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Wind orchestra plays finale

The Cal Poly wind orchestra will perform its final concert of the season Saturday in Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center.

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By Sarah Stephan
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly wind orchestra will complete its spring season concert schedule this weekend.

More than 100 musicians will perform Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's Harman Hall.

The event is a great cultural experience for students, said music junior and wind orchestra member Kelli Johannesen.

"You can open your eyes to a different type of music and support your fellow students," she said. "We have worked hard and this is a nice end product."

Guest soloist Brian Bowman will play the euphonium, a tenor tuba, to accompany the Cal Poly musicians. Bowman plays the euphonium at events around the world and is a music professor at the University of North Texas, one of the top music schools in the country.

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Mosque vandalism possible hate crime

By Devin Kingdon
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

San Luis Obispo may be the latest in a national trend of increased post-Sept. 11 hate crimes after vandals smashed the stained glass door of the Islamic Center of the Central Coast May 9.

The attack occurred sometime between the 5 a.m. prayer at the mosque and the 10 p.m. prayer.

"They bashed in the stained glass door with some type of object, like a hammer," said business senior and former Muslim Student Association President Usman Amin. "Glass was shattered throughout the mosque, all the way to the back door. There was broken glass everywhere."

The incident caused some members of the mosque to believe it was a hate crime, despite the San Luis Obispo Police Department's insistence that it was not.

There was nothing to make detectives think it was a hate crime; rocks get thrown through lots of buildings downtown, police spokespersons said.

Passed in 1998, California's legislature defined hate crimes as "acts of intimidation, harassment, physical force, or the threat of physical force directed against any person, or family, or their property or advocate, motivated by hostility to the real or perceived ethnic background, national origin,

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religious belief, gender, age, disability, or sexual orientation, with the intention of causing fear and intimidation."

The center has had two other windows on the side of the building broken since Sept. 11, 2001, and members have also received numerous death threats.

Mosque members point to the fact that the Muslim Student Association sponsored a lecture on the situation in Palestine and Israel that night entitled, "No Justice, No Peace," as evidence that it was a hate crime. The lecture featured two speakers, history professor Manzar Foroohar and a Jewish peace activist, who spoke about her recent visit to Palestinian territory.

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Poly engineer the top researcher in CSU

By Andy Fahey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The myth that engineers can't write can be thrown out the window — for at least one Cal Poly student anyway.

Electrical engineering senior Jake Schaffner won the engineering and computer science undergraduate division of the California State University 2003 Student Research Competition last month. He won it for his research and involvement with Cal Poly's first-ever satellite, the CP1 CubeSat.

Schaffner left the competition \$400 richer and with the title of the top engineering researcher in the CSU system. He credited his success in the competition to his effort to simplify things as much as possible.

"We kept everything very simple and we used a lot of non-conventional approaches to solve the problems we faced," he said.

The contest, held at Cal State Stanislaus on May 2 and 3, showcased research conducted by graduate and undergraduate students in all academic disciplines. Competitors had to write a five-page paper, make an oral presentation and answer questions from industry

professionals and experts from public agencies and California colleges and universities.

"It's good to keep the research up at each campus with the CSUs because we don't traditionally think of the CSUs as intensive research (facilities) like the UCs and Stanford and all those guys," said Carlos Murillo, a competitor in the graduate division of the biological and agricultural sciences. "It's really exciting to see that there's students in the CSUs who are doing top-notch research. It's good to be a part of that and I want to make sure our students continue with that and represent our campus."

CP1 is part of the Cal Poly Picosatellite Project (PolySat) and is tentatively scheduled to launch into space from Russia next spring. The satellite is designed to provide a reliable bus system to allow for flight qualification of a wide variety of small sensors and attitude control devices, according to polysat.calpoly.edu. For its launch next year the satellite will flight test a sensor that will provide the orientation of the satellite relative to the sun.

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Students fling food fast, furiously



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(Front) Architectural engineering senior Nick Murphy watches architectural engineering senior Peter Swanson waiting to release the trebuchet, a catapult-like device powered by a 300-pound concrete weight. Murphy, Swanson and architectural engineering senior Andrew Hogue launched \$30 of fruit, including cantaloupes, watermelons and apples. The trebuchet was the three students' quarter-long senior project.

Weather Watch

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Today's Moon

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Today's Tides

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Low: 6:34 p.m. / -.4 feet
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Housing plan topic of today's student meeting

By Jenni Mintz

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Future Cal Poly students may face less stress when searching for housing because of a plan to construct a village on campus.

Students can spread their vision for the Student Housing North project from 2 to 4 p.m. June 4 in UU 220.

This is the last meeting students can attend to influence the administration before quarter's end, said Teresa Hendrix, media relations in the public affairs office.

"Getting more housing for Cal Poly students is part of Cal Poly's Master Plan because the housing market is so difficult for students," Hendrix said. "The workshop is looking at traffic circulation, services needed there and landscaping. I know the administration really wants to hear from students."

The new housing is expected to be completed by fall 2006, house 2,700 students and be built north of Brizzolara Creek, according to the Cal Poly Outlook Web site.

The housing complex will have one, two and four-bedroom apartments with a full kitchen, fitness facilities, swimming pool and retail food. Construction of the apartments will begin in late 2003, according to the Student Housing North Web site.

Like Cerro Vista Apartments, which students are to occupy this fall, Housing North will be in an apart-

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Cal Poly spokesperson

ment style, allowing students to have more privacy.

"The physical design provides a setting for the residential learning program to flourish, and capitalizes on the environmental assets of the site, embodying the following ideas," said executive vice-provost Linda Dalton on the Web site.

Overall, students don't seem very interested in attending the meeting but see its benefits.

"I can see how it would be beneficial to help the community to alleviate the problems of all the renters," computer engineering freshman Richard Pastrick said.

Some students, don't think their opinion will make a difference in the decision making process.

"I think they'll do a good job," computer science freshman Jeffrey Wong said. "They've done a good job with Cerro Vista. It is not like we would want to live there as upper-classmen. This will make our town a lot happier."

What's Going On

Coming up this week

***Disney's Frequency** - Three architecture students and a graphic communications student will do a mock presentation of their project for Disney tonight at 7 in building 5, room 106.

***Julian's Extended Hours** - Julian's will be open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. today through Thursday.

***Central Coast Book and Author Festival** - Author Earlene Fowler will speak at the festival, which goes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Fowler will speak at 11:15 a.m. at the Historical Museum. Visit www.ccbookfest.org for more information.

***Rally For Hunger** - The rally, which will take place Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mitchell Park, is sponsored by the SLO County Food Bank.

Correction: In Monday's article "Bently the namesake of new ME building," Bently founded the Donald E. Bently Center for Engineering Innovation. There is no new building for mechanical engineering department. Jim Meagher is the director for the center.



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National Briefs

Woman killed after falling from roller coaster at Holiday World amusement park in Indiana

SANTA CLAUS, Ind. — State inspectors found nothing wrong with a roller coaster where a passenger fell and died over the weekend, authorities said.

The death Saturday night of Tamar Fellner, 32, of New York was classified as an accident, according to a statement issued late Sunday by the Spencer County Sheriff's Department.

