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Week brings attention to homelessness

By Susan Malanche
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Beyond Shelter's fifth-annual Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week will kick off Friday in a continued effort to raise concern for a growing social issue in San Luis Obispo.

Beyond Shelter, a program of Cal Poly's Student Community Services, has planned a week of events aimed to increase awareness and raise money for homeless services throughout the county.

The week begins Friday with an art gallery opening that will display photographs and art produced by

"The community has tried to ignore this problem, but it's just growing more every year."

Amanda Chavez
business junior

local homeless artists. Saturday morning students and community members will participate in the Walk to End Homelessness, along the two-mile route that homeless

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San Luis Obispo shelters survive despite crunch

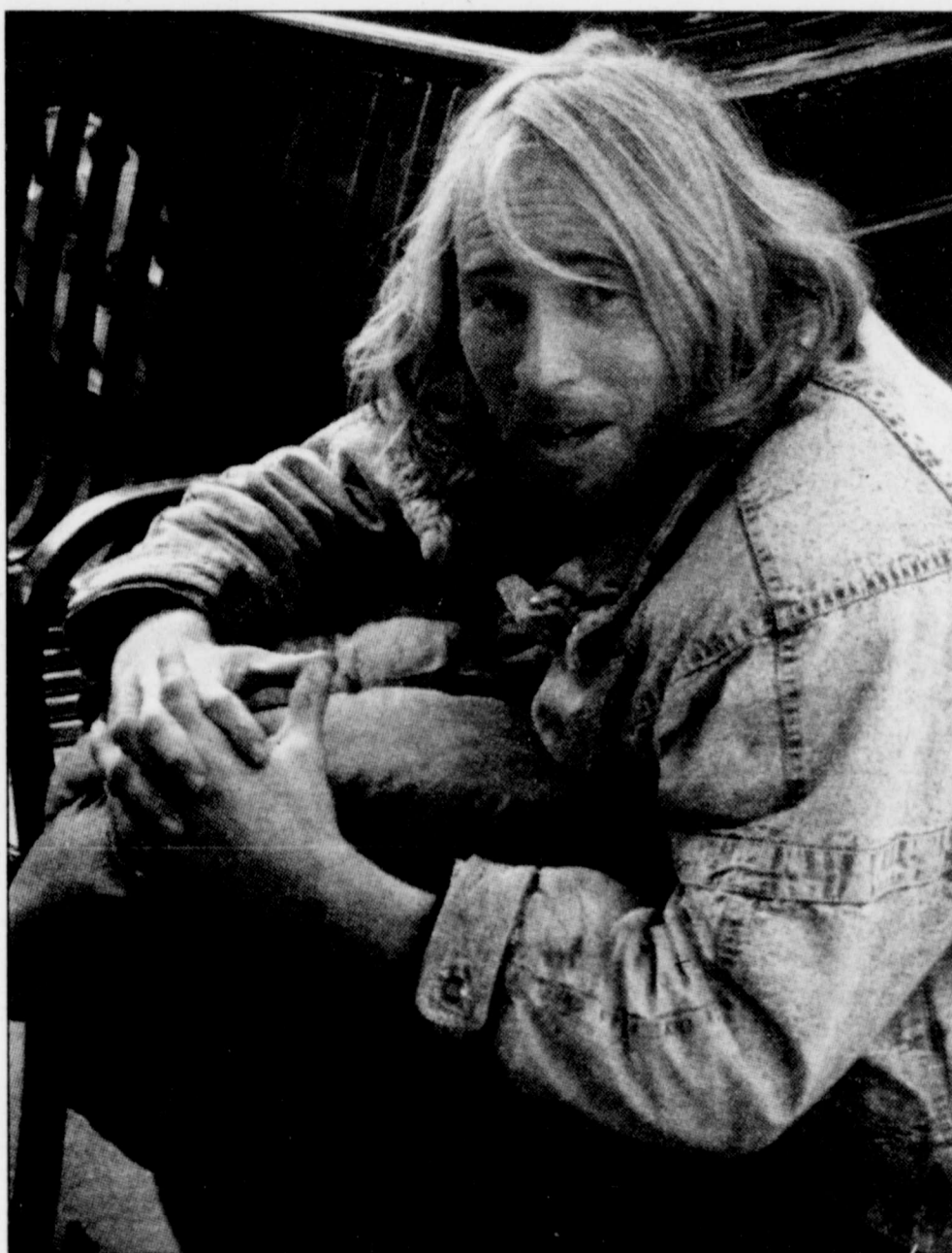
By Randi Block
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

As budget cuts bear down on California, people are beginning to directly feel the effects of the financial strain. The Economic Opportunity Commission has noted a distinct climb in the numbers of families, elderly and students turning to local homeless shelters for support to survive

until the situation improves.

Unbeknownst to many of the San Luis Obispo residents, the city has two main facilities to provide for the homeless, not including the Case Management job-relocation program. The two facilities are the EOC Emergency Shelter, which provides nighttime housing, breakfast and din-

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A homeless man, who wished to remain unnamed, stands down-town Wednesday after coming to San Luis Obispo from Santa Cruz.

Student killed during spring break

By Emily Wong
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After studying abroad in Florence, Italy last year and spending time at home in Sacramento, he anticipated his return to Cal Poly. Five days before he planned to drive back to school, architecture senior Vincent Michael Estrada, 24, was fatally shot.

Estrada and his cousin, Alex Wedding, 21, were attempting to steal tire rims off of a customer's Cadillac at SSM Machine Shop in Sacramento, police said. Derek Allen Jones, 41, allegedly fired a .38-caliber revolver at Estrada and Wedding while guarding the auto repair yard. Police said the shooting occurred at about 3:03 a.m. on March 25. Sacramento Fire Department personnel pronounced Estrada dead at the scene. He died from a gunshot wound to the head.

Prior to the event, three custom rims had been stolen from a Cadillac at the site. A complete set of the rims is valued at \$1,000.

"Those two were coming back for the fourth (rim) because police found the other three rims in the cousin's apartment. His cousin is now in jail," said an SSM Machine Shop employ-

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Speaker to address importance of diversity

By Dale Quinn
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A Brown University professor who has testified before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and spoken at national venues about race and higher education will discuss the importance of diversity and multiculturalism at Cal Poly on Friday.

Evelyn Hu-DeHart, the director of the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America at Brown University, will speak from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in building 52, room E27.

She is the keynote speaker for National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Several of Cal Poly's cultural clubs are participating in the event, which will continue through the middle of May, said Mark Fabionar, director of Multicultural Resources at Cal Poly.

Hu-DeHart can lend her expertise to help Cal Poly develop social programs to deal with its problems with diversity and multiculturalism, Fabionar said.

"She's going to talk about the

importance of diversity in institutions in terms of cultivating the intellectual and social growth of students, faculty and staff," he said.

Several groups sponsored the event, including the Multicultural Center, Asian American and Pacific Islander student organizations, Student Life and Leadership, the College of Science and Mathematics and the College of Agriculture.

University-wide interest in Hu-

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Iraqis topple statue, loot city to celebrate end of Saddam's rule

By Ravi Nessman and David Espo
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITERS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Their hour of freedom at hand, jubilant Iraqis celebrated the collapse of Saddam Hussein's murderous regime Wednesday, beheading a toppled statue of their longtime ruler in downtown Baghdad and embracing American troops as liberators.

"I'm 49, but I never lived a single day. Only now will I start living," said Yussuf Abed Kazim, a mosque preacher. A young Iraqi spat on a portrait of Saddam. Men hugged Americans in full combat gear, and women held up babies so soldiers riding on tanks could kiss them.

Iraqis released decades of pent-up fury as U.S. forces solidified their grip on the capital. Marine tanks rolled to the eastern bank of the Tigris River; the Army was on the western side of the waterway that curls through the ancient city.

Looting broke out in the capital as Iraqis, shedding their fear of the regime, entered government facilities and made off with furniture, computers, air conditioners and even military jeeps.

"We are not seeing any organized resistance," said Navy Capt. Frank Thorp at the U.S. Central Command. "The Iraqi military is unable to fight as an organized fighting force."

