

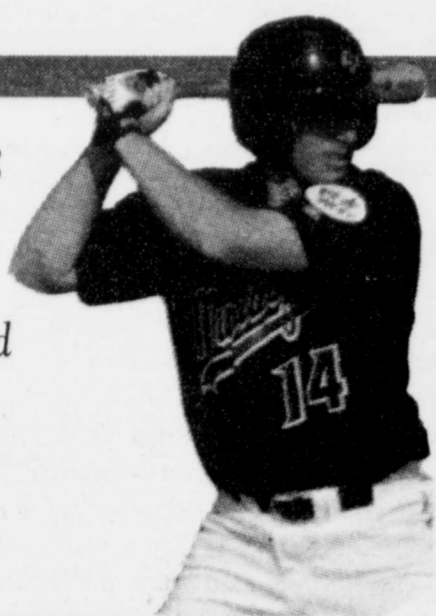
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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

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# Monday, February 24, 2003

# Mustang

## DAILY

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## GLBU egging investigation continues

By Chrissy Roth

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With issues of diversity bubbling up all around campus, students and police are trying to make sure these concerns do not just fizzle away.

Feb. 13 an outward attack against Cal Poly's Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals United has sparked numerous discussions throughout campus organizations and ignited a serious investigation by the University Police Department. The incident is listed as a high-priority case, UPD Cmdr. Bill Watton said.

"We do take it very seriously," he said. "This goes with the basic reason police are around — to prevent fear."

The GLBU booth was struck by a barrage of eggs Feb. 13 on Dexter Lawn. Members inside the booth had just completed their march through campus in celebration of Same-Sex Hand Holding Day, which was designed to display that there's a diversity of love, GLBU member and English junior Jaymi Heimbuch said.

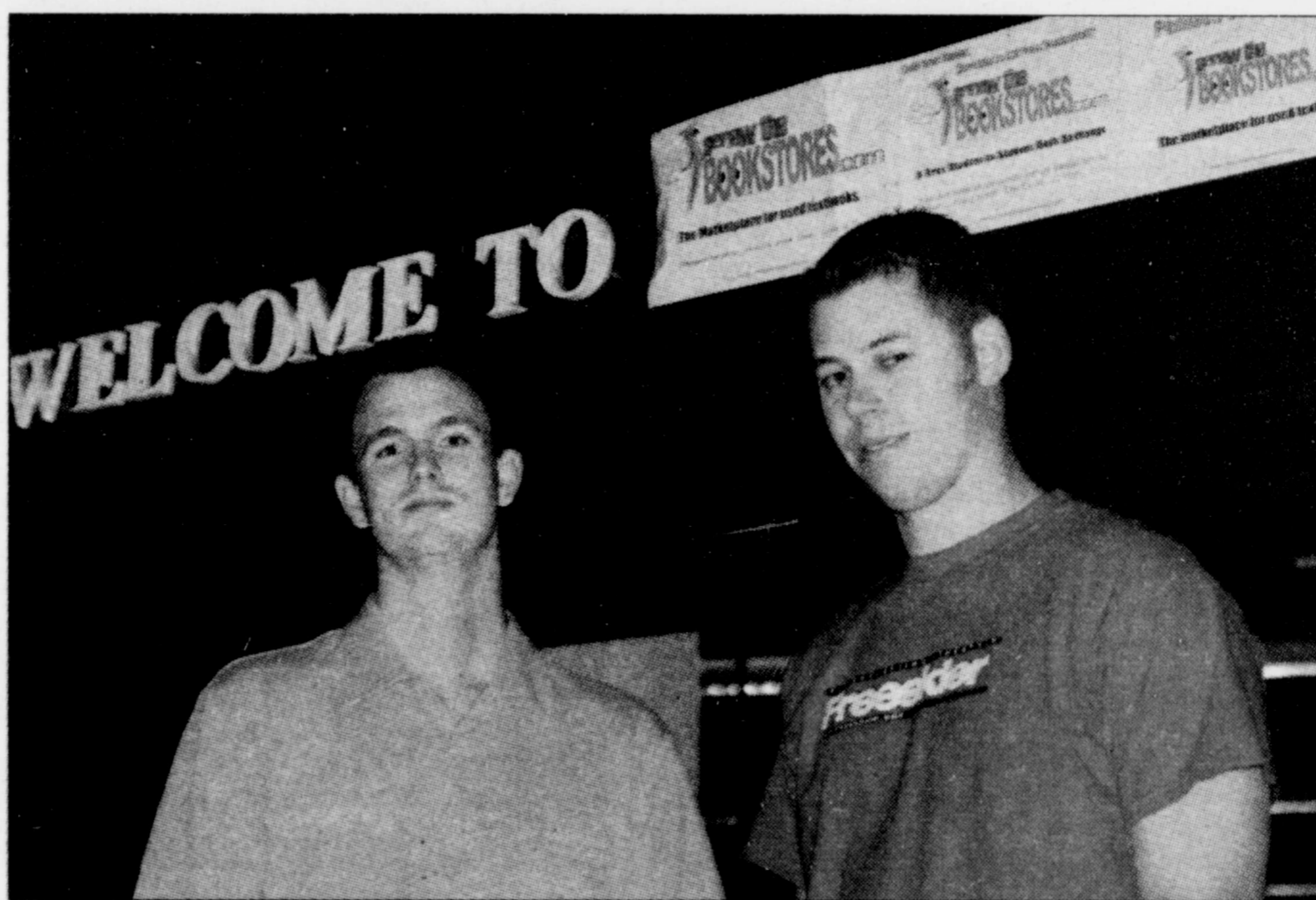
Math junior April Weiland described the incident.

"All of a sudden, girls started screaming," Weiland said. "We heard 'eggs, eggs' and then 'splat, splat, splat.' I didn't realize what was going on."

While the police are unable to release any information regarding the case yet, Watton believes the perpetrators will be caught and brought to justice.

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## Bookstores get screwed



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**Screwthebookstores.com** creators Ben Wilson (left) and Kirk DeClark are giving students new options for their textbook purchases. Students can negotiate prices for buying and selling books online.

By Courtney Witt

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Aida's and El Corral Bookstore are not the only ones fighting for customers in the textbook market. San Luis Obispo's battle of the bookstores has a new combatant.

A Web site, ScrewthebookstoreS.com, has reinvented the way many Cal Poly stu-

dents buy and sell books by allowing them to do it online.

Founders Ben Wilson and Kirk DeClark worked for three months to develop the site and expect it to expand tremendously because of its convenience and low cost.

"We're not inventing the wheel here, but we are giving the students a real alternative to buying their books

at the bookstores that have a monopoly on this area," Wilson said.

The site allows students to communicate via e-mail to negotiate the lowest price possible for the buyer while still getting the highest price for the seller.

According to the most recent

see BOOKSTORES, page 6

## ICC exposes Poly students to global opportunities

By Dale Quinn

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A fusion of business education and culture will occur at Cal Poly during the International Career Conference, which will take place Saturday.

ICC is sponsored by the Cal Poly Orfalea College of Business and organized primarily by Cal Poly business students as a senior project.