Inspectors who went to the Holiday World amusement park found no mechanical problems on the ride, called the Raven, said Alden Taylor, a spokesman for the Indiana Department of Fire and Building Services. The investigation continued Monday.

"The park has an excellent safety record," Taylor said. "They are very concerned about their patrons."

William Koch, Holiday World president, said that the six-car train had 20 people aboard when it left the station and all were strapped in with a seat belt and bar restraint.

Details of the death remained sketchy. Investigators said only that the woman fell from the ride.

"As soon as they came in, (Fellner's) fiancé yelled that something very wrong had happened," Koch said.

Military prepares to screen soldiers for war illnesses

FORT STEWART, Ga. — Col.

Paula K. Underwood, an Army doctor, had just returned to her post in Germany from the 1991 Gulf War when she saw a patient whose condition baffled other doctors.

The patient was a soldier, also just back from the war, who complained of memory loss. He could no longer find his way from home to work. He had trouble remembering how to make his morning coffee.

He was the first of 72 patients with unexplained illnesses Underwood would see before leaving Germany in 1993. Some complained of aches and pains. Others said they got sick more often than normal.

"There were a variety of concerns they had, none of which fit into a neat category," said Underwood, now chief of the medical staff at Fort Stewart's Winn Army Community Hospital. "These were the days before anybody talked about the so-called Gulf War Syndrome."

After years in mountains, Olympic bomb suspect Rudolph appears in court

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Captured after five years on the run, Olympic bombing suspect Eric Rudolph appeared in a North Carolina court Monday and was promptly flown to Alabama to be tried first in a deadly 1998 abortion clinic bombing.

Rudolph, wearing shackles and a blue bulletproof vest, spoke only briefly at the 30-minute hearing before U.S. District Judge Lacy Thornburg in Asheville, N.C., where he acknowledged his identity and accepted a transfer to Alabama. He did not enter

a plea.

Rudolph sat straightfaced next to attorney Sean Devereux, appointed because Rudolph says he does not have the money to pay a lawyer, as Assistant U.S. Attorney Jill Westmoreland Rose read the charges against him.

When Thornburg asked if he was Eric Robert Rudolph, he responded "Yes, your honor."

Attorney General John Ashcroft said Rudolph will face trial first in Birmingham, where an abortion clinic was bombed in 1998, and then in Atlanta, site of the 1996 Olympic bombing and other blasts linked to Rudolph.

International Briefs

Search for life on Mars is part of European Space Agency's mission

MOSCOW — An unmanned spacecraft built by the European Space Agency blasted off atop a Russian rocket Monday on a mission to Mars, where it will orbit the planet for nearly two years and search for signs of life.

A Soyuz FG booster rocket lifted off at 1:45 p.m. EDT from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, the European Space Agency said on its Web site.

The vehicle, which cost \$350 million, will initially be put into the Earth's orbit. About 90 minutes later, it will be given a final push to send it on a six-month journey to Mars — the ESA's first interplanetary mission.

Several days before the spacecraft reaches Mars in December, the

British-built Beagle 2 lander is set to separate from the vehicle. It will parachute down to the Martian surface on Dec. 25. The tiny lander will head to Isidis Planitia, north of the Martian equator where traces of life could have been preserved.

Scientists think Mars once had plenty of water and appropriate conditions for life but lost it billions of years ago, possibly after being hit by asteroids. It is believed that water might still exist on Mars as underground ice.

Two Iraqis killed, US soldiers injured in mosque attack

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A man on a motorcycle tossed a grenade at a U.S. armored vehicle outside a Baghdad mosque, injuring two U.S. soldiers and sparking a firefight that killed two Iraqi bystanders, witnesses said Monday.

The ambush took place Sunday in the city's Azamiyah neighborhood, where support for Saddam Hussein remains high and many bristle at the American presence.

Azamiyah was one of the last sections of Baghdad to fall during the American invasion and the last place Saddam was seen alive. He made a brief appearance there that was captured on a videotape that surfaced more than a week later.

A pair of Iraqi witnesses said Monday that a motorcycle passenger tossed a grenade that exploded on the armored vehicle, injuring a pair of soldiers guarding the Abu Hanifa mosque and the busy intersection outside its walls.

As the man and the motorcycle dri-

ver fled through crowded market stalls and a narrow alley, snipers in surrounding buildings opened fire on the Americans.

Pope and Powell meet, discuss reconstruction of Iraq

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II and Secretary of State Colin Powell discussed the reconstruction of Iraq on Monday during the first high-level U.S.-Vatican talks since the pontiff voiced opposition to the war.

The two men met alone in the pope's study for 30 minutes, twice as long as scheduled. A statement issued by the Vatican did not mention that the pope condemned the Iraq war as lacking legal or moral justification.

The reconstruction of Iraq "must be able to count on the cooperation of the international community, and give particular attention to fundamental rights, such as the right to religious freedom," the Vatican said in the statement that followed the meeting.

The two did not discuss their past differences about the war, said James Nicholson, the U.S. ambassador to the Holy See. The talks were "upbeat, forward-looking, positive meeting," he said.

Powell and John Paul appeared relaxed in a brief session with photographers after they met.

"How is the president?" the pope asked Powell during the session. "Give him my best regards."

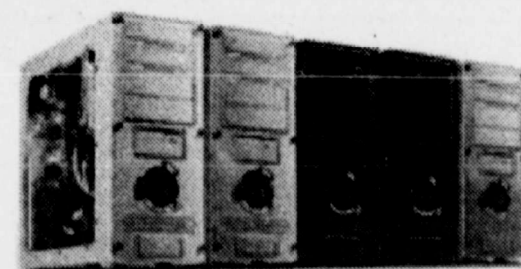
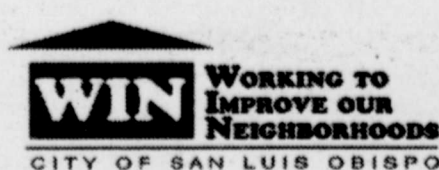
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"I think there are two possibilities as to what happened that night," said Faysal Kolkailah, aerospace engineering professor and founder of the Muslim Center of the Central Coast. "One is that it just randomly happened, the other is that it was a hate crime. I think that someone came to the lecture that night, got angry with something that was said and reacted with violence. I'm almost 100 percent sure that is what occurred."

Nothing was stolen from the mosque, despite a television set and a box of money on the premises. Kolkailah said this means there was no other motive for the vandalism.

Police told Kolkailah that they did not believe anyone entered the center.

"They said no one walked into the building," Kolkailah said, "but there were stains on the carpet and we had just had it shampooed and cleaned a few days earlier. I believe they at least came inside."

However, Kolkailah said he was happy with how the police handled the situation.

"We reported the broken glass at around midnight," Kolkailah said. "They were nice guys and seemed to do much as they could. They sent another officer to follow-up the investigation a few days later."

Police currently have no leads or suspects in the case. There was no graffiti or written notes of any kind left at the scene.

The incident has left many members of the most feeling uncomfortable and stunned, Kolkailah said.

"I was really surprised," said comput-

er engineering sophomore Kamran Khan. "But it's important not to dwell on it. You have to move on. We've had rocks through windows before and it didn't faze us then, and this won't faze us now."