There was continued combat in cities to the north, though, where government troops were under attack from U.S. and British warplanes.

The scenes of liberation in Baghdad and celebrations in scattered other cities unfolded as the Pentagon announced that 101 American troops had died in the first three weeks of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Eleven others are missing and seven listed as captured. The British said 30 of their troops were dead. There are no reliable estimates for Iraqi casualties, although an Army spokesman said 7,300 prisoners had been taken.



Family, friends mourn Poly student

By Andy Fahey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Life for Nicole Brownlee was not about Nicole Brownlee. She devoted her thoughts, time and energy to friends, family members and complete strangers, her friends and family remember.

"She'd go out of her way to help others," said Jim Brownlee, Nicole's father. Assisting others was one of her great joys, he said.

Brownlee died Friday afternoon when her car collided with an oncoming vehicle on Highway 166 after crossing a solid yellow line in an attempt to pass a big rig. California Highway Patrol reports said she was wearing her

seat belt and died on impact.

Brownlee was on her way home to surprise her sister and mother for their birthdays. She was about an hour into her drive to Yucaipa — about 18 miles southeast of San Bernardino — when the collision occurred.



BROWNLEE

Brownlee originally planned to go home Saturday morning, but decided to go home a day earlier after discussing it with her father. Brownlee called him at about 11:30 a.m. last Friday and told

him she'd be leaving in a few hours.

"She was going home, and she was going to surprise them and make breakfast for them and spend the day with them and come back late Saturday night," said Nealey Daniels, a biology sophomore and Brownlee's roommate.

As a person Brownlee showed tremendous growth over the last few months, maturing in her Christian faith and becoming more secure with her life, Daniels said.

"Knowing that when she died that's how she was, it's just amazing to know she was at peace with her life when she went," Daniels said.

Brownlee was deeply rooted in her

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Weather Watch

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SUNDAY
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Today's Moon

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Today's Tides

Low: 4:24 a.m. / 4.3 feet
High: 11:49 a.m. / 0 feet
Low: N/A / N/A
High: 8:07 p.m. / 3.5 feet

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ee, who wished to remain anonymous. Police arrested and booked Wedding for grand theft and trespassing. Currently Jones is on trial for involuntary manslaughter, but he was initially arrested on suspicion of murder for the death of Estrada.

Estrada was a good student with a

NASD to educate about alcohol abuse

By Samantha Yale
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Memory loss, hangovers and black-outs. It may sound like an average Saturday night, but these are just the short-term effects of heavy drinking. The long-term effects include heart problems, cancer and brain damage.

The fifth-annual National Alcohol Screening Day (NASD) will be held in the University Union plaza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today to help prevent such alcohol-related problems.

The event, which is recognized nationwide in communities, colleges and even mentioned in Ann Landers' column, is designed to help reduce high-risk drinking and to change attitudes and the cultural norms that encourage them.

Cal Poly students, employees and community members will have the chance to learn about the signs and symptoms of alcohol abuse, remorse after drinking, friends noticing a problem, not being able to stop drinking once started, dependency and to take a free, confidential self-test for determining alcohol abuse and dependency. Licensed Cal Poly counselors will then immediately discuss the results of the tests one on one.

Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) will staff the booth. This is the second year students have worked at the booth. Bob Negranti, projects coordinator for the Health Center, said having students with questions

promising career as an architect. His father, Greg, said his son has always loved drawing.

"He had a gift," Greg said. "He was really talented."

After high school, Estrada was hired by architect Gordon Rogers in Rocklin, Calif. While Estrada was attending the local junior college, a co-worker who graduated from Cal Poly encouraged him to apply.

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about alcohol talk to someone they can relate to.

"College students are very vulnerable," Negranti said. "They need to know that there is assistance and where to go for that assistance."

Head of Counseling Services Teresa George explained that alcohol abuse is not the occasional drink, but the longstanding abuse of alcohol in more than two life areas.

Statistically, college students are the most likely demographic group to abuse alcohol. George said peer pressure is one of the reasons for this.

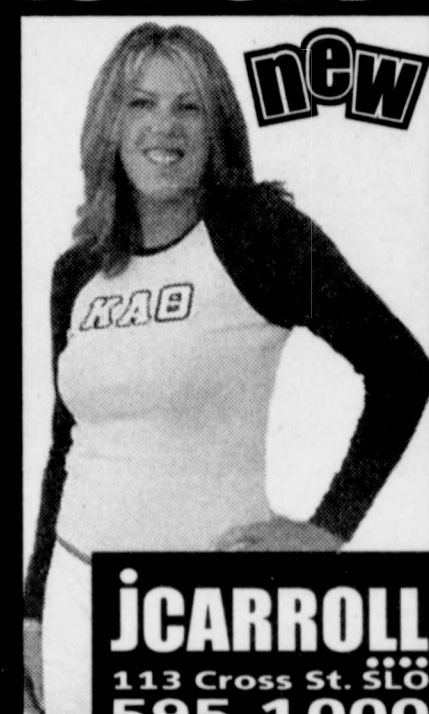
"There is definitely some more risk-taking activities ... (students) take extra chances with the use of alcohol," George said.

A questionnaire to be offered will focus on determining if a friend has a problem and what to do about it.

Negranti said one of the aims of NASD is to raise increased awareness about what alcohol does.

Counseling Services can be reached at 756-2511.

small greek letters



Crime Round-Up

April 2 - A traffic stop sign was spotted by police in the window of a dorm room in Muir Hall. Police contacted the residents of the room and removed the sign. There were no arrests.

April 3 - At 12:54 a.m. an electronic control unit for a motor, valued at \$1,500, was reported stolen from the Engineering B building. The serial number for the motor was imputed into a statewide computer system and forwarded to the investigative authorities.

April 4 - A transient was arrested for impersonating Lynyrd Skynyrd drummer Robert Burns. The transient was treated for an unnamed problem at Sierra Vista Hospital, generating an \$8,000 bill. He attempted to send the bill to an address in Monterey, Calif. Officers made contact with the actual Robert Burns who said this same man has been signing autographs and playing in nightclubs under his name. He has been charged with false impersonation of another person and attempted grand theft.

- Three arrests were made at the water tower near the P, known to some as the O, for possession and use of a narcotic (marijuana). All three were teenage juveniles.

April 5 - One drunk in public arrest was made at downtown eatery Firestones. The 22-year-old college student from Santa Barbara was arrested for public intoxication, at approximately 1 a.m. and then taken to jail.

April 8 - Around 2 a.m., a 19-year-old female resident of San Luis Obispo was assaulted at the 700 block of Pacific Street. After she made a purchase at a convenient store she walked down the street and was punched in the back of the head by a man in his early 20s. The motive for the attack appeared to be an attempt to steal the victim's cigarette. The suspect later fled on a bicycle.



