of his left-handed hitter. "We had no thought of taking him out of the No. 3 hole in the

lineup versus a left-handed pitcher. He has demonstrated that he can hit both right-handers and left-handers extremely well."

Both teams left 11 runners on the basepaths.

"We had our opportunities throughout the game," Lee said.

Chavarria had two of Cal Poly's nine hits, both doubles.

Saint Mary's was led offensively by second baseman Gilbert Gil with three singles in five at-bats. Designated hitter Tim Spooner added a single and double for the Gaels.

Left-hander Matt Yourkin suffered the loss, allowing four runs and six hits in 5 2/3 innings with four walks and four strikeouts.

On Sunday, Tietje continued his heroics by doubling in a pair of runs as the Mustangs completed a sweep of Saint Mary's with a 6-5 victory in Baggett Stadium.

The Mustangs improved to 4-2 with the win while Saint Mary's fell to 0-3.

Saint Mary's led 5-2 after snapping a 2-2 tie with a pair of runs in the sixth inning and adding one more in the eighth. But Cal Poly answered with two runs in the bottom of the eighth and won the game with two more in the ninth.

MEN'S TENNIS

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Though not an easy feat, the Mustangs embraced the challenge.

Tracy defeated Chen at No. 1, 6-3, 7-6. This victory was especially satisfying because it had the taste of revenge. The last time the two had played, Chen had won.

Because of this triumph, coach Trevor Kronemann called Tracy one of the heroes of the day.

At No. 2, Zepponi defeated Jones 6-3, 6-4.

Cal Poly gained at No. 3, when Van Linge conquered Mattioli 6-2, 1-6, 6-4. Van Linge was not surprised at the outcome, since he had played Mattioli before and had won. However, he was more concerned this time because it was a dual match, so his plays would affect the entire team instead of just himself, he said.

Bedilion prevailed over Meronoff 6-0, 6-4 at No. 4.

Cal Poly's Travis Crawford defeated Ruso 3-6, 6-0, 6-3 at No. 5.

At No. 6, Levy captured another win for Cal Poly against Bruggemann.

"I feel that the guys are really coming together as a team," Kronemann said. "It has been a great overall team effort in the last few weeks. The guys are really showing some hard work everyday."

The Mustangs are now 2-3 overall.

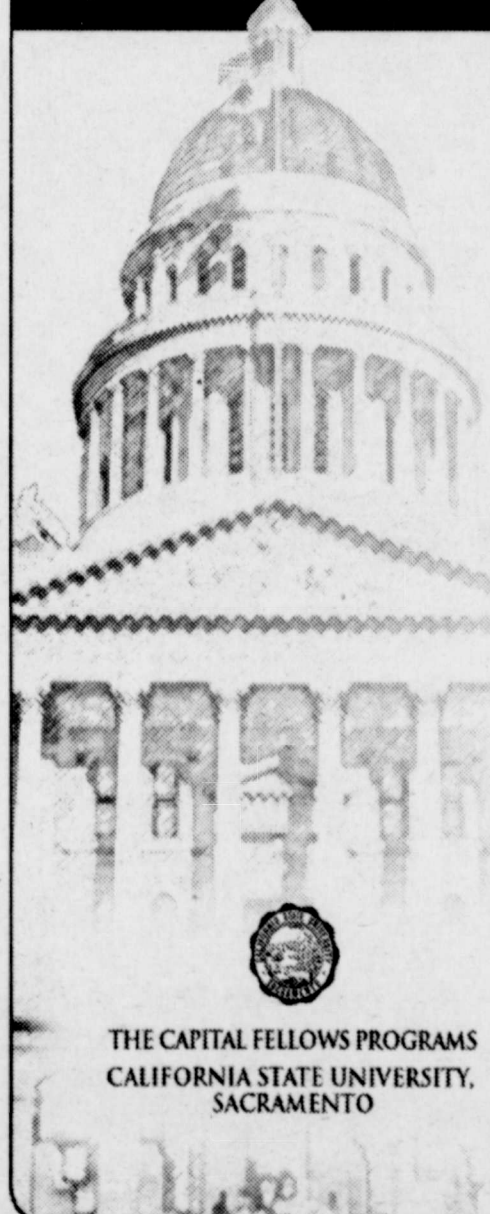
Some of the Mustangs were surprised at Saturday's outcome, while others felt Cal Poly was merely fulfilling its own high expectations with the win.