Kolkailah echoed this sentiment.

"It's disturbing," he said. "It doesn't make sense. If we're going to commit these kinds of acts here in America, we cannot continue blaming people overseas for everything."

Anti-Islamic incidents surged dramatically after Sept. 11. Crimes against Arabs had previously been the second least-reported, but became the second most-reported among religious bias incidents, according to the FBI's 2001 Uniform Crime Reporting Program's Hate Crime Statistics.

With a total of 481 episodes, attacks against Americans of Arab descent were second only to anti-Jewish incidents, which totaled 1,043.

But despite the broken glass, the incident has not changed the perception that most members of the center have of the San Luis Obispo community.

"This one incident won't change how I feel about San Luis (Obispo)," Khan said. "There are knowledgeable and dumb people in every city in the country; I wouldn't hold this against the community as a whole. We have gotten a lot of positive reaction from members of the community. We have received death threats, but we get more loving phone calls thanking us for being here."

The center services about 500 Muslims on the Central Coast and was co-founded by Kolkailah and electrical engineering professor Ali Shaban in 1985.

"We founded the center because Muslims on the central coast had

nowhere to pray together," Kolkailah said. "We wanted to have a place to worship, but to also build a bridge within the community between and people of all religions. Our goal hasn't changed, but it didn't take long to figure out that there was a lot of ignorance in both the community and students."

The center has taken steps to combat these types of occurrences.

They reported the incident to the Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), which then reports these cases to congress. CAIR is the largest Islamic civil liberties group in America.

The center also has a booth every Thursday at Farmers Market downtown to promote discussion and improve community relations.

"We've had people come up to the booth and disagree with us, but they have always been civil," Amin said. "We also get a lot of people telling us that it's great we're out there."

Last year rumors started circulating that the center, located on Santa Rosa Street near the police station, was assembling bombs in the building. Instead of going on the defensive, the center decided to have an open house.

"We wanted the community to see for themselves," Kolkailah said. "It was really well received and covered by all the local media; we will probably have another one in the fall once Cal Poly starts up again."

In the meantime, the center has replaced its front door and will continue as usual.

"A lot of the media breeds hatred," Kolkailah said. "News networks like Fox News give a bad representation of Muslims and many people don't understand that. Don't judge the book by the people; judge the people by the book."

CONCERT

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"He is world-renowned and we are lucky to have him here," Johannesen said.

Music senior and euphonium player Jordan Ray will perform Figaro In Stereo with Bowman.

Ray has followed Bowman's career as a euphonium player and said he looks forward to performing with him. Ray described Bowman as a pioneer in the music world, making a name for his instrument since a long gap in euphonium recordings.

"Any time you play with someone that is well established, you always learn something," Ray said.

Music professor and conductor William Johnson said Ray is one of the top college euphonium players in the state. This summer, Ray will perform at the International Youth Wind Orchestra in Sweden.

Music junior Jane Jacobs is the student conductor for the concert. She will be leading the students in the West Coast premier of "The Coventry," an original work for wind orchestra by Francis McBeth.

Johnson described Jacobs as an "absolute natural" at conducting.

"Many people take years to get to what she can do naturally," Johnson said.

For the student soloist piece, Johannesen will perform Mozart's Concerto for the French horn.

Johannesen said she is glad Cal Poly professors give students a chance to perform as soloists and with famous musicians.

"The concert will be a great experience for me to practice, because

"Our musicians enjoy playing for the community but when students are in the audience, they bring an excitement, a certain electricity, to the hall."

William Johnson
music professor

this is what I want to do," she said.

In April, the orchestra performed as the "Showcase Ensemble" for the New York Wind Band Festival at Carnegie Hall.

Johnson said the group's preparation for Carnegie Hall helped it reach a new level of success this year.

"Their big challenge was to perform at the highest level possible there, and they did," he said. "It really motivated everyone."

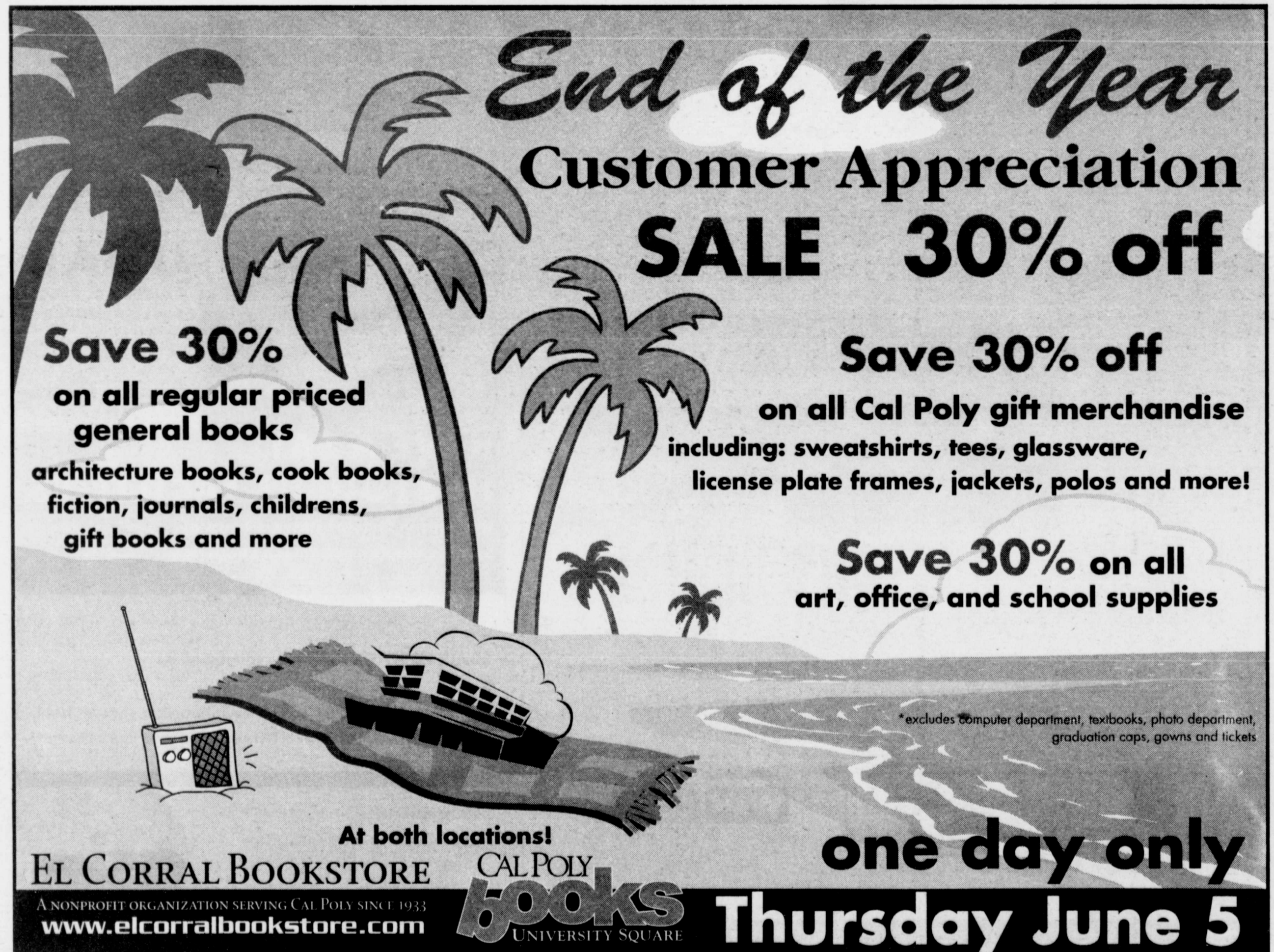
Johannesen said her experience performing at Carnegie Hall with the wind orchestra helps her prepare for performances like Saturday's.