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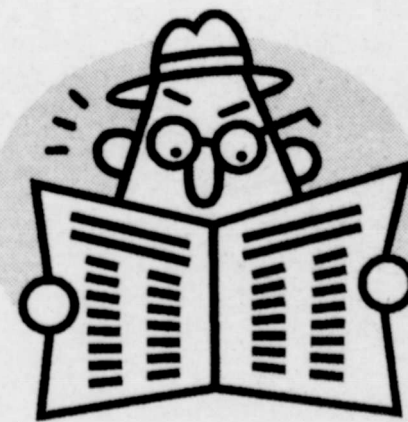
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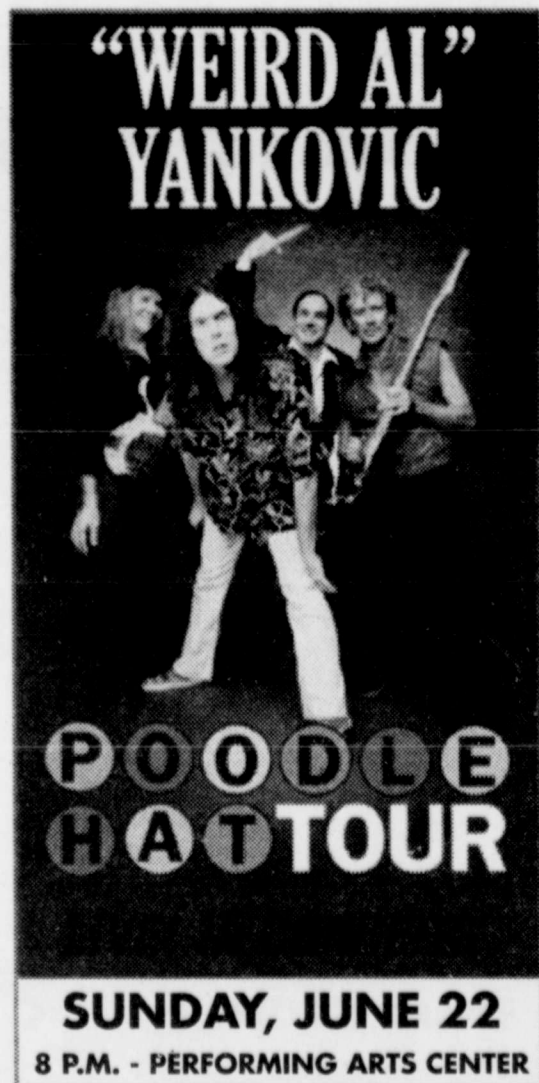
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National Briefs

House passes legislation to block gun lawsuits

WASHINGTON — The GOP-controlled House on Wednesday passed legislation to protect the firearm industry from lawsuits that allege links between gun marketing and street violence.

House Republicans said the industry is being attacked through frivolous suits blaming gun manufacturers and dealers for violence by criminals. The suits could end the American gun industry by making companies spend millions in court, said the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis.

"Those who are filing lawsuits against the firearm industry are doing so because they want to bankrupt the industry," he said.

The legislation, which passed the House by a 285-140 vote, "would help prevent abuse of the legal system and help curb the growing problem of frivolous lawsuits in the United States," the White House said in a statement. "At the same time, the legislation would carefully preserve the right of individuals to have their day in court with civil liability actions."

Democrats, however, said the GOP legislation banning suits against gun makers and dealers probably was unconstitutional and was politically motivated.

Channel Island marine preserve opens off

SANTA BARBARA — Waters

around the Channel Islands officially became part of one of the largest "no-fishing" zones in the United States on Wednesday, a move that pleased environmentalists and angered the fishing industry.

The California Fish and Game Commission voted Oct. 23 to create the 175-square-mile network of marine reserves, one of the largest in U.S. waters. The regulations creating the marine reserves are meant to give endangered white abalone, rockfish, giant kelp forests and an array of other species a chance to recover from years of excessive fishing.

Commercial fishermen fear the move will lead to more no-fishing zones and conservation areas up and down California's 1,150-mile coastline. State law requires a draft map of such a network by 2005.

Calif. aid group ships health, medical supplies to Iraq

LOS ANGELES — Five tons of sutures, surgical gowns, multivitamins and other medical supplies were loaded Wednesday for shipment from Los Angeles to the Middle East, the beginning of a long-term effort by private charities to help rebuild Iraq's health infrastructure.

Los Angeles-based Operation USA, an international humanitarian agency, is sending \$300,000 worth of medical supplies on a cargo ship that will arrive in the Persian Gulf within 30 days, officials said.

The organization also has arranged to airlift supplies to Amman, Jordan, where they will be trucked into Iraq, and purchase supplies from European

and Middle Eastern medical firms. Operation USA works independently of the coalition relief efforts and deals directly with health facilities.

Gauze dressings and other supplies to treat wounds are particularly needed in Iraq, said Neil Frame, the director of procurement and logistics for Operation USA.

"Dozens of hospitals in Baghdad are bringing in at least 100 patients a day," said Frame. "There's a huge need in these hospitals."

Security concerns in Baghdad and other parts of Iraq may delay the delivery of supplies in areas not under coalition control, Frame said.

Doctors from the International Medical Corps, an Operation USA partner agency, are in the Iraqi port city of Umm Quasar, awaiting assurances of stability.

International Briefs

EU lawmakers endorse addition of 10 new member states

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union's parliament endorsed the bloc's historic expansion eastward Wednesday, but not without cautioning current and future members to fulfill their commitments so the larger union can "speak with a common voice."

In separate votes for each of the 10 acceding nations, the 626-member EU assembly overwhelmingly supported the expansion scheduled for May 1, 2004. Those 10 nations are Poland, Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Slovakia, Malta and Cyprus.

The expansion will be the union's fifth and largest since its founding in 1957. It currently has 15 members.

"Finally, after all the arguments and after all the debates, we get the defining moment," European Parliament President Pat Cox said. "The time for enlargement has come and the time is now."

While approving the expansion, the EU assembly in Strasbourg, France, warned that the club's current and future members had to commit to building an "ever-closer union."

The assembly insisted that a 25-member EU "speak with a common voice in world politics" and urged EU capitals to show "a stronger sense of solidarity" — a reference to the gaping rift within Europe over Iraq.

Eleven Afghan civilians killed in accidental U.S. bombing near Pakistan border

KABUL, Afghanistan — An American warplane mistakenly bombed a house, killing 11 civilians near Afghanistan's eastern border with Pakistan, the U.S. military said Wednesday.

The civilians were killed when the bomb landed on the home on the outskirts of Shkin, 135 miles south of the capital of Kabul, U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Douglas Lefforge said.

The killings occurred after unidentified assailants attacked a checkpoint manned by soldiers allied to American forces near the town.

Two Harrier attack aircraft were called in and spotted two groups of five to 10 enemy fighters each. The jets

attacked one group with their cannons.

One plane then dropped a 1,000-pound laser-guided bomb, but it missed its intended target, Lefforge said.

Cuba says crackdown on the opposition was needed to protect national sovereignty

HAVANA — Cuba defended its speedy prosecution of 75 dissidents, saying Wednesday it had to protect itself against U.S. attempts to subvert the government. It also maintained that the cases' timing had nothing to do with war in Iraq.

The United States, which has dismissed the Cuban allegations, condemned the crackdown. "This is symptomatic of the dictatorship of the Cuban regime," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said Wednesday.

The known sentences for 57 of the government opponents who were tried ranged from 6 to 28 years. The remaining 18 sentences were expected by week's end. None of the trials has lasted more than one day, activists said. There were no reports of acquittals.

"We have been patient, we have been tolerant," Foreign Ministry Felipe Perez Roque said. "But we have been obligated to apply our laws."

Perez Roque also denied international criticism that the arrests and convictions over the course of three weeks were timed so that the world's attention would be focused on war.