"Santa Clara was favored...since they have been constantly smoking us for the last four years," Levy said. "We lost to San Francisco last weekend, and (Santa Clara) beat them last week. That put them ahead of us as far as stats. So it didn't look to good for us. But we went in with a good attitude."

To Mustang coach Kronemann, attitude is everything.

"The guys just have to believe they can beat any team in the country," he said. "This win is a little step in the direction of letting everyone know what we can do. The guys were looking at the Santa Clara match as a benchmark, and we just got ourselves over the hurdle."

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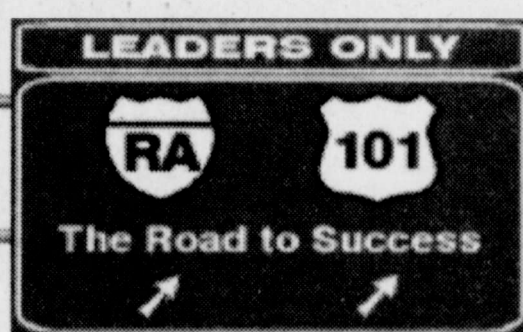
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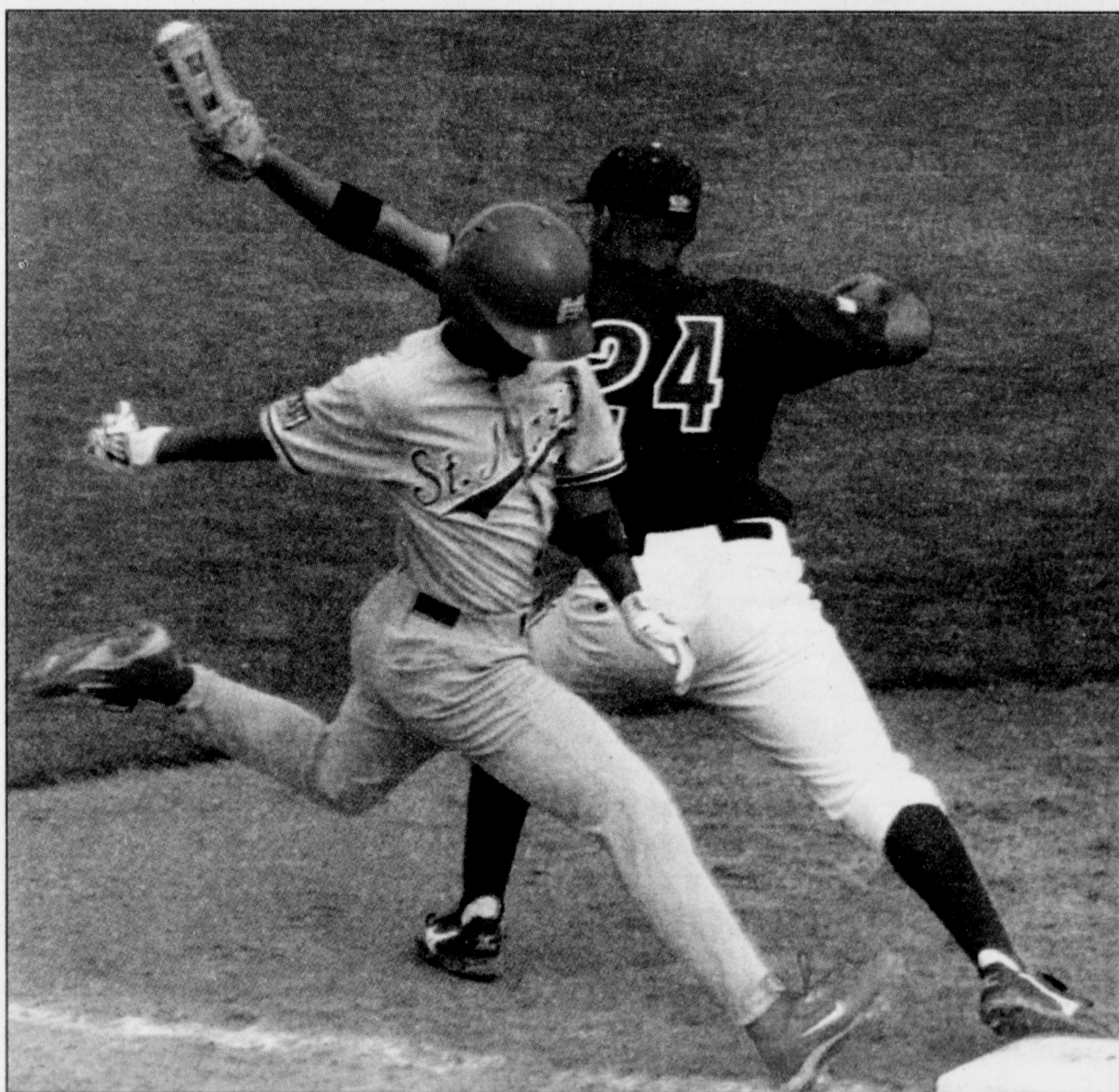
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Cal Poly Baseball