"As a performer, it is hard to play for other people because you want it to be perfect," she said. "Playing there helps you realize that you need to enjoy every moment and appreciate the time you have to play."

Johnson said while conducting, he can tell whether the audience mainly consists of community members or students.

"Our musicians enjoy playing for the community but when students are in the audience, they bring an excitement, a certain electricity, to the hall," he said.

Student tickets to Saturday's performance are \$7 to \$10.



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Art Imitating Life

Student cartoonists use Poly Ink to wet their quills

By Emily Frydendal

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The first time I read David Iseri's comic strip "Modicum of Mayhem," I was instantly reminded of actor John Cusack. In his greatest 1980s — "Better Off Dead" and "One Crazy Summer" — Cusack plays an imaginative cartoonist who draws himself into scenes about everyday life and its annoyances, all of which involve not only a sense of humor, but an eerie randomness that makes them most relatable.

The difference between Cusack's character's and those in "Modicum of Mayhem," however, revolves solely around the fact that as a second-year architecture major and art minor, Iseri's impressive characters live out experiences that only Cal Poly is capable of dishing up.

"I've been drawing comics pretty seriously for about four years now," Iseri said, "although my earliest comics can be traced back to like second or third grade. I think I still have some of those laying around at home."

Some of the plot lines that "Modicum" comics possess include frustrations with Poly's notoriously demanding architecture classes; odd, conversation-starting movies like "The Ring;" and the maddening dependency of Poly students on AOL Instant Messenger.



COURTESY PHOTO

David Iseri's comic strip 'Modicum of Mayhem' is based on the trials and tribulations of the everyday student. The work featured above, which Iseri self-published, captures the frustrations of those who are not locked into the AOL generation.

One strip in the series even mocks and celebrates Northern California's use of the word "hella."

"Dude, Dave's comics are hella tight!" said Miriam Gee, an architecture sophomore. "Sometimes I have

no idea what they're about, but they're always hella funny."

In addition to being the creator of the comic strip and many other works of comic art, which sufficiently amuse both himself and his friends,

Iseri is also the vice president of Cal Poly's comic art club, Poly Ink.

The club was created in 1993, Poly Ink President Greg Polynis said. Free to join, it hosts fundraisers and sells artwork from time to time, but

mainly serves as a common ground for people who love to draw.

"There are many styles of art and writing, on basically any subject," Polynis said. "Poly Ink prides itself on the freedom of expression that comics offer the artist."

Iseri's other comic works involve short stories that vary in length from four to 12 pages. It's in these longer works that he incorporates "psychotic 8 year olds, monsters and missiles."

Iseri self-publishes all of the work that he does, both on the Web and in the form of mini-comics. But ideally, he'd like to be picked up by a publisher.

"I love drawing," he said. "I do have a dream of becoming a professional comic book creator one day."

With a comic strip like "Modicum of Mayhem" and supportive friends, Iseri's comic career looks like it may go further than that of Cusack's characters.

"All Dave's work is killer!" Polynis said. "The page layouts are dynamic, and the character expressions crack me up. Being an architecture student, I've developed a bad habit of overanalyzing and planning my work. After reading Dave's comics, I can remember and appreciate chaotic randomness."

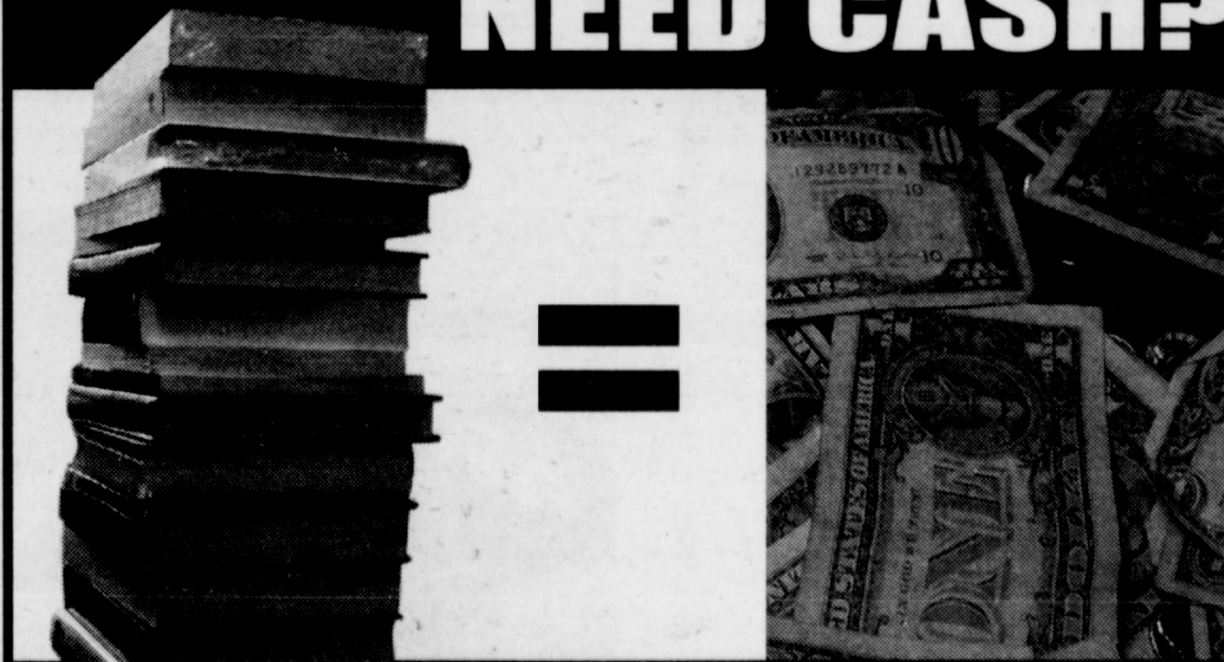
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Sounds of the Season

ROCK OUT!

It's that time of year again; Summer concerts pack in big names for even bigger shows

By Allison Terry

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

As the anticipation of summer builds up and views of the quarter's end become clearer, the long-awaited summer concert tours are almost a reality. The warm weather sets the perfect tone for the ultimate outdoor concert experience.

From metal to punk to pop and all the slamming guitar riffs in between, this summer has a firm foundation for musical magic. Here's a highlight of the biggest tours.

Van's Warped Tour

All the young punks are coming out to play this summer. A.F.I., The Ataris, Dropkick Murphys, Less Than Jake, Me First and the Gimme Gimmes, Pennywise, Rancid, Simple Plan, The Used and Yellowcard are among the gathering of more than 50 punk bands set to rock the mosh pit at this year's Warped Tour.