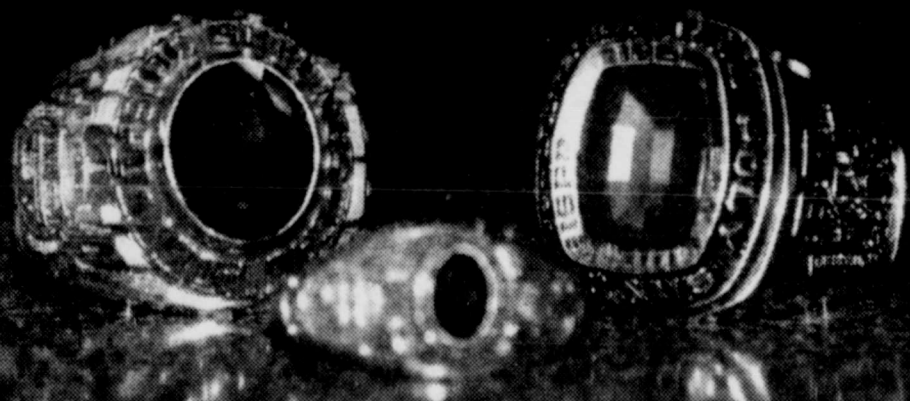
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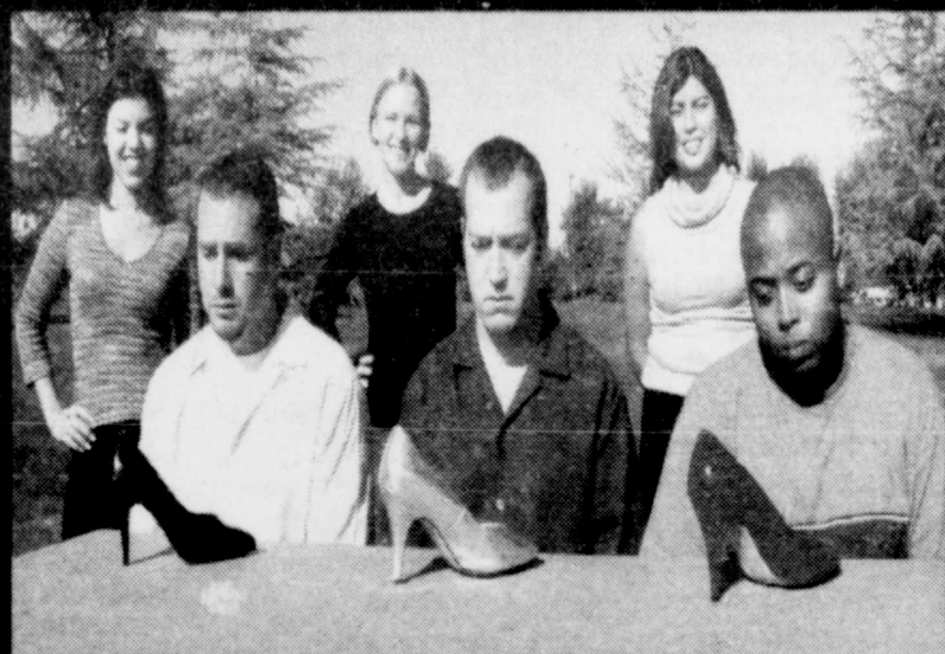
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Gay guys and the straight gals who love them

Spring fashion is here and I picked up some fresh accessories to compliment my new tan. American flag bikini? Check. French pedicure? Check. Ortho Tricycline? Checkmate! But I still lack a certain element of flair and finesse. Of course! I'm missing the essential accomplice to any straight woman: A gay guy.

A best friend of mine, whom I affectionately call Poodle, helped me through years of bad dates and worse highlights. His sports cars and hissy fits are equally legendary, both frequently involving police intervention! I always hated the phrase "fag hag." It's a dually degrading term for such a special relationship. Gay men and straight women are perfect matches: We are identical creatures oddly separated by biological differences.

But what exactly makes gay men irresistible to straight women? Maybe the impeccable grooming or love of all things Broadway, but

I think it's more complex. Gay men are a social safe zone. You don't have to worry about shaving or stifling compliments about his sparkling wit and frosted hair. Women crave male attention. We need it like oxygen, water or light beer. But we all go through dry spells, which can lead to desperate calls to an ex - or worse. The gay man relieves this pressure. Hey, nobody said we needed attention with the possibility of sex! We're content to poke at their boyish bodies, link arms on a stroll and cuddle up watching "The Birdcage."

They also provide us with much-needed appreciation. The endless social scene can leave us feeling so drained and worthless. The constant self-depreciation that women engage in becomes routine.

My friends and I jokingly try to one-up each other about how gross we feel after three rounds of Golden China buffet.

"I feel like a goblin."

"I'm Bloatesy McGuire."

"I feel so ... be-dunk-a-dunk-dunk."

We all get a good laugh (and tummy ache), but we may not realize how unhealthy this sort of rhetoric is. Gay men, however, hate anything unpleasant, save eyebrow waxing and pointy-toe shoes. Life is beautiful, artistic and ripe for the picking! Why should the gay man deny himself anything? He laughs and the world laughs with him.

Besides all this, my gay friends are just more interesting. Hilarious stories and sassy debacles abound:

- Spitting on a hospital floor with a sprained ankle when the magazine selection had been neglected.

- Crashing Kathy Griffin's wedding, stealing forks and shouting "I'm in a boy band!" over the microphone.

- Peeing in the face wash of an evil roommate (a good prank, second only to the old feces-in-the-bed-trick!)

- Hijacking a stray shopping mall wheelchair because my shoes started to pinch.

These days, I look at Poodle with a mixture of pride and envy. He's everything a 20-something wants to be: UCLA graduate bound for an Ivy League law school, he has love, intelligence, taste and a 2002 BMW 325i coupe.

Gay men have it all together: The style, the attitude and the compassion inherent to all oppressed people. And most importantly, the unwavering belief that these are the "me" years; chase dreams and be selfish! It's OK to binge on ice cream (but only gourmet) or insist on first class upgrades. The world is theirs for the taking, and we could all learn some valuable lessons. So find yourself a queen and unleash your inner princess!

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CSU chancellor makes bonehead mistakes in front of lawmakers

California State University Chancellor Charles Reed couldn't pass muster in any of the classes I've taken recently, at least based on his stunningly bad performance last week before a legislative committee about Reed's \$662 million computer boondoggle called "Common Management System."

Listening to Reed bobble flaming questions from seriously pissed off state legislators about his pet project was like listening to a student who hasn't read the text try to B.S. to the professor who WROTE the text.

His answers to the committee were usually long-winded, often obtuse and sometimes just plain wrong.

Commentary

What Charlie needs is some advice from CSU students. We're used to being tested, giving reports and submitting to authority. Everything Charlie needs to know he could have learned from any undergrad, such as:

1. Read the syllabus, bud.

Reed is so used to being the big kahuna chancellor that when he appeared before this Joint Legislative Audit Committee, he couldn't turn off the urge to puff up big and pretend he was important.

When you blow more than \$600 million, a little humility is in order.

It didn't play well, right from the start, when he informed legislators that he had brought along four administrators who would tell them what they needed to know.

The committee demurely said "forget it," and it went downhill from there.

Oops.

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2. Document your sources.

Early in his presentation to the JLAC, Reed said the massive CMS project was comparable in scale and cost to information technology projects taken by Ford, General Electric and the Pentagon.

But when pressed by Sen. Tom McClintock (R- Thousand Oaks) about how much those projects cost, Reed had to admit that he did not know.

"I will try to find that out and share that with you," he said.

Oops redux.

(Charlie, never use vague information to support an argument. They'll call you on it every time.)

3. Get your facts straight.

As legislators peppered Reed with questions about the cost of the project, he told them that the CSU "never said CMS would save the university money."

But that is simply not true. Reed told me during an interview last summer that CMS would save the university big bucks. And the auditor notes that since talk started about CMS in 1996, university officials touted the project "as achieving significant cost savings that can be redi-

rected to other information technology investments."

Oops thrice.

(History is a required course, Charlie, because it matters. Don't be a revisionist. There are too many people listening who remember the past.)

4. Accept responsibility for your grade.

Reed reminded lawmakers early and often that he became the chancellor in 1998, two years after CMS talk started. What he didn't emphasize was his enthusiasm in pushing the project forward, even if it meant cutting back on student services and educational budgets. Reed should step up and take responsibility for CMS, even though the plans were laid in 1996.

(That's why you make the big coin, Charlie. It's called "leadership.")

Some fun facts from the JLAC hearing:

"Off the top" money, the de facto CMS tax to be collected by the Chancellor's office from 23 campuses: \$10 million per year, total (does not include money spent by each campus for their own system). Number of times Reed said "I don't know" in response to a question he should have been able to answer: six.

Number of times lawmakers said they were "disturbed," "concerned," "deeply concerned" or "gravely concerned" about CMS: 32.

Number of times lawmakers asked Reed or one of his cadre to "just answer the question!": eight.

JLAC hearings scheduled to further probe CMS: One more. At least.

Jon Ortiz is a State Hornet staff writer (CSU Sacramento).

Letters to the editor

Class availability still lacking

Editor,

For a class I attempted to crash this quarter, I showed up on the first day with hopes that someone had dropped. Sounds simple enough, but I was only one of about 25 people doing the same thing. This situation is absurd. Only ONE section (26 seats) being offered for a required major class? I think 25 people trying to crash a class implies that there is an obvious need for more classes.