Business senior Elizabeth Weigard is the marketing vice president for the event. She said the conference will expose participants to different cultures and provide them with necessary knowledge in today's intertwined global economy.

"The conference is about bringing awareness about cultural and global differences," she said. "It's an all-encompassing educational experience."

Those in attendance will also have a chance to hear keynote speaker Robert Reich, a professor of social economic policy at Brandeis University. Reich, who served as the 22nd Secretary of Labor during President Clinton's first term, will speak about the politics of international commerce.

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## Conference changes the status quo

By Courtney Witt

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Issues such as sexual orientation, diversity and volunteering will be addressed at the "Change the Status Quo: A Student's Role in Shaping Society" conference Feb. 28 and March 1.

"Being White and Wanting to Help" and "Taking a Stand, Speaking Out: Making Education a Safe Place for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender" are two of the many workshops that will be featured at the conference.

Along with the workshops will be slam poets and speakers.

English senior Haley Myers, Women's Center supervisor, began working on her workshop "Feminism: The 'F-word'" at the beginning of fall quarter.

Her advice for people attending is to take the workshop and apply it to their own lives.

"I want people to gain a sense of empowerment to try and change things on campus," Myers said.

The panel's purpose is not to give a definition of feminism but to give people a better understanding about how to change societal standards, she said.

"We want to give people the resources, knowledge and people to change things," Myers said.

About half of the available spots are already taken.

One of the features of the conference is slam poetry, the art of performance poetry by Rachel Kann and Ragan Fox.

"We want to give people the resources, knowledge and people to change things."

**Haley Myers**  
English senior

Kann has been performing her poetry at venues all around the country for the last few years. She went to the National Slam Finals in Seattle in 2001 with the Long Beach Slam Team.

Myers watched Kann perform last year.

"I have seen slam poetry before and it can be pretty lame, but she was really captivating," Myers said. "She talked about risky issues but she wasn't cliché about it."

Myers said she was also impressed with Kann's ability to present emotions such as love.

"She had a way of talking about love so passionately with so much energy," Myers said. "It made you want to listen to her."

Fox is a gay spoken-word artist. He was a member of the 2000 and 2001 teams that represented the city of Austin, Texas, at the National Poetry Slam. His duet poem, "In the Back," was featured in the 2001 National Poetry Slam finals.

Business junior Pedro Vazquez is attending the conference because of the speakers.

"I try to attend any conference or event when they bring in outside speakers," Vazquez said.

Along with the two poets, nationally known

see CONFERENCE, page 2

## Stances on war differ





MATT WECHTER/MUSTANG DAILY


One block away from the Cal Poly campus, a house on Grand Avenue (bottom right) displays a large anti-war sign in the front yard. Not far away from the billboard, a sign advertising last week's peace protest (top left) hangs at the California Boulevard entrance to campus. Signs supporting and protesting a war with Iraq cover walls, bumpers, sidewalks and windows around campus and San Luis Obispo.


## Weather Watch


### 5-Day Forecast

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**SATURDAY**  
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### Today's Sun

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### Today's Moon

Rises: 1:52 a.m. / Sets: 11:46 a.m.

### Today's Tides

Low: 11:41 a.m. / -12 feet

High: 3:45 a.m. / 5.4 feet

Low: 10:22 p.m. / 2.9 feet

High: 6:56 p.m. / 3.3 feet

## Black History Month

Did you know that the hydraulic shock absorber was invented by Ralph W. Sanderson on Jan. 9, 1968? The invention's patent number is 1,693,006.

## CONFERENCE

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artists Paula Sepinuck and Richard Cohen will speak on the humanity and commonality of all people.

Sepinuck is the founder and artistic director of TOVA, a non-profit theater company. She has created theater pieces speaking to issues of social change for the past 11 years.

Cohen is an independent documentary filmmaker who has created works that emphasize our shared humanity and bring to light the injustices that exist within our own communities.

Ali Schlageter, project director of Students for Social Change, helped organize the conference.

After eight months of hard work, the main objectives for the conference are to educate students on issues that affect everyone in some way and motivate students who have a passion for something to continue to fight for what they believe in, Schlageter said.

The cost to attend the conference is \$5 for students and \$10 for non-Cal Poly students. The deadline to register was extended to today. Cal Poly and Cuesta students, San Luis Obispo High School leaders and other university campus leaders in California are invited.

Sponsors of the event include Student Life and Leadership's Pride Alliance, the Multicultural Center, the Community Center, Student Community Services and the Women's Center.

For a list of all workshops and other details about the conference, visit the Student Community Services Web site at [scs.calpoly.edu](http://scs.calpoly.edu).

## EGGING

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tice.

"I think we have a decent chance at identifying them and capturing them within the next couple weeks," he said.

While some members of campus believe the incident was as simple as a prank, others are calling the incident a hate crime.

According to California Penal Code 422.6 (b), an incident is a hate crime if there is defacing of a person's property because of his or her race, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation. Under Penal Code 422.7, a misdemeanor can become a felony if committed because of bigotry.

UPD has yet to determine whether or not the incident will be identified as a hate crime.

Those responsible for the crime may encounter significant consequences if found guilty. Depending on the charges brought against them, the perpetrators may either be convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony, facing possible jail time and/or probation.

As the UPD works to capture the

assailants, other clubs and organizations are doing their best to make students aware of diversity issues and concerns.

"The Multicultural Center, along with other student groups, has rallied in support of the GLBU," said Ken Barclay, director of Student Life and Leadership. "We want to ensure that all students' rights are respected at this university."

Last week, members of minority-student organizations met to discuss ways to create more awareness around campus and within the administration about discriminatory behaviors. A 24-hour camp-out in front of the administration building last Thursday and Friday helped get their point across.

"Many students care about diversity issues, but it's on the backburner," political science senior Ruby Moz said. "I think we definitely got the attention of the administration building and the students."

Over the course of the 24 hour protest, numerous community members and students stopped by to offer the campers food, warm drinks and words of encouragement. Among those visitors was Cal Poly President Warren Baker.

"He let us know things can't happen overnight, but they're working on it,"

Moz said.

Each visitor received a list of changes the group would like to see put into action by the next academic year.

Among those changes would be to implement a Bias Response team, to adhere to and uphold the university's Zero Tolerance policy in discriminatory matters and to increase monetary support from the university to clubs and organizations that encourage diversity and multiculturalism.

"I think it's very commendable that many students have been supporting the GLBU through this," Barclay said. "I have a lot of faith and respect for the students at this university."

Heimbuch said she believes the egging incident has helped unite the club.

"I think it's making everyone a lot stronger," she said.

As some members fear another attack, the police insist that the Cal Poly campus is a safe place to be.

"I hope (GLBU members) feel comfortable and safe here," Watton said. "The campus is safe. A couple individuals acted irresponsibly. That is just a handful of students."

Anyone who has any information regarding the egging incident is encouraged to contact UPD at 756-2281.