"It is the best show to go see all summer," said computer science sophomore Shane Niebergall. "The multiple stages and awesome bands create a craziness that lasts all day."

California dates are scheduled between

July 8 and 13, with tickets costing roughly \$27. www.warpedtour.com

Lollapalooza

After a six-year hiatus, the Lollapalooza festival will explode onto the main circuit this summer with renewed passion. Perry Farrell, front man for Jane's Addiction, organized the first Lollapalooza in 1991, and the tour continued through 1997. A conglomeration of this year's premium alternative rock bands, Lollapalooza will be anything but disappointing.

Jane's Addiction leads a squad that includes Audioslave, Incubus, Queens of the Stone Age, Jurassic 5, A Perfect Circle, The Donnas, The Distillers and Cold.

Non-profit organizations will advocate causes such as environmental conservation and children's programs as part of the festival's "World of Just BeCauses," according to the festival's Web site.

The tour hits California in mid-August. Ticket prices range from \$50 to \$70. www.lollapalooza.com

Ozzfest

All heavy metal fans be prepared to rock out hardcore with Ozzy Osbourne and his rock companions. Marilyn Manson, Korn, Disturbed, Chevelle and The Datsuns will rage alongside Ozzy during the eighth-annual Ozzfest.

According to its Web site, Ozzfest started in 1996 and is currently "the only tour that matters." With three California stops, ticket prices range from \$50 to more than \$100. www.ozzfest.com

Summer Sanitarium

With rock mayhem almost equal to Ozzfest, the Summer Sanitarium tour also screams out for the heavy metal fans. The tour includes Metallica, Limp Bizkit, Linkin Park, Deftones and Mudvayne. Only two California stops are scheduled for this tour: Los Angeles on August 9 and San Francisco on August 10. Tickets cost about \$55 to \$75. www.metallica.com

The Justified and Stripped Tour

In the actualization of every 12-year-old girl's fantasy, Justin Timberlake and Christina Aguilera will hit the major arenas this summer for a non-stop pop tour. Whether you are going to see the show out of

sincere respect for the artists or love for your little sister, be prepared for a spectacle of stage pizzazz and thousands of sobbing teenagers. The going rate for tickets is \$40 to \$70 for the five California shows.

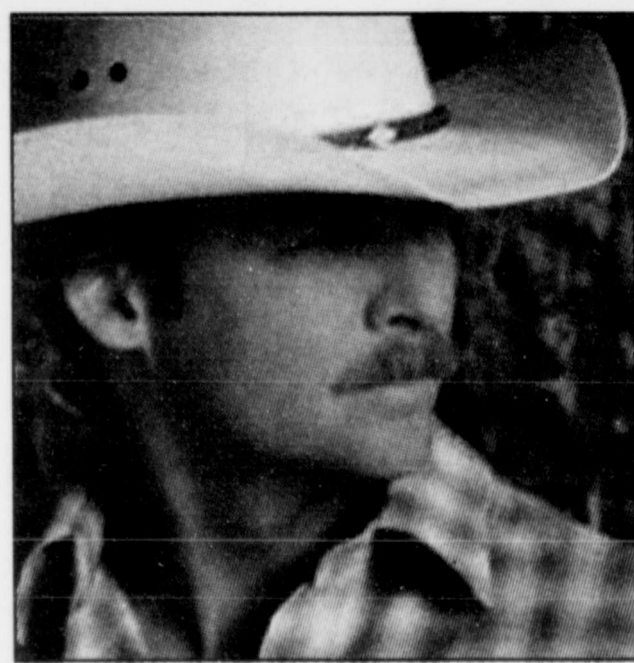
Jack Johnson and Ben Harper

Teaming up for the chilliest concert of the summer, Johnson and Harper hit home with the laid-back crowd.

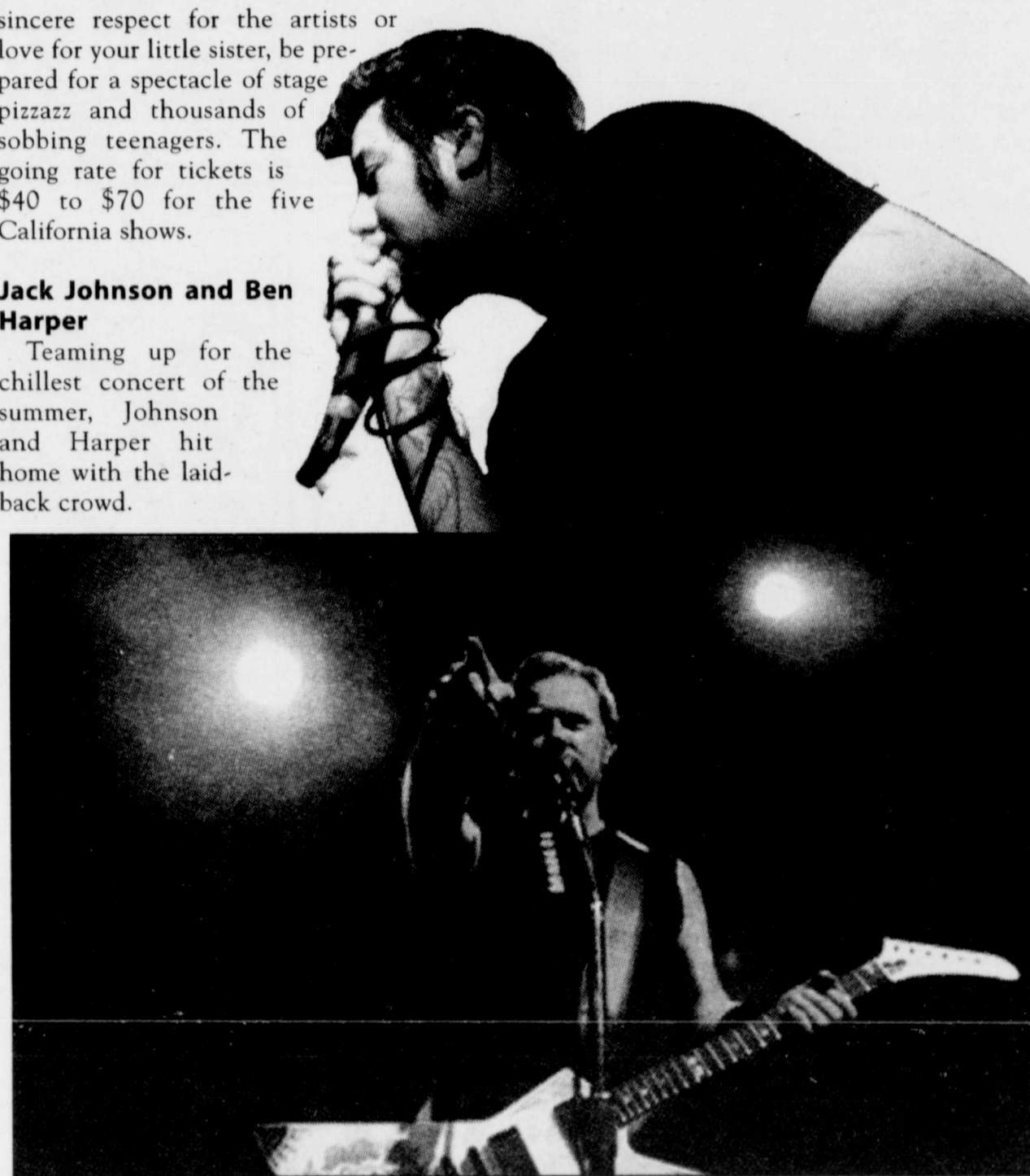


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Concert-goers looking for the more laid-back, acoustic sounds will enjoy the team of Ben Harper and Jack Johnson (above) this summer. Locals can take in the country vibe of Alan Jackson (below) at the Mid-State Fair.