My main problem with this situation is that last March, students (not this student, however) voted to increase our tuition by \$200 under the apparently false pretence that we would benefit by delving deeper into our already shallow pockets. We took surveys in classes about what we wanted from our contribution, and the overwhelming consensus was MORE CLASSES! I, for one, have not seen this become the reality of the situation.

There are less than 350 seats this quarter being offered for my required major courses. This is enough for each student to take only ONE required class. This is ridiculous. I want to know where my \$200 is going! Do YOU know where your money is going? Excuse me if I actually EXPECT to get something for \$600 a year, but don't you?

It's time to start asking questions. The only way we will get answers is by getting the questions out there. Ask

your professors, ask your department chair, ask your dean. Just start asking! It's time for the administration to start being accountable to the students who pay for them!

Sarah Schupbach is an industrial technology senior.

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DeHart's research emerged a few months ago, especially since President Warren Baker's recent address labeled diversity as an issue that needs to be addressed at Cal Poly, Fabionar said.

Hu-DeHart speaks several languages and can interact easily in many cultures, according to a Brown University Web site. Her experience includes consulting for institutions on issues of diversity and multiculturalism, which means she can suggest actions Cal Poly can take to deal with this issue.

"She will talk about social programs that help promote diversity issues and help promote a civil respectful campus community," Fabionar said.

As a prominent scholar, she could have spoken only to adminis-

tration and faculty, but her engaging speaking style, infused with personal anecdotes, will create student interest, Fabionar said.

At a school that lacks diversity it is important for ethnic students to have exposure to a successful person with a similar background to their own, kinesiology junior Katrina dela Cruz said.

"I think a lot of students will be able to relate to her with their own personal experiences," dela Cruz said.

Her experiences relate directly to Asian Americans and women of color, but all students will be able to benefit from hearing her speak, Fabionar said.

Dela Cruz said she looked forward to hearing Hu-DeHart, especially considering her background and area of expertise.

"The fact that she is so renowned and so well known makes it exciting for students," she said. "I think she has a lot to bring (to Cal Poly)."

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take every day between the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter and the Prado Day Center. Amanda Chavez, a director coordinator with Student Community Services and business junior, oversees the development of the week. She said there is a need to take action.

"The community has tried to ignore this problem, but it's just growing more every year," Chavez said. "This is an issue we need to think of all the time and not just on rainy days."

The week's first on-campus event Sunday will give students the opportunity to experience a night without shelter firsthand by sleeping outside in the University Union. Other events, such as Monday's Community Forum on Homelessness, encourage people to get a perspective of homelessness in the county. According to a Beyond Shelter pamphlet, 40 percent of the shelter's homeless clients are women and children.

Social science senior Ali Schlageter has participated in Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week since she was a freshman. She said the week has opened her eyes to a very prominent social issue. Among many others, she said she leaves the week both educated and inspired to take action.

"In a world as it is today, this week represents a generation that really cares about making a difference and works hard to do so," Schlageter said.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is something the employees of the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter anticipate, especially this year. Shelter manager Shawn Ison said he has been facing many challenges.

"We're looking at a huge fall this year with state, county and government budget cuts," Ison said. "Community donations have been saving our budget where we don't even have the money to spend, and it's the community that pulls us through."

Continuing with the week, Beyond Shelter will hold a needed items drive Wednesday, where donations of items like cereal, coffee, blankets and diapers will be collected, as well as canned goods for the San Luis Obispo County Food Bank. Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week will conclude with two events to experience what it is like to be homeless and without food. The Hunger Banquet at Veranda Café will demonstrate food distribution inequalities people face around the world, and the Fast to End Hunger participants can donate money to the food bank that would have otherwise been spent on food.

At this finale event, participants can join in a candlelight vigil through downtown and break the fast. Along with students and community members, the shelter clients have been looking forward to participating in the week's events.

"They like to take this opportunity to interact with the community and show that they are normal human beings and not the stereotype many of us expect," Ison said.

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ner, and the Prado Day Center, which provides an afternoon hang-out and lunch.

These facilities are becoming packed as people are no longer able to afford housing in the city with the sharp reductions in funds, said Shawn Ison, program manager of the EOC Emergency Shelter.

"We need to improve funding because we have a huge shortage," Ison said. "Sadly enough, we have had to discuss closing during the summer in order to save money. Most people think that our clients are the stereotypical homeless you see standing on corners with signs. Especially lately, however, they are just regular people who have hit hard times and can't afford their housing anymore."

Only large enough to hold 49 beds, the Emergency Shelter has to turn away the majority of the 100 to 120 people they see daily. Even the daily breakfast and dinner meals that the shelter provides have become impacted recently.

Despite the financial strain recent cuts have forced upon the shelters, the facilities are continuing to experience much success with their clients, albeit on a slightly more limited basis.

Guido Patterson landed in San Luis Obispo as he was looking for a ride from the Bay Area and was dropped off in front of the Prado Day Center. Eight months later, Patterson found himself working for the state utilizing his linguistic skills, which he had used the time to freshen up on.

"(San Luis Obispo) has an instantly wider range of possibilities than any other city I've ever been in," Patterson said. "It is so biker-friendly, and the town has a personal side to it."

With a teaching credential and much worldly experience, Patterson said he is ready to take a firm grasp on his future and get back on his feet.

"The sky is the limit; I'm going to be very optimistic," Patterson said. "I don't have any bills; all I needed was an opportunity. I wouldn't have thought to come here, but it was definitely a God-send."

In addition to the town's atmosphere, the centers themselves provide much of the support necessary to help people return to the workforce.

"I think it's excellent," Patterson said. "They do make it challenging, but it definitely works out for the best because they want you to get back to work."

Daniel Chaffin, a three-month client of the shelter, agreed.

"The facilities are pretty awesome," Chaffin said. "They couldn't do it better than they are doing it. If you have a positive attitude it's all around you. You'll discover help everywhere."

In order to continue to experience the same success of previous years, the centers are looking for volunteers and donations. Anything from toiletries to food is in great demand.



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Distinguished Educator Award Nominations

The Cal Poly chapter of the California Faculty Association (CFA) is seeking nominations for the "Distinguished Educator Award." The "Distinguished Educator Award" is being given to recognize faculty and educators who are not yet tenured. Tenure-track faculty, librarians, and counselors are ineligible for most teaching awards, yet they deserve recognition and distinction for outstanding teaching, professional activities, and service as they work to achieve tenure at Cal Poly. We encourage students and faculty to nominate a tenure-track faculty member, a librarian, and/or a counselor they think is deserving of special recognition. This is your chance to make your voices heard. **Three \$500 awards** will be presented at CFA's end-of-the-year banquet in June.



Below is a list of tenure-track faculty members, librarians, and counselors at Cal Poly. Please take a moment to peruse the list to see if there is someone you'd like to nominate. Then write or e-mail the nominee's name and reasons supporting your nomination to the address below. The CFA Distinguished Educator Award criteria may include teaching, scholarship, service, and leadership. Thank you.

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Arts & Culture

Cueing Up Memories

You can put the tip exactly where you want to go for a spin whenever. It's exciting to hold in your hands, and larger than the other ones. When you slide it out of the plastic, a feeling of wonder and satisfaction comes over you. It's addictive.

After 8-track, tapes and CDs, vinyl has proven that it's not just a passing trend. Collectors, sellers and DJs keep it spinning. Hearing of several people with such an addiction, I set out to discover the appeal behind vinyl.

Why vinyl?

"Records are special, they're big and old, they just have a special quality that digital doesn't have," said DJ Ally D, a third-year Cuesta College student.

Dutra, who plays mainly hip-hop and old funk, finds her records locally at the swap meet, thrift stores and Boo Boo Records. The cleanliness of the record, its price and the label determines her purchases, which sometimes only cost 25 cents.

Though she didn't start buying vinyl until after an old roommate left her with his Numark turntables, she can't foresee getting tired of the medium.