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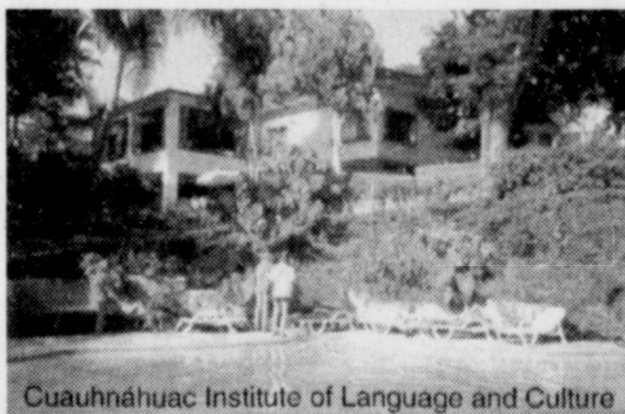
### General Information Meetings

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## National Briefs

**Missing monkey in middle of debate over proposed university biohazard lab**

DAVIS, Calif. — When a monkey slipped from its cage at a University of California medical research lab, handlers peered into sewers, poked behind cages and baited traps to try to catch it.

A week and a half later, though, all they've found in their search is an angry town armed with new ammunition against a proposed biodefense research center that the university says would study the world's deadliest diseases for the effort to protect the country from bioterrorism.

The monkey, a rhesus macaque, disappeared from the California National Primate Research Center, which would supply animals to the proposed Biosafety Level 4 lab to study diseases with no known cure, such as the Ebola and West Nile viruses.

School officials promised that the runaway was disease-free — the center currently raises animals for research on level two and three diseases, which have vaccines or treatments — and would never have escaped from the proposed biodefense lab, which would have armed guards.

**Challenger investigators: Columbia probe needs more scientists independence**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The board investigating the Columbia dis-

aster has too many members who are on the government payroll, lacks scientists and doesn't have enough distance from NASA, said several members of the panel that investigated the Challenger explosion.

The 10-member Columbia board was appointed by NASA officials, while the panel that investigated the 1986 Challenger accident was appointed by President Reagan.

"It would put their independence beyond a doubt if they were to report to the president," said David C. Acheson, a member of the Challenger board.

Acheson, 81, a retired attorney living in Washington, was one of the 13 members of the Rogers Commission, named after its chairman, the late William P. Rogers, the former secretary of state.

The Rogers Commission was made up of engineers, an astronomer, a lawyer, a space journalist, Nobel Prize-winning physicist Richard Feynman, former astronauts Neil Armstrong and Sally Ride and legendary test pilot Chuck Yeager. Its unsparing 1986 report on the Challenger accident pushed NASA to make significant safety and management changes to the space shuttle program.

Some U.S. lawmakers have criticized the Columbia panel, mostly military brass and government officials with no household name recognition who were appointed by NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe a day after the shuttle was destroyed Feb. 1.

In recent days O'Keefe and the board's chairman, retired Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., have tried to alleviate concerns by expanding the board, hiring an independent staff and changing the board's charter.

## International Briefs

**Powell touts alliance with South Korea, discusses North Korea with Japan's Koizumi**

TOKYO — Secretary of State Colin Powell acknowledged widespread anti-American sentiment in South Korea and said Sunday the United States will have to do a better job of demonstrating the benefits of the alliance between the two countries.

Winding up a 24-hour visit to Tokyo, Powell told a news conference there are South Koreans who do not remember the half-century history of U.S.-South Korean ties.

The alliance "created conditions for solid economic growth that has brought South Korea clearly into the camp of democracy," Powell said. "They have benefited greatly from this alliance."

He added that there are "always stresses and challenges in a relationship, and that certainly is the case with South Korea, but I think the relationship certainly remains strong."

Anti-American sentiment was evident during the recent presidential campaign in South Korea, particularly among younger South Koreans,

despite an apparent growing military threat from North Korea.

Powell took satisfaction in noting that a large pro-American demonstration is planned in South Korea in the coming days.

**French president relishes role as leader of global opposition to U.S. plans for Iraq**

PARIS — After seven unremarkable years in office spent mostly fending off corruption scandals, French President Jacques Chirac risked becoming the most forgettable chief executive in modern French history.

But he may have found a way to make his mark on French destiny and allow his nation to take what it feels is its rightful place on the world stage. Like a soufflé, Chirac is suddenly rising now that the heat has been turned on.

Yet soufflés do fall, and his remarks that the countries of Central and Eastern Europe should just "keep quiet" may be like the slamming of an oven door.

Proclaiming himself a defender of peace, he is leading the opposition to President Bush's effort to assemble broad support for a possible war to disarm Iraq. Both leaders are forcefully standing their ground, and the question is whether either will blink.

With such proclamations as "Nothing today justifies war," Chirac's international popularity has soared as he has snubbed the Bush administration and threatened to use France's veto in the U.N. Security Council to

block any U.S.-British resolution on Iraq.

**Protestant extremist group calls Belfast truce**

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — The Ulster Defense Association, an outlawed paramilitary group known for slaying Catholics and selling drugs on its own Protestant turf, pledged to halt both activities Saturday in a surprise cease-fire declaration.

Britain, Ireland and moderate Catholics cautiously welcomed the move, which follows a murderous internal feud that left one UDA commander dead and supporters of its most notorious leader, Johnny "Mad Dog" Adair, on the run.

In a statement read by political representative Tommy Kirkham, the six-person UDA command said the group's approximately 3,000 members "have begun to observe a 12-month period of military inactivity."

In practice, this means a commitment by the organization to stop throwing pipe bombs at Catholic-occupied homes and businesses and to stop shooting people presumed to be Catholic. Such attacks have claimed at least half a dozen lives since 2001, when Britain ruled that the UDA's 1994 cease-fire had been violated so often that it was no longer valid.

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

# THIS WEEK

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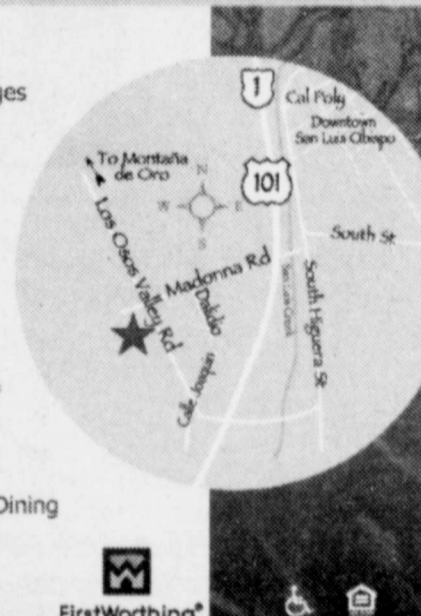
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## Here lies common courtesy - R.I.P.

Many will say chivalry is dead. Maybe so, but this puts the focus of failure squarely on the shoulders of the male species. Let's think equality for a second - yes, males and females.

When did common courtesy see its untimely end? When was its headstone erected with the shining epitaph of "Shown by few, loved by all?"

We all hear people complain when forgotten cell phones ring in class ... get over it, it's going to happen and it has probably happened to you too. What we're talking about here is much more simple and old-fashioned than newfangled technology. It comes down to that six-letter word: Respect (oh wait, that's seven letters).

Here's a common scenario: You're driving on campus, just hitting the 6 p.m. rush as everyone gets out of class. It's been a long day of sleeping through that dreaded Bio 111 lecture - taught by Mr. Rogers - so you want to get home in a hurry, leaving sufficient time to procrastinate on your "homework." You turn onto Grand Avenue, gradually picking up speed, when all of a sudden a greedy pedestrian wants to use his right of way to cross the street.