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Deftones front man Chino Moreno (top) will share the stage with the likes of Mudvayne, Limp Bizkit, Linkin Park and James Hetfield's Metallica (above) on the second installment of the Summer Sanitarium Tour. This outing will be the surefire hard rock rival for Ozzy Osbourne's (below) eponymous trek, Ozzfest.

"The music of Jack Johnson and Ben Harper is the kind that makes you want to take a frickin' road trip and sing at the top of your lungs," said social science sophomore Dana Mattson.

Both promoting their spring album releases, the down-to-earth musicians will perform eight shows in California. Tickets cost \$37. www.benharper.net

Mid-State Fair

Paso Robles is the only place to see shows ranging from Bob Dylan to O-Town. Toby Keith, Steely Dan, Peter Frampton and Creedence Clearwater Revisited, Kenny Chesney, Alan Jackson, Aaron Carter and Kenny Loggins also add to the unique blend of stage entertainment scheduled for this year's California Mid-State Fair.

Beginning in 1946, the fair added main stage musical entertainment in 1969 with Buck Owens. Since then, the fair has provided Central Coast residents with a venue for popular entertainers.

"Vines, Wines and Western Times" is the theme for this 12-day event which starts July

23 and running until August 3. The main concerts cost between \$23 and \$43. Don't forget to check out the carnival rides and agricultural contests. www.midstatefair.com

All tour dates and prices were collected from pollstar.com, ticketmaster.com and each tour's Web site.



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In Review

New 'Weird Al' opus better suited for true fans

By Michael Marquez

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

"Weird Al" Yankovic's latest release, "Poodle Hat," comes after a four-year break from his 1999 release "Running With Scissors." "Scissors" is hailed as Yankovic's strongest album with such hits as "Pretty Fly For A Rabbi," "My Baby's In Love With Eddie Vedder" and "It's All About The Pentiums."

Personally, I thought "Scissors" was the worst album I'd ever listened to way back in those high school days, but after listening to "Poodle Hat," this album takes the cake as one of the worst albums of all time. I was left disappointed from the initial song to the last song on the album. I kept a straight face through the entire album and there was nothing laugh-out-loud funny.

"Poodle Hat" is the same as every other Yankovic album, with half of the album consisting of parodies of MTV pop hits and half consisting of original songs.

Among the original songs, not one is worth listening to, but the worst of the worst are "Wanna B Ur Lovr" and "Why Does This Always Happen To Me?"

"Wanna B Ur Lovr" is done in a Prince style sexy voice and comes off really cheesy. Basically, it's just a bunch of really bad pick-up lines, as well as some off the wall comments. The song has no substance.

"Why Does This Always Happen to Me?" is Yankovic's tongue-in-cheek rant about natural disasters and fiery car crashes. He complains about a news bulletin that interrupts "The

Simpsons" television show to broadcast a report on an earthquake that killed 30,000 people in Peru and a car crash that killed a friend who still owed him \$5. The song is lame and not funny at all.

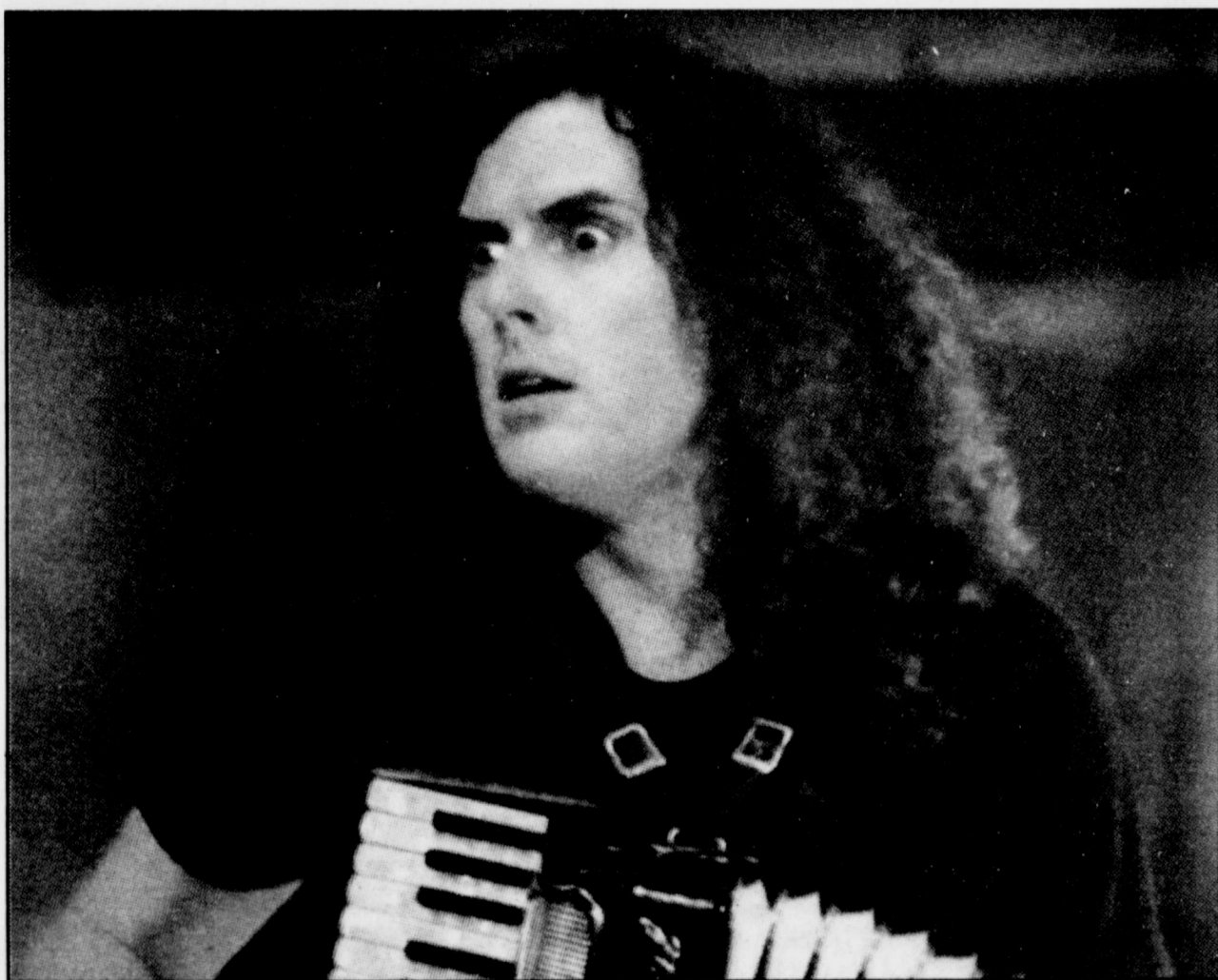
Yankovic's strength isn't coming up with original material, but doing parodies of current pop hits.