"I like DJing parties, but I want to get better," Dutra said. "I want to have a disco dance club."

Though vinyl buffs often buy records in stacks of 10 or more, according to their various musical tastes, most attribute a similar appeal to the sound of a spinning album.

"It's the authenticity, like you're almost with the artist," said Cuesta student Justin Evans. "It's like an old car versus a new car."

Like a car, you can feel the dirt and

and drivers will suppress that feel.

The pure sound of the needle on the album, for many, adds to the desirability of vinyl.

"When you put down the needle, hear that hiss and the little crackles, it adds more character (to the music)," said D and aerospace engineering junior Kevin Sweeney.

Such atmosphere aside, does vinyl really have a different sound quality than other musical mediums?

Debate: Vinyl vs. Digital

Vinyl records are more transportable than records, and the sound of vinyl can be attributed

to its format. "One is a virtual format, and one is real," explains Audio Ecstasy owner and album collector Moyer.

In the grooves of a record is an exact waveform of the sound, he said, but the CD is a digital interpretation of the wave.

"So albums have greater dynamic range, from the softest whisper to the loudest crescendo," Moyer said, comparing the record to an acoustic concert where the 3-D sound almost seems touchable.

Such specifics can seem irrelevant, however, when many people aren't looking for fine-tuned sound, but instead something to pump out of the new system in their car downtown.

"Most people, when they're listening to music, aren't really listening to music," said Boo Boo Records employee Carver Cordes.

At high frequencies CDs fall short, he said, and MP3s are

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STORY BY
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PHOTO BY
BRIAN KENT

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even worse, but sound quality is of little importance when looking for convenience.

Collectors say the comparison between vinyl and digital music can be arbitrary when considering the intention behind the CD's invention: Repackage the product to increase sales.

CDs were simply meant to replace cassettes, Moyer said; they were never intended to take the place of vinyl.

Despite their love for records, several DJs and vinyl junkies complimented the convenience and quality of CDs, but many denied any alternative to vinyl.

"It's interesting, the relationship people have with their records," said Gary Freiberg, creator of San Luis Obispo's Vinyl Record Day. "For me, it's just a connection, reminiscent of things that are warm and fuzzy."

Many agreed that playing records offers the most physical connection to the music, to be able to cut directly to the desired part of a song by putting the needle wherever you want, rather than the mere touch of a button for a CD.

"It puts you closer in touch with the music," Cordes said.

Beyond this heightened physical involvement with vinyl lies a feeling of simplicity for listeners and consumers.

"They (people listening to an album) feel like they're more in the presence of musicians — it's more natural somehow," Moyer said.

Aside from the music itself, the art

within an album is often more attractive for collectors.

"With an album, you actually have a piece of artwork," Moyer said as he described the elaborate images, colors and fold-out covers found in some of his classic Rolling Stones records.

Some vinyl fans say that newer packaging can neglect such artwork and quality.

"There was a lot of creativity lost in the switch over to CDs," said Freiberg,

who has many friends who decorated their basements solely in vinyl cover art.

Collectors and DJs bask in the joy of playing vinyl for different reasons, as with any hobby.

"You can

choose to play fun songs or make art out of it," Dutra said. "I choose to just have fun."

Vinyl Record Day

Catering to this variation in taste and intention is San Luis Obispo's own Vinyl Record Day, held at the Mission Plaza.

The non-profit event, conceived by Freiberg, is all about the preservation of music and — more specifically — records.

Inspired by the events of Sept. 11, Vinyl Record Day was intended to be a link to peoples' fondest memories, a way to broadcast that "music is goodness, and life is goodness," Freiberg said.

Festivities include a spin battle between DJs, music trivia, historical information on turntables and nonstop music from swing to Elvis, The Beatles, rhythm and blues, disco and surf, among others.

"I want it to be like Earth Day,"

Memory Lane



CARLY HASELHUHN/MUSTANG DAILY

Alive and kicking: Although CDs are the preferred music medium among mainstream listeners, collectors and DJs alike still bask in vinyl's glory.

Freiberg said. "It's good for the country to get together with friends and family to boogie."

Besides his self-labeled "vinyl junkie" status, he said it's great to see college students, who grew up during the CD age, becoming intrigued with vinyl.

Since records have withstood the decades, "people are used to them, and now there's a mystique to it — it's retro," Moyer said.

Freiberg, now 53, has collected albums since his early teens. He will leave his position as an investment adviser to embark on a new vinyl record career, focusing his efforts into making Vinyl Record Day a national event.

"I've only just begun," he said. "I'm very excited about the future of vinyl."

Vinyl Record Day is Aug. 16 and runs along with Classic Car Day in the Mission Plaza.

Spinning the Details

Though anyone can find vinyl at most record stores, as well as at swap meets and thrift stores, Sweeney said shopping online at e-Bay is also a good idea for those hard to find records.

Since many of Freiberg's choices are only available in Europe, he encourages contacting the artists directly.

But without the player, records are useless.

"Budget is the answer," Freiberg said,

suggesting that all turntables will serve their purpose.

For DJs, however, quality is a must.

"Technics turntables are the industry standard — the basic, solid turntable," Sweeney said.

Since CDs are aluminum and vinyl is a more resilient material, records can be expected to outlive their owners.

"Vinyl may be much easier to play 100 years from now," Moyer said.

Regardless of the sound debate between CD fans and vinyl junkies, an innocent bystander to my barrage of questions — an obvious record hoarder — broke down the true appeal of vinyl.

"It gets in your blood," he said, smiling. "No matter what your experience, it all comes back to that feeling."

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At the Movies

Rock stages takeover as 'Head of State'

► Comedian's directorial debut allows him to shine, but don't expect to see him in office anytime soon

By Michael Hirtzer

THE COLUMBIA CHRONICLE (COLUMBIA COLLEGE)

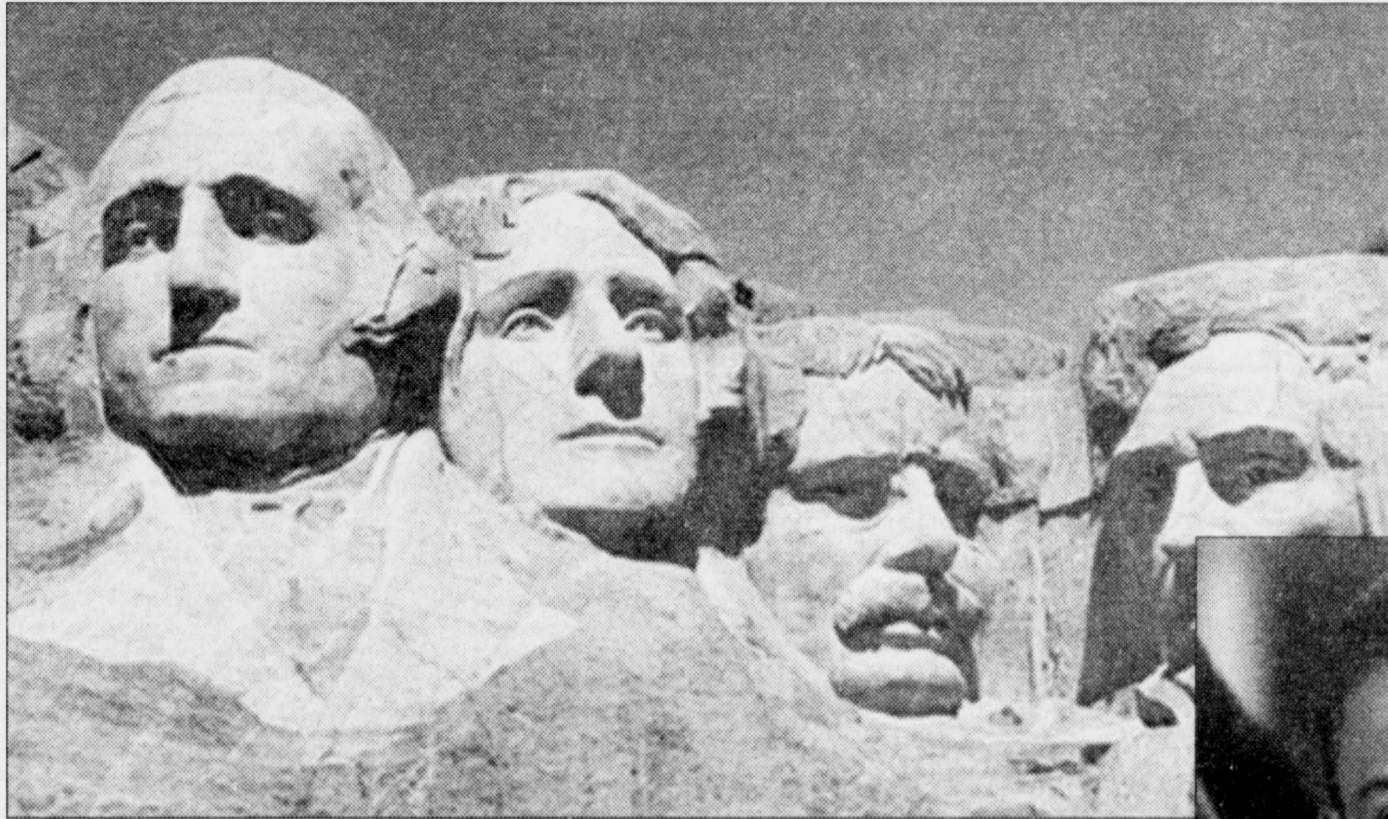
(U-WIRE) CHICAGO — Where Chris Rock once portrayed a crackhead in the 1991 film "New Jack City," he can now be compared to a much more dignified rock: Mount Rushmore, where his likeness is carved in stone alongside Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln in "Head of State."