Suppressing an outburst of vicious road rage, you come to a sudden stop, allowing the pedestrian to cross and thus showing uncommon valor. Yes, you have succeeded in being courteous. Well done.

As you wait in the car for the snail, er, person to cross the street, you expect a friendly wave - a gesture of thanks, perhaps, from the person who could have, until you stopped, been road kill.

Nope. Sorry. Thanks for playing. The walker simply sulks across the street, apparently too good to thank you for sparing his life.

Thanks. Next time we'll speed up.

Or how about this one: You're on your way to class right before a midterm. You've got a lot on your mind as you race through the halls - Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492, Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin, "That guy or girl was hot,"

"Why did I sleep through my alarm?" "I hope I don't get a parking ticket" - but you still have the presence of mind to hold the door open for the person following you.

Apparently, though, this person has fallen mute for the morning, not being able to muster the words "Thank you" out of his mouth.

This simple gesture of holding the door open for someone isn't just a dating courtesy, where the "gentleman" must hold the door open for the "lady" while removing her coat and pushing in her chair at the same time. Really, it is something we like to call being nice (That "love thy neighbor" thing - we meant it). Is it that difficult to return the favor?

After thinking about these shortcomings, some other situations where courtesy - or a lack thereof - is apparent soon came to our attention:

When people don't say "Bless you" after you sneeze. Even if you're not religious, just say it like most people do. Or, if you're that opposed, be creative and say "Hey, only seven more and you've got yourself an orgasm."

Not using your turn signal to indicate your chosen direction. How many times have you been waiting to make a left turn across traffic - the right side is clear as a bell - and from your left there is only one car coming?

The car then turns right at the intersection just before your turn, without using the blinker. You could have made your turn three days ago, but since this person forgot how to use a turn signal you are left to wait in agony.

When people don't say "Excuse me" when they bump into you. One word, hyphenated: Self-centered.

When someone asks "How are you doing?" but clearly does not listen to your response. Don't ask us to waste our breath if you're not going to pay attention.

Christina Aguilera's nose ring. Really, it has no business being that big.

Just think about this next time you're on campus or driving around downtown; you never know, you might make someone's day.

If not, we'll be here to bitch about it.

Steve Hill and Chrissy Roth are journalism juniors and Mustang Daily staff writers. Think of something we missed here? Drop us a line at QuitYerBitchinCP@yahoo.com.



# Quit Yer Bitchin'



## Jackson: Not a molester, but not all there either

There are three things I miss about the 1980s: "Saved by the Bell," Pac-Man and Michael Jackson.

Sure, Michael is still around, but he is far from the one-gloved wonder I fell in love with back in the summer of '88, after hearing "Man in the Mirror" blast from a cassette player at a friend's backyard pool party.

The Michael people see today is the one who invited British journalist Martin Bashir, who spent eight months living with Jackson, into his world to interview him. The result - a two-hour ABC special that aired Feb. 3 in Britain and Feb. 6 in America, drawing 15 million British viewers and 27 million American viewers inside Michael Jackson's own never-never land.

The show revealed the singer to be a man with a weak grasp on reality. Essentially, his heart is in the right place, but his mind is not.

He is not a child molester, yet he is severely deluded about what proper conduct with a child means.

Bashir asked Jackson, "Is it really appropriate for a 44-year-old man to share a bedroom with a child who is not related to him?"

The singer replied, "The most loving thing to do is to share your bed with someone."

"What's wrong with sharing the love?" Michael fired back at Bashir. "You don't sleep with your kids, or some other kid who needs love?"

Jackson, sounding like a giddy 12-year-old talking about pajama parties, went on to explain that his sleepovers include cookies and milk, lullabies, bedtime stories and sleeping bags.

Jackson's inability to comprehend basic realities, one being that men should not have slumber parties with children who aren't their own, is due to the fact that he is surrounded by people who tell him exactly what he wants to hear.

Bashir witnessed the infamous baby-dangling incident and was shocked that no one in Jackson's entourage so much as batted an eye at what the singer did.

"Nobody in the room had the guts to say, 'Michael, what you've just done is ludicrous, dangerous....'" Bashir said.

No one in his entourage has the guts to say the surgeries need to stop either. Jackson told Bashir he has had only two plastic surgeries, both of which were on his nose. In an ABC News broadcast following the special, plastic surgeon Dr. Pamela Lipkin examined photographs of Jackson's face through the years. Her diagnosis: He is addicted to plastic surgery.

Psychologists have recently labeled this addiction as an actual disease, called body dysmorphia.

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Bashir speculated that Jackson "relies on the fact that his medical records will never be revealed to anybody."

With the original show and a follow-up taped solely by Jackson's cameras already aired, the question is simple: What could Jackson stand to gain by inviting the world into his life?

Viewers watched the singer drop \$6 million in one shopping trip to a gaudy Las Vegas gift store. They were introduced to his three young children, who wore masks to conceal their identities. They met Prince Michael I, whose dark hair has been bleached blonde. They met another son, Prince Michael II, whom Jackson affectionately refers to as "Blanket."

They watched him frolic along the grounds of his \$50-million Neverland Ranch home, climbing a tree, eating a snow cone and calling himself Peter Pan. It was these images of Jackson that were the most telling of his personality. Jackson is a boy trapped in a grown man's body, and he maintains many of the same characteristics of a child - ignorance, selfishness and innocence.

In his eyes and his voice - two features that have remained unchanged - the old Michael, the cute and cuddly kid who charmed us all with "Rockin' Robin," the sparkle-socked superstar who moonwalked his way into our hearts; that Michael was most evident when watching him.

Yes, Jackson has been terribly mishapen by fame, wealth and power, but he does need to grow up. He needs reality to grab him by the shoulders and shake him. He needs to dress up in disguise and go wander around a supermarket and observe life in this world - the real world. As long as he remains held up in Neverland, his growth will be forever stunted.

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

## Letter to the editor

### Christian groups need to stop school preaching

#### Editor,

Dear campus crusaders and overzealous bible-thumpers: SHUT UP. Your holier-than-thou attitude is as annoying as it is pathetic.

Jonathan Dow wants me to "pretend I am a Christian" to understand his "need" to pester people about HIS moralities ("Christians act out of love to teach others," Feb. 13), so I would like him to pretend that he isn't a cultist and imagine what it's like to come to school and have hordes of cliquy church kids informing you that you're "doomed" unless you join their lemming line.

Please, if you are one of the "lucky" ones who have been relieved of thinking for yourselves about life's issues (because you have been told what to think by an ancient text or a weekly sermon), then just be happy that you saved yourself all the time and energy of finding your own path, and quit shoveling Jesus into everyone's face. You should stick to sneakier assimilation tactics, like the Veritas Forum; convincing ASI to spend school money on a church revival posing as "scientific exploration" was pretty clever. (Although it was a little suspicious when every speech turned out to be a sermon. Maybe next time, you could invest in just ONE scientific debate besides the "resurrection of Jesus").