Second-largest crowd watches sweep of Gaels



DAN GONZALES/MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly senior first baseman Alex Chavarria (24) stretches for the throw across the diamond during the Mustangs' 5-4, 10-inning victory over Saint Mary's Saturday. The runner was out on the play.

By Andrea Svoboda
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly pitcher Tyler Fitch answered some questions of an untested pitching staff with a dominating 9-1 victory over the Saint Mary's Gaels on a surprisingly warm Friday January night at Baggett Stadium.

"Tyler Fitch threw a great game," said head coach Larry Lee, who came up successful in his first home game as Mustang head coach. "Offensively we took some great approaches at the plate and hit a lot of balls hard. So overall it was a really good performance."

Fitch was perfect until a Sam Battle walk in the fifth inning, and held the Gaels hitless until the seventh.

Fitch left the game after tossing seven scoreless innings. He finished with 10 strikeouts before Chris Spencer replaced him in the top of the eighth.

Fitch said it wasn't a big surprise that he was taken out.

"It's fine," he said. "I had a high pitch count and I knew I was coming out once I gave them a hit."

Saint Mary's first baseman James Gaulke scored in the eighth inning for the Gaels' lone run. In the top of the ninth Cal Poly switched pitchers again, and Nolan Moser closed out the win for the Mustangs.

Not only was it a good game but a crowded one, too. Friday's crowd was the third-largest since the stadium's

see **BASEBALL**, page 11

Cal Poly Men's Tennis

Mustangs muster comeback victory over rival Broncos

By Jenni Mintz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The men's tennis team tasted sweet victory against longtime rival Santa Clara on Saturday.

Although the Mustangs lost the doubles point by losing two of the three matches, they quickly gained momentum and won four out of the six singles matchups.

It was a close call for the Mustangs up until the last match. Pressure was heavy on freshman Brett Van Linge, who would either win or lose the entire match for everyone. Van Linge kept spectators and teammates biting their nails by losing the first two games of his match but clinched success by winning six of the next eight games.

At No. 1 doubles, Santa Clara's Michael Bruggeman and Erich Chen defeated Van Linge and Davey Jones 8-6.