And while Rock is a registered voter and plays a presidential candidate in "Head of State," his latest film and directorial debut, he has no further political plans.

"I will never pursue a political career — ever," Rock said. "There's no money, unless you're going to steal it," he added. "You can do so much more. Look at Oprah; she does so much. You couldn't do that as a politician."

Indeed, Oprah can cause even a hardened comedian to lose his cool during her talk show. Rock, who was in Chicago late in March promoting "Head of State," was in an uncharacteristic misty-eyed condition on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" after segments featuring his mother, wife and baby.

It was a time of reflection for the 37-year-old comedian-turned-actor, who, after doing stand-up for more than a decade, landed a role on his first film, "Beverly Hills Cop 2," and then as a cast member on "Saturday Night Live."



What's the connection? Chris Rock (right) gives a performance worthy of placement among monumental politicians in his new film 'Head of State.'

And even though Rock wrote and directed HBO's "The Chris Rock Show," getting the green light to direct "Head of State," the story of an everyday man chosen to be a throwaway presidential candidate, was difficult.

"Some people didn't want to make the movie at all," Rock said. "Some people wanted to make the movie, but not have me direct, which was a big slap: 'We think you're funny, but we don't think you're competent.'"

"If you're Tom Hanks," Rock added, "you're collaborating with the highest of the high (studio) people. If you're me, you're col-

laborating with people from the mail-room. It's rough — movies are rough, man."

It was a learning experience for Rock, who likens directing to managing a supermarket. (To not tire your film crew, you must "look for elevators before you look for locations," Rock said.)

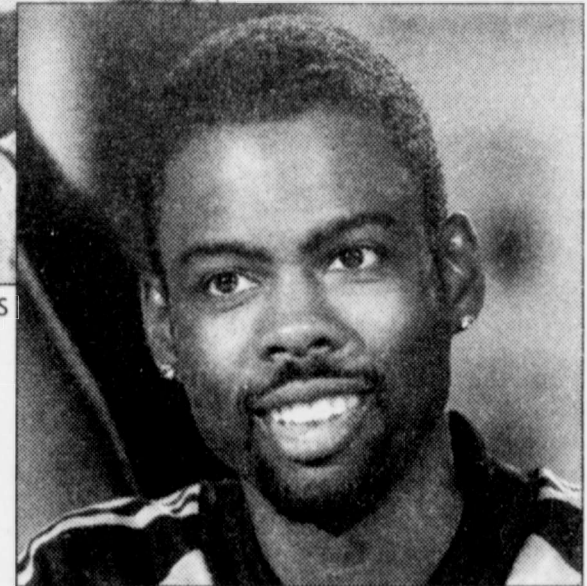
He said his co-star and fellow comedian Bernie Mac seemed perfect for the part in "Head of State."

"We seemed like an old-fashioned comedy team," Rock said. "You try to keep the drama close to the page and you let your comedy

expand and see where you can go with it.

"It depends on the actors. Bernie Mac, do what you want, you know, you let him loose. Nick Searcy (who plays Rock's opponent), you pull back a little bit.

"It's no different than Phil Jackson coaching the Bulls. Michael (Jordan), you do what you want. B.J. Armstrong, you bring the ball up the court — just get it to Michael," Rock said.



Asked if he had any advice for young people, Rock said, "Go to school, don't have a kid until you're married and stay off drugs,

and things will pretty much open up.

"Being rich isn't about having money; it's about having options. If you make certain mistakes, it cuts down on your options. Spend your money on drugs, you (have) less options for your money.

"There's no magical path," Rock added. "Nothing remotely special happened to me — I just worked hard and didn't have a kid."

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BROWNLEE

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faith. She was a member of Little Sisters of Maranatha, an auxiliary to the Christian-based fraternity Alpha Gamma Omega, and was going to be a Bible study leader this quarter, Jim said.

She was also a regular at Celebration Sunday nights at First Baptist Church of San Luis Obispo.

"That was probably one of her favorite times of the week," Daniels said. "She would usually go to both services instead of just one."

Brownlee was very giving of her time and cared more for her friendships than anything else.

"She loved being with her friends," Daniels said. "That was the biggest thing, just spending time with the people she was close to."

Brownlee often found creative ways to express her feelings toward her friends.

"She would always write nice letters telling her friends how much she cared about them and what they had done for her in her life and how they affected her," Daniels said.

Family was equally important to Brownlee. She talked to them almost daily on the telephone and was a key influence on her sister's life.

"The best thing I could say about Nicole is that she is the kind of child every parent wishes they could have," Jim said.

Jim was diagnosed with cancer five years ago and Nicole's smile and encouragement helped keep him going. Part of his treatment called for exercise and Nicole was always there to play to tennis with him.

She'd always be the first one there, always giving, always helping, Jim said.

In addition to helping those she was close to, Brownlee also served at homeless shelters in her hometown area, Jim said.

"She loved working with people" in a positive way that would lead to a better and healthier life, he said.

The memorial service for Nicole Brownlee will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Trinity Evangelical Free Church at 1551 Reservoir Road in Redlands.

Brownlee's parents have set up a memorial fund in Nicole's name and will benefit charities that have yet to be determined. Donations can be sent to the Nicole Brownlee Memorial Fund at the Trinity Church.

Brownlee is survived by her parents, Jim and Leigh, and 17-year-old sister Jaci.

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"He sent his portfolio to the school and then one night he called me crying," Greg said. "I asked him why he was crying and he said that he got accepted to Cal Poly. He told me, 'Dad, Cal Poly doesn't take kids from Sierra College in Rocklin.' He was so happy to get in."

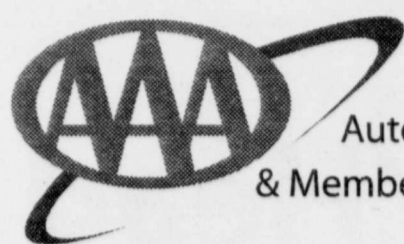
Estrada had a year and a quarter left before graduating, but he already had a job lined up with architect Steve Young in Sacramento. He continued to work for Gordon Rogers company while at Cal Poly, sending projects via e-mail.

"He did a lot of rendering jobs and some Auto CAD work too," said his mother, Ivonne Wedding.

In all of his projects, Estrada liked to stand out.