So let's make a deal: You can have your UU Hour bible studies and pray and sing songs to your hearts' content, but PLEASE stop the incessant preaching at school. In return, I promise to never jaunt into your church and think for myself.

Justin Fraga is an electrical engineering senior who is apparently doomed to eternal hellfire for disagreeing with Jonathan Dow.

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# More letters to the editor

## ASI needs spending caps, reform

Editor,

The vast majority of students probably have no idea what the ASI Board of Directors (BOD) is or that it even exists. The BOD passes resolutions for the most part, saying it agrees or disagrees with issues. For instance, last year we passed a resolution saying Cal Poly should keep the quarter system. We also changed the election process so that ASI president and vice president run together and the chair of the board is elected by the BOD.

The reason I am writing today is to express my disappointment with the current BOD on the issue of campaign finance reform. We are a university with less than 20,000 students and our student government needs campaign finance reform. It is sad but true. Last year, over \$15,000 was spent by the eight people running for president and vice president of ASI. Currently, there are no spending caps.

Last winter, a committee was formed to look into reform. The committee chair was Jake Parnell and the committee never met. A few weeks ago the BOD drafted a finance reform resolution. However, instead of taking action this year, the BOD determined it did not have enough information and sent the issue to committee. It is unfortunate our current ASI student leaders have not taken responsibility for this issue.

I'm sure thousands of dollars will be spent again this year on campaigning. I know most of us like free stuff, but is that really what we should base who gets elected on?

Wendy Martin is an environmental engineering graduate.

## Class sizes shouldn't get bigger

Editor,

Congratulations to Professors Hood, Faroohar and O'Keefe for their comments regarding the detrimental effects of increasing class sizes in the CSU system next year ("Cuts mean larger class sizes for CSUs," Feb. 13).

As pointed out, the faculty did just this during the last "budget crisis" back in the early 1990s. Not only did class sizes never go back to original sizes when the state economic situation returned, our teaching budgets (the fraction that makes it to each department and is directly related to teaching) never increased significantly. Haven't we learned some lessons from this history?

By taking more and more students per class, each faculty member is telling the state that it can spend as little as it wants per student and we will just take it. These faculty must realize that they are not solving the problem; instead, they are allowing the causes of the problem to continue to fester.

Faculty need not feel guilty for keeping class size the same – the guilt belongs elsewhere, in Sacramento and Long Beach. Only when students and parents complain about accessibility and quality will these folks listen. We know historically they don't listen to the faculty on these issues.

By accepting a workload increase, faculty will send the WRONG message to Sacramento. The message will be: "Treat us like dirt, and we are still willing to teach under any conditions and don't give a damn about quality."

I urge each faculty member to NOT accept larger classes next year. You don't have to. I won't. If we stick together, that will be the best message ever sent to Sacramento; namely, we are willing to teach within the constraints of the money you are willing to spend, but not beyond it.

A. J. Buffa, Ph.D., is a physics professor.

## Oil is expensive regardless of location

Editor,

It seems like every time the topic of Bush's reason for a war on Iraq comes up, I have to hear about how it inevitably has to do with helping his "oil buddies" make more money off Iraqi oil. But could this really be the reason for war? Let's face it: If Iraqi oil fields open up, Bush's buddies won't make nearly as much money as the Iraqi government. But is a war with Iraq worth it? You could say that it makes good economic sense.

We all know how weak our economy is, and paying \$3 a gallon for gas is certainly not going to help it. The question of oil production in America is a matter of cost and environmental protection. Are you willing to bear the burden of high oil prices or go to the beach and look at oil platforms off the coast? Until we answer yes to this, we can expect our government to be sticking their nose into any country that is willing to look at an oil facility so our economy can survive on the backbone of cheap oil. Believe it or not, America does have enough oil to sustain itself. The problem is we don't have much cheap oil left.

There are vast oil reserves right off of our coast, but they aren't available at \$20 a barrel. Producing oil is one of the most capital-intensive businesses there is. And you cannot expect a business to give the product that cost them so much to produce away. Let's face it, every time the price of gas goes more than \$1.60 everyone complains, but yet doesn't think why it costs

what it does.

A friend told me that we didn't get out of the stone age because we ran out of stones, and we won't get out of the petroleum age because we run out of oil. Until Americans can cut use of oil and bear the burden of the cost of American oil, don't expect our problems in the Middle East to go away. We aren't going to get rid of oil; no amount of wind, solar or nuclear energy will ever be enough to sustain us. But until we are able to accept what it will take to be independent of foreign oil, our involvement in the Middle East will end.

Trent Fontenot is a mechanical engineering junior.

## Religious scare tactics don't go far

Editor,

This is in reply to Jonathan Dow's letter ("Christians act out of love to teach others," Feb. 13.) AHH! You mean since I am not a Christian, I am doomed to eternal hell and brimfire? Even if I live like a saint? Well, that makes a lot of sense. Thank you for the enlightenment! I need to go back to my animal sacrifice now.

I don't usually make fun of other's religions, but in your case I make an exception. I should probably tell you right now that I am not a Christian, which you probably figured out, but I am a Jew. Know what that means? I believe in the same God you do; I have also "sought a relationship with God." However, I respect others' beliefs since although I BELIEVE there is a higher being, I do not KNOW for certain of this fact, since that is impossible (unless you've met either Jesus or God personally, of course.) Until I do know, I will be open-minded and allow everyone to have their own view, as long as it doesn't hurt others – which yours does.

Now I also ask that you put yourself into someone's shoes, a non-Christian's. Imagine having to deal with insults toward you and your religion daily, to be devout and have others tell you that your God isn't the "right" God, but instead Satan. Doesn't feel very nice, does it?

Do you honestly think scare tactics are the best way to convert?

Rebeka Levin is a theatre sophomore.

## New ideas needed in letters to editor

Editor,

Personally, I am sick and tired of reading the same stupid or pointless arguments going on week after week in this section. I turn to your section loyally day after day to read about what matters to the people, and I am disappointed day after day because I don't want to read another letter about who gets the rights to abortion, or why war is good or morally very, very wrong.

Do people just not write you on anything else than those topics? If not, then fine, I'll read about someone's opinion on abortion next week again! Every once in a while, someone presents a very well thought out, real well-written argument or thought and then I am thankful you print everything you get. But other than that, most people's plagiarized "opinions" are just fillers for the time I have waiting for class to start.

So, maybe if I am not writing to you, I'm writing to the student body as a whole ... new ideas, not an opinion you heard or something you read in your political science textbook. We may live in San Luis Obispo, we may be sheltered and the only current news we know is Shallon Lester's latest sex advice, but that doesn't mean we aren't smart and intelligent people, capable of thoughts of our own. So maybe I got a little carried away, but I would just really like to read an opinion that I haven't already written about a thousand times over in an English or speech class.

Katharine Conklin is a biochemistry sophomore.

## Some students need to grow up

Editor,

First off – Thanks to EVERYONE who showed up to Same-Sex Hand Holding Day. This event was bigger and more successful than last year. Everything went well until the late afternoon. Some uneducated, disrespectful people decided they needed to egg our booth. This made a bad ending to a good day. There was terrible irony in this. The eggs that hit the booth hit right under a sign reading "Stop Hate Crimes."