The parodies consist of such MTV artists as Eminem, Nelly, Avril Lavigne, Backstreet Boys and Billy Joel, as well as a polka medley that includes songs by Papa Roach, System Of A Down, The Vines, The Hives, The White Stripes, The Strokes, Disturbed, Rage Against The Machine, Limp Bizkit, Staind, Kid Rock, P.O.D. and Eminem.

The song "Couch Potato" is based on Eminem's "Lose Yourself" and was meant to be released as a single. No real laugh out loud moments or anything, but some catchy lines. The song is about a culture obsessed with television and sitting on couch all day watching television. Yankovic has done TV songs much better in the past, and one almost exactly the same in "Can't Watch This."

"Trash Day" is a parody of Nelly's "Hot In Herre" and is probably one of his worst songs ever. I almost couldn't get through the whole track. All attempts to listen to that song again have failed, as I just can't get through it without skipping it. Bad joke to begin with and it's just not pulled off at all.

"A Complicated Song" is a parody of Avril Lavigne's "Complicated" and is the best parody on the album. I wasn't expecting much out of this song, but it surprised me. None of the



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While assumingly well-intentioned, 'Weird Al' Yankovic's new album 'Poodle Hat' falls short of impressing anyone but the faithful fan.

verses really went along with each other, but the melody held up over the entire song. The second verse of this song is the best on the album.

Weird Al's albums are designed for the middle school scene and possibly all the way down

to second grade. College students should stay as far away from this album as possible.

Hardcore fans of Yankovic will probably enjoy the album anyway, but others will probably hope that it's another four years until they have to hear from him again.

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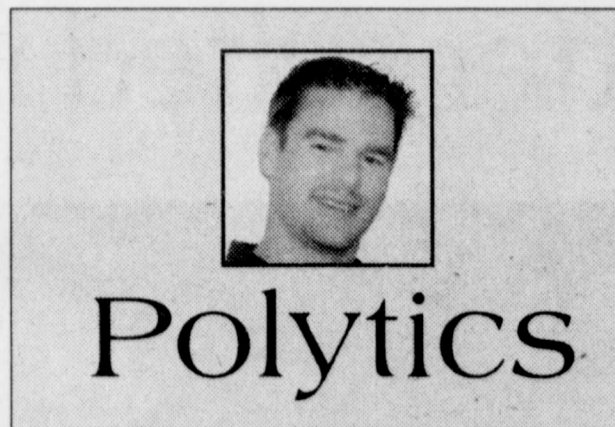
A columnist's farewell: Going out with a bang

Well, summer has arrived. The hills around campus are browning, the women on campus are wearing fewer clothes (by the way, please accept my heart-felt thank you for that) and alas, this is my last column for the year. While I am sure this concept has put a smile on a few of your faces, I assure you; it won't last. Over the course of this year I found that while some of you really like me, a legion of you really hate me, and you're not shy about that at all.

This year your humble columnist has received countless letters to the editor concerning his columns. While a few were letters of praise, many were letters of contempt. While a few were well thought out and well structured, many were blatant personal attacks. Fortunately for those in the latter category, my journalistic integrity prevented me from responding and crushing your frail little egos like Star Jones having sex with Clay Aiken. Unfortunately for you, I am not – I'm a political science major. You responded to me, now's my chance to respond to you. Since this is my last column for the year, the gloves are off: Game on.

"What's that, he's not enlisting ... Doesn't 'we' imply that John himself will be picking up a weapon and risking his life to defend Bush's 'noble war'? ... It's easy to say that 'we' are going to go over and punish Saddam and his A-RAB buddies, but before you open your mouth again, take a second to recognize that you're not involved at all."

Wow, I guess I'm wrong. Apparently civilians have no control over the military. That's why the people who decide when and



how we go to war are all in the military. You know, not some crazy thing like having elected officials like Congress declare war and the president being commander in chief. That would be crazy! Who would have a system like that? Oh, wait a minute. We would. But hey, if you want to live in a country where the military calls all the shots, I hear flights to Latin America and Africa are really cheap these days; I'm sure your dissent will be welcome there.

One person who didn't like me actually compared my support for Bush to a German supporting Hitler. "I salute Holbus. HEIL HOLBUS!"

Excuse me? Sprechen Sie Deutsches? I'm sorry; I don't speak German. I don't have to. You see, 50 years ago Americans rose up, killed a personification of evil and saved the world. Just like we did again this March.

"With eyes like an eagle, John has somehow been able to sift through the mounds of news and break it down into realistic terms ... I applaud John's use of ethnic stereotypes ... Like John, I am totally against liberal

hypocrisy and being PC. I am also against the refrigeration of food and widespread literacy."

Kudos on the use of sarcasm. Did you ever consider that I was being sarcastic too? You know, you commented on widespread literacy. Maybe you should go back to your sixth grade teacher and ask her why she never explained the concept of reading comprehension to you. Who knows? Maybe she didn't like you either.

"His (John's) writing is terrible. How the hell did he ever become a Mustang Daily columnist ... He should at least attempt to respect views that are different from him by not using his idiotic sarcasm ... Holbus clearly can't use sarcasm... So don't use it John ... The next time you write your column, write it without your idiotic sarcasm ... And Mr. Holbus, have you enlisted in the Army yet?"

I can't use sarcasm well? Really? Let's see if you can spot the sarcasm in the following. I really respect this argument, as it is well thought out and he obviously reflects the view of the entire campus. In fact, it is the very fact that I am such a poor writer that PBS, Gonzaga and College U-Wire rerun the work I do for the Mustang Daily. You know, because I'm a bad writer. And of course, the implication that you have to be in the military to comment on its use is simply a brilliant argument just as it was in previous letters.

Now we have come to the crème of the crop. I finally get to address one special writer. You know, I am willing to bet that this paragraph will bring a smile to anyone

Unfortunately for you, I am not a journalist – look down below by my name, I'm a political science major. You responded to me, now's my chance to respond to you.

who has ever had anything to do with the Daily. My dear, easily offended about everything letter writer. The man who has responded to virtually every one of my columns – believe it or not, you're my biggest fan! Come and see me, I would actually like to give you some money, because you desperately need to buy a sense of humor. I recommend the "Family Guy" DVD. The hysterical, witty, un-PC humor might just save your life. You see, with the amount of blood your bleeding heart has spilled on the pages of the Mustang Daily this past year you must be running a few pints low, and your heart probably needs a good jolt to keep pumping.

See buddy, I'm looking after you. I don't hold grudges, even though you flat-out called me a racist not once, not twice, but three times in a single letter. In fact, the only thing I care less about than your race is your opinion of me.

Have fun this summer folks. I'll be back ranting and raving next fall.

John Holbus is a political science junior and Mustang Daily columnist.

Letters to the editor

Time to bring back banana board?