"He was going to do something different," Ivonne said. "Sometimes people would even tell him that he couldn't do something and he would tell them, 'You watch me.' He did a lot of wonderful work."

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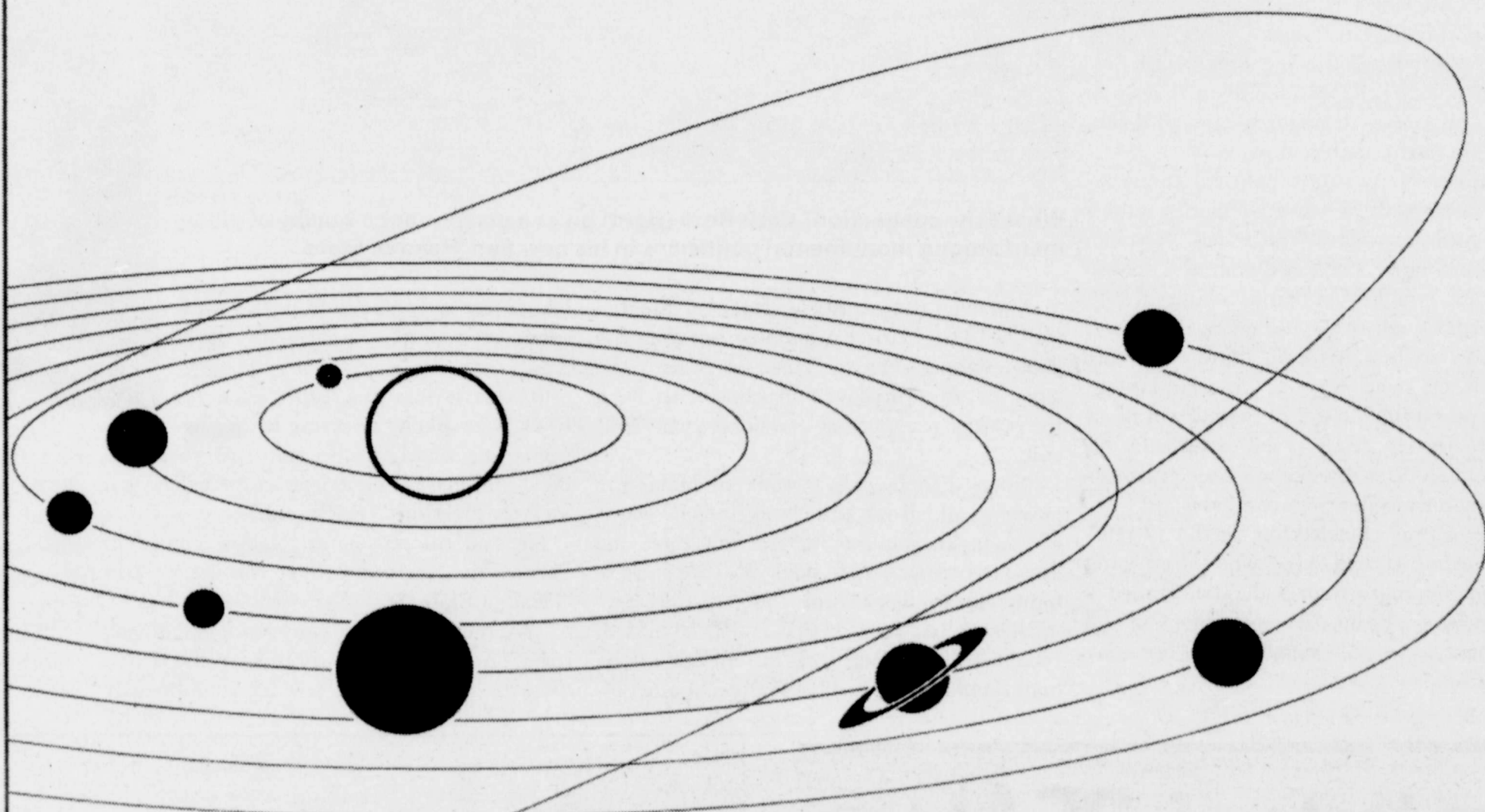
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2004-05 season, according to an ESPN.com article.

McCutcheon said the Mustangs would not take the time or effort to travel to play the NDSU Bisons unless it was a Division I game, calling it "not the easiest place to get to."

Ellerson said traveling to schools like NDSU would not be the "worst thing," adding, "...as long as it's not in November."

Whether through sleet, snow, hail or rain, Cal Poly football should take the necessary steps toward joining a conference. Any conference. It is just the needed step to reinvigorate interest in the Mustangs. There's nothing like a run at a conference title and postseason berth to draw crowds; look what it did for Varnie Dennis & Co.

If the Mustang football team wishes to capture the same magic, it's time to join a conference.

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VLADI

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States). I've always wanted an opportunity to participate in higher education, and the U.S. is the best place for that. Basketball was my ticket."

Lisinac began playing basketball at the age of 13. At 6 feet 10 inches tall, Lisinac's height was a natural asset to his performance on the court.

"I worked extremely hard on my skills," he said. "My coach really pushed me and inspired me a lot, but it wasn't easy. People back home don't see a future in pursuing basketball. The sport is not paid well professionally, and the conditions are bad."

Nevertheless, Lisinac remained dedicated to the game, often playing nine consecutive hours of one-on-one with his younger brother until the early morning.

With the assistance of an agency much like a student exchange program for athletes, Lisinac received a call from the coach of the high school basketball team at Mt. Zion Christian Academy in North Carolina in 2000.

Lisinac was offered a chance to play for the nationally ranked prep team on a 50 percent scholarship.

After a difficult scramble to raise money for a plane ticket, Lisinac made his way to the United States in July 2000.

"It was a shock," he said. "The food was different, practice was different, more or less, and just living in general. I had to adjust myself very quickly."

Lisinac was the only white student at the prep school, and rooming with 12 other men presented some initial conflicts.

"We had some crazy nights," he said. "I think I got in four fights in less than two months."

It wasn't long before Lisinac's performance on the nationally ranked team and his 4.4 GPA began attracting scouts. Universities spanning the country looked to recruit Lisinac,

including Ivy League schools Cornell and Princeton. Cal Poly, along with nearly 20 other schools, offered full scholarships.

While in North Carolina for a game, Cal Poly men's basketball Coach Kevin Bromley saw Lisinac play.

"I really liked him as a player," Bromley said. "After that, I started hounding him on the phone. He was really hard to get a hold of, but once we spoke we really clicked. We are personally very similar in a lot of ways."

Vladimir Lisinac On moving to America

Lisinac said he rejected offers from the academically demanding Ivy League schools in order to maintain a more equal balance between academia and basketball.

"Poly was the perfect choice for me," he said. "It has a beautiful location, and it's a very good academic

school. I have a great deal of respect for the coaches, and I feel the same way about my teammates."

This past season was Lisinac's second year playing for Poly. The sophomore business student said his immediate goals for the future include perfecting his basketball skills, graduating Cal Poly and starting a family business in the United States.

Shooting guard Eric Jackson said Lisinac brings in a new aspect to the team.

"Vladi's a very interesting guy in that he has a lot of worldly experience that is so different from ours," he said. "He's always willing to help out. He recognizes that when you do nice things for him, he will return the favor."

Lisinac said he has felt extremely accepted by coaches, staff and teammates. Assistant coach Bob Lowe said Lisinac gets along with everyone on the team, due to his great personality, and point guard Greg Nelson agreed "Vladi's the most comical guy on our squad," Nelson said. "He cares about the whole team and is always putting his all into it."

Coach Bromley said the diversity Lisinac brings to the team can be a beneficial learning experience for others.

"It's refreshing to see someone who really appreciates the higher education system, which is something most of us grew up taking for granted," he said. "He comes from a war-torn country, and his family had to survive those wars. He really appreciates what he has here and loves America."

Lisinac said although his cultural background is different from his teammates, together they share one important similarity.

"I think I bring in a different view on things, just because I come from another culture," he said. "I bring more to the table in the way of life experience and struggle, but in any other way, I am the same as any other guy who works hard and plays basketball with love."

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