For anyone who thinks that this is appropriate behavior, get real. As if the "P" incident wasn't enough for any LGBT person on campus to deal with, the immaturity really shined through Feb. 13. Obviously safety is still an issue that most students have. Unless you are a white, Republican, upper-middle class, drunk fraternity member on this campus, you are not considered a person.

Christina Lynn Seehof is an agricultural education senior, GLBU Political Committee chair and agricultural technology animal science student at Cuesta.

## Liberals are dragging the country down

Editor,

I saw on TV a reality show about finding the world's sexiest person with the contestants being graded, cheered and criticized on their sexuality in a bathing suit. It was on at a time when God knows how many kids were watching it. What happened to "Leave it to Beaver" or the "Andy Griffith Show?" Those were great shows that instilled great values into Americans. What kind of TV shows will my kids be watching in 10 years? The liberals in this country will not hesitate to drag this great country down.

Just last week, I saw a picture of an anti-war protester carrying a sign reading "Smoke Afghani Pot, Not Afghani People." What the hell is going on? We can't continue in this direction. I am calling for a Conservative Revolution to revive this country and the great values it was founded upon. Let's call out the Continentals (the Continental Army was the original militia that fought and died in a war for the values this great nation was founded on). We can all participate – even liberals.

Just retire your anti-war signs, cut off your dreadlocks and trade in your Volkswagen van for a gas-guzzling SUV. Even left-wing professors that try to warp the minds of naive students.

It is up to us to preserve this nation's great values and principles for our children. The Boston Tea Party can begin right here in San Luis Obispo. We must fight and win this war of liberty over liberalism. Who's with me?

Corporal Jason Starkey of the Continental Army is a political science junior.

## Liberals wrong about foreign policy

Editor,

The philosophy of liberalism has its roots in many great accomplishments throughout U.S. history. One can safely characterize the progress made during the Civil Rights era as a liberal accomplishment. Throughout our history, liberals have always been there to defend citizens when their civil liberties have been violated. One can make a strong case that the founders of this liberal thought process were philosophers like Thomas Hobbes and John Locke, who comprised writings that influenced the very individual freedoms we have today. These founders of liberalism were men that despised tyrannies and were consistently making references that NO PERSON should live under tyranny.

Consider this: Why is it that liberals today, specifically liberal peace protesters, find themselves defending the current conditions in Iraq? They believe that we should not go into Iraq, and that the conditions the Iraqi people are forced to live under are suitable. For if the Iraqi people are not living in tyranny, then the word tyranny does not exist.

For those people who don't know what I am talking about, Iraq does not have a bill of rights, they don't have the freedom of religion, they don't have a freedom to associate and when they vote there is only one person on the ballot and that man is named Saddam Hussein. The biggest problems with liberals today is that they have abandoned the most important thing: History.

Justin D. Kaechele is a political science senior.

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## ICC

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The event will feature various workshops with international topics such as the role of women, the force

of technology and how companies can appeal to local communities around the world, Weigard said.

Several international companies will also attend the event, allowing students to make connections in the industry and providing summer, co-op and permanent employment

opportunities.

The conference is open to the public and all students are welcome, but its focus applies primarily to students going into business, said business senior Whitney Market, executive director of the conference.

"We're mainly focused on the

international aspect of business and bringing awareness of how globalization affects the business world," Market said.

Those interested in attending the event can register for \$5 at a booth in the business breezeway today through Friday.

Weigard said the event provides Cal Poly students a chance to increase their cultural awareness and foster different ideas, especially considering the lack of diversity at Cal Poly.

For more information, go to [icc.calpoly.edu](http://icc.calpoly.edu).

## BOOKSTORES

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numbers, there are close to 1,050 registered users who have books posted or have purchased books through the site.

Civil engineering senior Ryan Ferguson said he appreciated the Web site after he purchased two books at the beginning of this quarter.

"It's about time there is something like this," Ferguson said. "The Internet is accessible to practically everyone now, and it is a whole lot easier than waiting in line at one of the bookstores."

After purchasing a book, students must coordinate where to meet to do the exchange. Ferguson chose to meet one student at the dorms and the other at his apartment.

"It's completely up to them to decide where they want to meet," DeClark said. "Obviously there are weirdos out there, so we suggest meeting on campus during the day. If they use common sense there shouldn't be a problem."

Liberal studies sophomore Jill Rockway received one response after posting her books on the site.

"The guy that responded back to me didn't want to give me the price that I wanted," Rockway said. "I told him that I would just sell the book back to the store. He got angry but I never heard from him again."

On the site, the only exchange of information needed is an e-mail address. Students can decide whether they want to give out more information than that. There are suggestions located on the site to guide students with selling and safety tips.

Patience is important when posting books and expecting to get a response back right away, DeClark said.

"Most people want to sell their books during finals week and buy during the first week of school," DeClark said. "It takes a little time between there to wait, and a lot of students feel uneasy about doing that."

Although the concept is not altogether new, ScrewthebookstoreS.com will radically change the way Cal Poly students buy books, DeClark said.

"We created a site that allows students to do the negotiating themselves," he said. "Our goal is to get 50 percent of the students using the site. With that many users, students should be able to buy the books that they want."

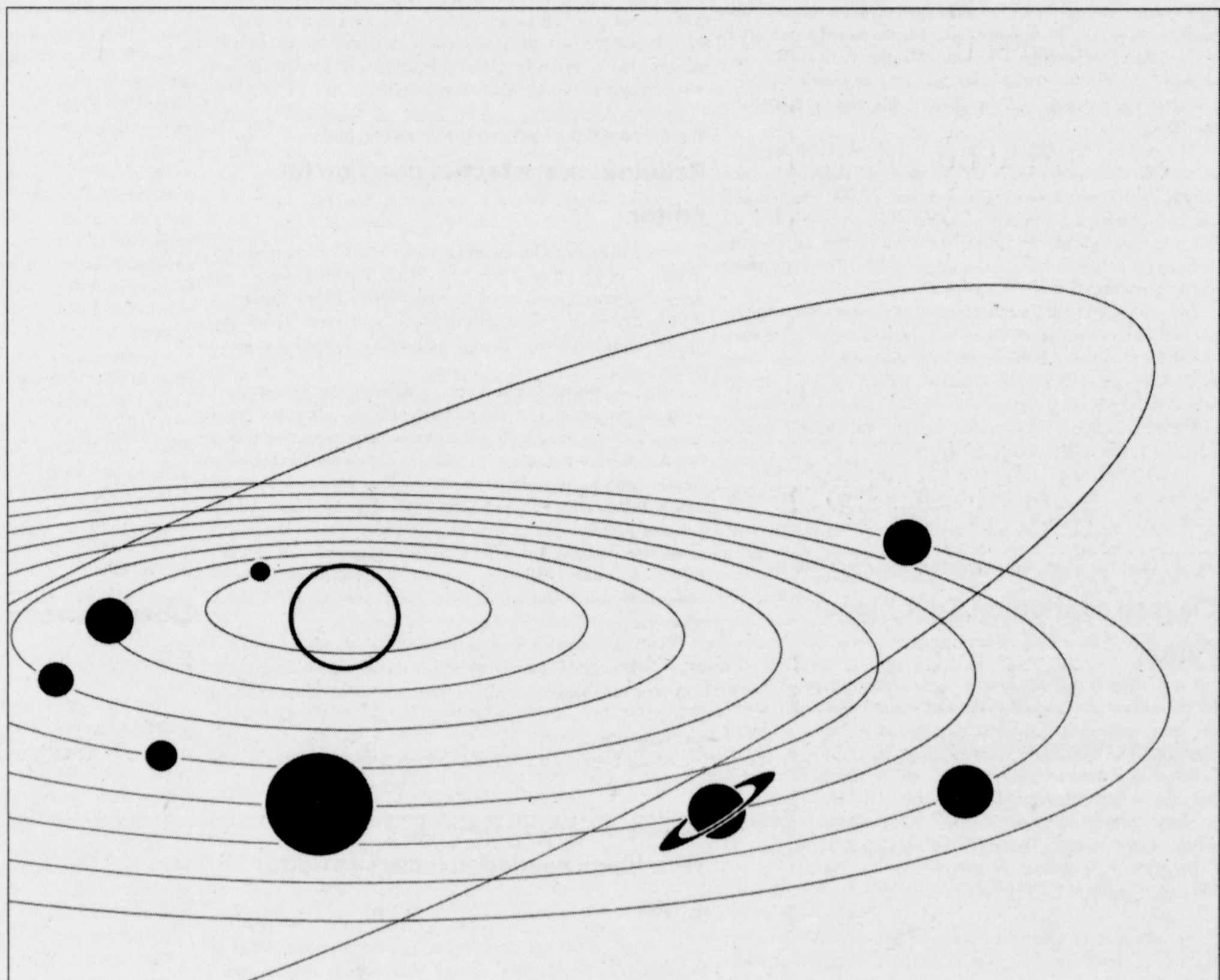
Wilson and DeClark worked together to develop and create the site, but it was Wilson who got the idea to launch it. He heard about another student who attempted to do the same for his senior project at another university.