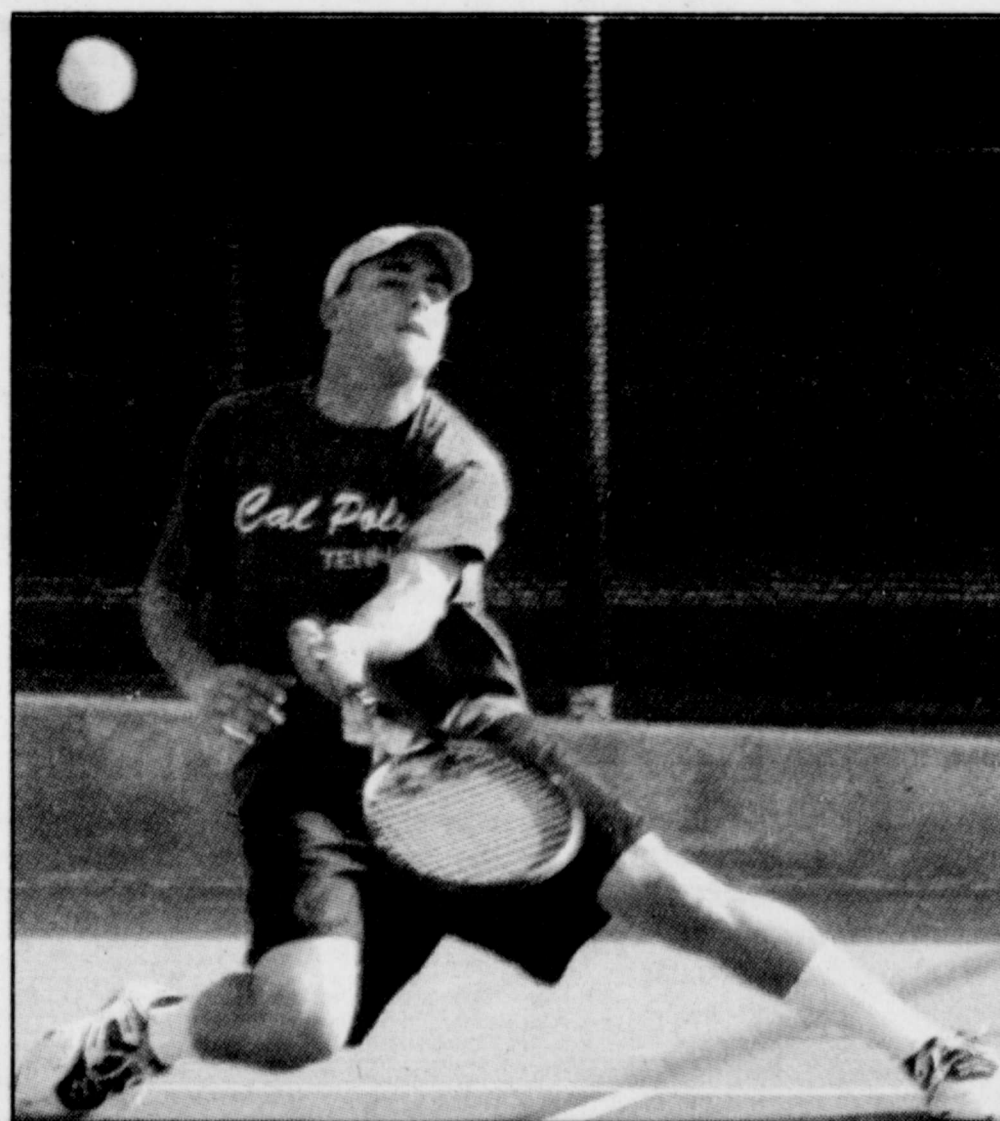
It was another close match at No. 2 doubles. The Mustangs' Nick Tracy and Greg Levy defeated Rick Ruso and Francisco Zepponi of the Broncos 8-6.

At No. 3 doubles, Santa Clara pair Taylor Bedilion and Federico Mattioli defeated Garrett Leight and Stacey Meronoff 8-3.

Losing the doubles point was a disappointment for the Mustangs, challenging them to win four of six singles matches.

"They killed us last year, so this is a huge win," Tracy said.

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BRIAN KENT/MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's Greg Levy, a fifth-year business major, won in doubles and singles play in the Mustangs' convincing win over rival Santa Clara.

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| BASEBALL | 9 |
| vs. saint mary's | 1 |
| BASEBALL | 5 |
| vs. saint mary's | 4 |
| BASEBALL | 6 |
| vs. saint mary's | 5 |
| MEN'S BASKETBALL | 74 |
| vs. uc irvine | 68 |
| W. BASKETBALL | 61 |
| vs. uc irvine | 73 |
| SOFTBALL | 7 |
| vs. byu | 6 |

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| MEN'S BASKETBALL | thurs., feb. 6, 7 p.m. |
| vs. idaho | @ cal poly |
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| vs. idaho | @ idaho |
| WRESTLING | wed., feb. 5, 7 p.m. |
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| vs. oregon st. | @ oregon state |
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| vs. san jose st. | @ cal poly |
| MEN'S BASEBALL | sat., feb. 8, 1 p.m. |
| vs. san jose st. | @ cal poly |

STATS

By the numbers

1 Hits allowed by Cal Poly ace pitcher Tyler Fitch in the Mustangs' 9-1 win over the Saint Mary's Gaels on Friday in Baggett Stadium. Fitch, a senior righthander, allowed only three baserunners and fanned 10 batters in seven innings of work to collect his second win of the season.

TRIVIA

today's question

Who threw the first pitch in Florida Marlins history? (Hint: He played in this year's Super Bowl)

Submit answers to: jljackso@calpoly.edu

Friday's question

Who held the single-season sack record before Michael Strahan?

Mark Gaskins

Congratulations Tina Romani and Buck Becker!!

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