"We launched the site because we were tired of the bookstores always ripping students off," Wilson said. "The site allows students to pay a lot less for their books."

Wilson graduated from Cal Poly last spring with a degree in business. DeClark graduated from University of California, Davis, and majored in economics and communications.

"It is fun to have the satisfaction of our own company," DeClark said.

The site was recently expanded to other universities. DeClark and Wilson created a link off ScrewthebookstoreS.com for more convenient use.



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## SOFTBALL

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garnered three hits — singles by Ballard, Carillo and Carrie Schubert. Cal Poly pitchers issued eight walks.

In a late game Friday, Cal Poly blanked Utah 4-0 behind a seven-hit shutout by Eva Nelson (2-2), who walked one and struck out five. Sparrey went 2-for-3 with one RBI.

On Friday, the Mustangs lost in the tournament opener 6-0 to Kansas, but bounced back to defeat

Utah 4-0 in the nightcap.

Jamie Gelbart took the loss against Kansas, surrendering five hits in 3 1/3 innings. The Mustangs collected three hits but committed three errors in the game.

Senior Holly Ballard collected two of the hits while Gemma Dalena collected the third hit.

The Mustangs shut down Utah 4-0 behind a seven-hit shutout by Eva Nelson (2-2).

Nelson walked one and struck out five to pick up her second win of the season.

Junior Roni Sparrey went two-for-three with an RBI in the game.



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## BASEBALL

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most of it," Hersh said.

Not only did Hersh hit the eighth inning triple that put the game away, but he also got Cal Poly back in it in the sixth. He hit a single that tied the game at 1-1 before Anderson got his RBI single in the next at-bat.

Hersh was humble in receiving accolades, though.

"The job that our pitchers did to keep us in the game was outstanding," he said, alluding to starter McDaniel and relievers Olson and Nolan Moser. The three combined on a five-hitter.

McDaniel did struggle with his control, giving up three walks. Still, he worked himself out of a bases-loaded jam in the third inning and had a shutout going until the fifth inning.

In that inning, a fielding error by Anderson allowed Lion Matt White on base, who scored three at-bats later on a sacrifice fly by center fielder Joe Frazee.

The Mustangs ultimately surrendered no earned runs on the day. Southpaw Olson looked dominant in three innings of service and Moser had a 1-2-3 ninth to get his first save of the season. Neither pitcher gave up any walks.

Loyola Marymount's vaunted pitchers weren't nearly as dominating. Starter Justin Abreu (1-1) got tagged for eleven hits and the loss in 5 2/3 innings and might have given up more than two runs had the Mustangs been alive offensively in the first four innings.

"We had to get the starter out of there," Anderson said. "He wasn't all that special."

The Mustangs also succeeded in denting Abreu's flame-throwing reliever Kyle Huddy, who floundered in 2 1/3 innings of service after getting the save Saturday.

It may prove to be a fortuitous game for the Mustangs.

"This team (Loyola) is a very good team," Anderson said. "They've got five guys who are throwing hard and we haven't faced guys who are throwing that hard."

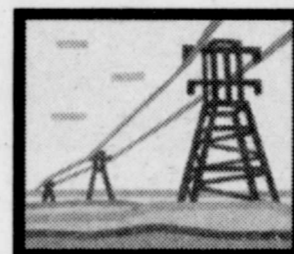
Cal Poly now looks forward to a series against Santa Clara this coming weekend.

"I'm not happy with the way things turned out for the series," Lee said. "But (Sunday's win) should have an effect on how we practice this week and how we perform next weekend."



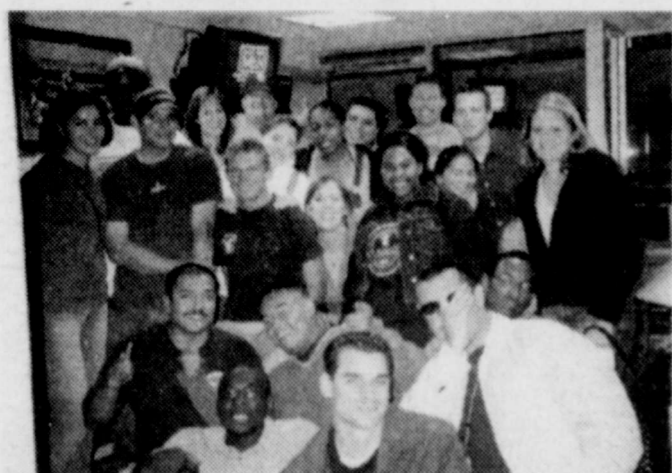
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## Wrestling

## Poly preps for Pac-10 championships

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SAN LUIS OBISPO — Fresno State snapped a 6-6 tie by winning four straight matches en route to a 25-12 victory over Cal Poly in a non-conference college wrestling dual meet Feb. 14 before 385 fans in Mott Gym.

Cal Poly 149-pounder Matt Cox earned an 8-3 decision over Zhon Kuraspandiani while teammate Keith Kroeger scored a takedown with two seconds left to win the 165-pound bout over Sean Sheets, 7-6, tying the match at 6-6.

But Fresno State 174-pounder Ben Baca won by major decision, 184-pounder Greg Gifford won by a fall and both 197-pounder Marcio Botelho and 285-pounder Clint Walbeck won by decision to give the Bulldogs a 22-6 advantage.

Cal Poly 125-pounder Vic Moreno pinned Sal Gonzales in 4:14 and Ben Martinez gave Fresno State its final points with a 6-5 win at 133 pounds, scoring a takedown with 15 seconds remaining.

With the win, Fresno State improves to 11-4 in dual meets while Cal Poly falls to 10-9. Cal Poly will compete in the Pacific-10 Conference Championships Sunday and Monday at Boise State.

## Women's Golf

## Mustangs slip to ninth in final round

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

LAKE SAN MARCOS — The Cal Poly women's golf team fell from seventh place to ninth in the conclusion of the Lady Aztec Invitational last week at the Lake San Marcos Country Club.

The Mustangs shot a second round team score of 332. Their combined score from both rounds was 651. Texas Tech came away with the overall victory by shooting a team score of 609.

Mustang leader Staci Davison slipped from seventh place to finish in a tie for 25th place. Davison shot an 84 in the second round following a 76 from the first round.

In the second round, Heather McGinnis led the Mustangs by shooting an 80. She finished tied for 33rd overall. The Cal Poly women's golf team is back in action March 10 and 11 at a tournament hosted by UC Irvine.

## Men's Basketball

## Mott Mania lives!

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

A sellout crowd of 3,032 helped the Mustangs to a 66-63 upset of UC Santa Barbara last Thursday.

The Mustangs want to keep that support going.

Over 700 "Mott Mania" T-shirts were handed out at Thursday's game, and students are being asked to wear them again Thursday. The Mustangs host UC Irvine at 7 p.m.

## Cal Poly Baseball



FILE PHOTO/MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly third baseman Bret Berglund helped the Mustangs avoid a three-game sweep at home against Loyola Marymount during the weekend.

## Poly avoids sweep

By Graham Womack

MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

The skies above Baggett Stadium may have been foggy and overcast, but Cal Poly finally came alive Sunday afternoon.

Playing with renewed vigor and determination before the home crowd, the Mustangs rallied to beat the Loyola Marymount Lions 3-1 and salvaged an otherwise disheartening weekend.

Freshman Garret Olson (1-0) picked up the first win of his college career, pitching three scoreless innings in relief. He surrendered only two hits and recorded three strikeouts, after coming in at the top of the sixth to relieve starter Andrew McDaniel.

Third baseman Adam Hersh made

the most of a rare start, going 2 for 4 with two RBIs, including a run-scoring triple in the bottom of the eighth that solidified the game. The Mustangs had grabbed the lead two innings earlier in a two-run sixth.

For Cal Poly (7-7), it was the first win of a frustrating weekend against LMU (5-5). Sunday's triumph followed consecutive close losses, 5-4 on Friday and 11-9 on Saturday. The Mustangs threw away a 5-0 lead Friday night and never recovered after falling behind 10-1 after five innings of Saturday's game.

Sunday's win kept the Mustangs from having an 0-3 weekend and eased a lot of team stress.

"You can't really say an early-season game is a must, but today was kind of a must for us," coach Larry

Lee said.

Cal Poly took the field Sunday after a pre-game lecture from Lee about hustling more and better respecting the game.

"It was a big thing for us," short-stop Scott Anderson said. "We played a lot harder today as a whole ball-club."

Anderson hit the RBI single that put the Mustangs up 2-1 in the bottom of the sixth. Still, he didn't win supreme praise from Lee.

"Adam Hersh was the guy today," Lee said.

Hersh got the start after Friday and Saturday's starter Bret Berglund was absent to attend to private matters.

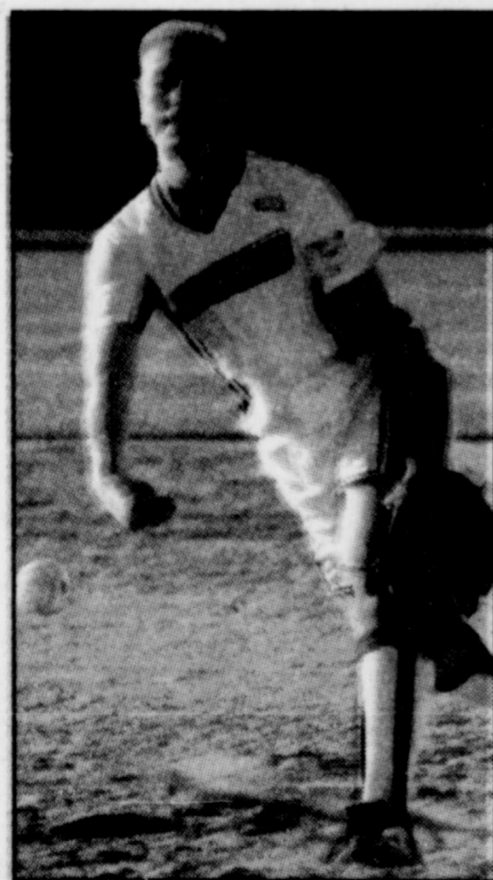
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## Cal Poly Softball

## Poly stomps USD

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT



ERIC HENDERSON/MUSTANG DAILY

Pitcher Cassie Vanderbeek leads the Mustangs with five wins.

SANTA BARBARA — Jamie Gelbart pitched a three-hit shutout as Cal Poly defeated San Diego 5-0 for the second time this season to complete its schedule at the UCSB Softball by the Beach Invitational at Elings Park in Santa Barbara. The win improved Cal Poly's record to 10-12, while San Diego fell to 0-10.

Gelbart allowed only three hits and struck out nine batters en route to her second shutout of the season.

The Mustangs got on the board in the bottom of the first when Chelsy Stoufer drew a bases loaded walk to score Chelsea Green. Cal Poly would add to its total in the second inning with an RBI single by Gemma Dalena, scoring Green to give the

Mustangs a 2-0 advantage.

In the sixth inning, the Mustangs put two more runs on the board as Holly Ballard doubled to score Dalena and Roni Sparrey. Stephanie Payan then drew a bases loaded walk to score Stoufer for the fifth run.

On Saturday, Cal Poly dropped a pair of games on the second day of competition at the invite.

The Mustangs mustered just two hits in an eight-inning 1-0 loss to Iowa State. Sparrey and Natalie Carrillo collected the hits for Cal Poly. Erica Martinez struck out 12 Mustangs in the two-hit shutout for Iowa State.

Saturday night, Cal Poly fell 11-2 to Brigham Young. The Mustangs

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SOFTBALL	1
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W BASKETBALL	sat., mar. 1, 7 p.m.
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SOFTBALL	sat., mar. 1, 12 p.m.
vs. saint mary's	@ cal poly
SOFTBALL	sat., mar. 1, 2 p.m.
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SOFTBALL	sun., mar. 2, 11 a.m.
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## STATS

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## TRIVIA

today's question

Which two NCAA Division I schools had the highest graduation rate for athletes in 2002?

Submit answers to: [jljackso@calpoly.edu](mailto:jljackso@calpoly.edu)

Friday's question

What are the names of the two stars of "Hoop Dreams"?  
Arthur Agee and William Gates

Congratulations Anthony Indie, Shayan Kamkar and Justin "That's Right" Rota!!

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