Editor,

Hey Tommy, I'll make you a deal: The next time you get fined for riding your skateboard on campus, just give it up instead of paying your fine. Then I'll give you my old "NASH" board in exchange for telling me where you live that costs less than \$320 a month. The only time I've ever paid that little was by violating my lease and sacrificing luxuries such as drinkable tap water and clean roommates. Think about it, I think the Nash banana board is just waiting to make a comeback.

Patrick Hane is a social science senior who cracked out his front teeth on a skateboard in fifth grade.

Ideal of marriage is unchanging

Editor,

Since it is obvious that the recent liberals writing in never read Swanson's eloquent argument ("Commentary used a flawed argument," May 20), let me restate it.

The rightness of marriage is either a social construct, or an absolute. If it is a construct then you have no power to decry our practice of marriage only between man and woman. If you say that everything is relative and then make an absolute claim that you are right, that is like sawing off the limb you are sitting on. If, however, the rightness of marriage is an absolute, like the immorality of adultery, then certain rules are in order. Homosexual marriage violates one of these rules.

In his letter ("Why isn't marriage just another tradition?," May 29) Fraga makes this wonderful claim that since marriage has seen such things as kings having sex with other men's brides, marriage is a social construct. Allow me to apply this. Since people kill each other, it is obvious that murder is just a relative idea. Oh! Since some people steal from the helpless, it's obvious that stealing is but an ancient puritanical notion, now defunct.

Just because people violated the rightness of marriage in the past is no reason that we should. Because brides were once sold is no excuse for us to engage in destructive behavior now.

Fraga, the ideal of marriage is unchanging, just like the ideal behavior for anything else. Whatever you have against good behavior is pathetic. It seems that you have yet to even understand a simple-minded thing as morality.

Philip Comer is an electrical engineering senior.

Government's Iraqi weapons claims misleading

Editor,

The true face of American occupation in Iraq is starting to show itself. American soldiers murdered three teenagers at a wedding celebration on May 28. Their crime? Engaging in the Iraqi tradition of firing weapons in the air at a celebration. Soldiers were also chased completely out of an Iraqi town called Hit, west of Baghdad. Residents were upset at the house-to-house searches that were going on, and they rioted. Soldiers have not returned to the city.

Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld now admits the possibility that weapons of mass destruction may never be found in Iraq. In England, members of Parliament are raking Tony Blair over the coals, threatening to have him investigated for misleading them.

Iraqis are already resisting the occupation. The world is outraged that America's argument on illegal weapons in Iraq is ringing hollow.

The United States is under more danger from terrorist attack than it was before the war. Is this what you wanted when you supported the war? There are no celebrations in the streets of Iraq for the U.S. soldiers. Iraqi civilians are cowering in their homes, fearful they will be shot in the street for violating curfew.

The United States has not brought peace to Iraq. I fear that

in the days ahead, desperate Iraqis will engage in violent efforts to resist. Let us hope that they do not stoop to the violence that has been visited upon them by the United States. And let us fight for their rights to live as dignified, peaceful human beings.

Clayton Whitt is a social science junior.

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Commencement speakers inspire grads-to-be

I, like hundreds of other Poly students, anxiously wait for the day to sit uncomfortably in industrial chairs to hear almost two hours worth of "influential" speakers at graduation. Thoughts will stream through my head of good times, aspirations and curiosity about what I'm listening to.

On Saturday, June 14, Cal Poly will present Osborne Earl "Ozzie" Smith, known in baseball as "The Wizard" for revolutionizing defensive play at shortstop. He graduated from Cal Poly (1977) and then moved on to the field for the San Diego Padres (1978-1981) and the St. Louis Cardinals (1982-1996). "Ozzie" Smith, the sole inductee in 2002 to the Baseball Hall of Fame, will be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by Cal Poly at the afternoon commencement. This will be only the 10th time an honorary doctorate has been granted by the university since Cal Poly's founding in 1901.

The names of honorary degree recipients in the California State University system are submitted through the campus president's office, in consultation with a designated committee of the Academic Senate. Recommended names are sent to the CSU chancellor, who forwards them to the Board of Trustees for consideration and final determination.

Cal Poly faced a big disappointment after last year's graduation speaker. The joy of the ceremony was lost last spring because of a lively conversation about business terrorism. Smith at least offers a customary sense of optimism at the graduation because of his Cal Poly degree and well-deserved achievements. The morbid topic of last year's speech actually caused boos from the audience. Cal Poly spring graduates are lucky enough to have someone coming to the ceremony who will not painfully point out the dismal outlook of the job market.

Other California schools hope to offer their graduating students with a few positive points before they step toward professional careers. University of California, Berkeley offered this year's spring graduates an array of speakers at the ceremony. Four students, one faculty and one keynote speaker were nominated to give a speech. The keynote speaker was Jim Gray from Microsoft. Gray is a specialist in database and transaction processing computer systems. He holds doctorates from Berkeley and Stuttgart, is a Member of the National Academy of Engineering, American Academy of Arts and Science and the National Academy of Science, a Fellow of the ACM and editor of the Morgan Kaufmann series on Data Management. He has been a McKay Fellow at UC Berkeley. His credentials seem endless, but he demonstrates to students that there is a chance of prosperity that comes from attaining a degree from UC Berkeley (No big surprise there).

Chico State University, like Cal Poly, awarded honorary doctorates at its 2003 commencement, to business leaders and philanthropists Steve Nettleton and Judy Sitton. Nettleton is perhaps best known for his tenure as president of the Chico Heat baseball club, and along with his wife, Kathy, built a \$2.5 million baseball stadium and gifted it to Chico State. Sitton earned her bachelor's and teaching credential from Chico State and did master's work at the University of Alberta, Edmonton. Sitton and Nettleton both sit on the University Advisory Board. Chico again had the approach of using people that have really made a remarkable effect on the school. Each keynote speaker at the Chico ceremony shows how people formerly involved academically with the school later become valuable tools for the community.

Peter Yarrow of the legendary folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary spoke for San Francisco State University's commencement. Yarrow is a long-time activist of the homeless, peace, human rights and education. SFSU's president commented that Peter Yarrow has been chosen to hopefully strengthen the values of the students. Yarrow also received an honorary degree; his degree will be a doctor of fine arts.

Annually, universities provide graduating students with alumni, respected community members or famous political peace activists to show as examples of "this could be you." California universities, including Cal Poly, attempt to reveal the power of a degree through their speakers. The ceremonies may often be long and boring, but they will forever show us that there is so much we can do with a diploma.

So, as the traditional black caps fly up this year and thoughts down in and out from the topic of the Smith speech, remember that he, like many others, offers each student the hope that he or she can aim for something better.

Samantha Weeks is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

PETA serves a purpose

"They call him Flipper, Flipper, faster than lightning. No one you see is smarter than he. And we know Flipper lives in a world full of wonder. Flying there under, under the sea."

Most of us have been inundated with these images of powerful and kind animals that will do anything to protect their human friends. Although animals' love for the human race seems to be unflinching, somehow we are not always able to return their affection.

Americans are simultaneously filling children's heads of the wonderful Flipper and ruthlessly killing dolphins in nets designed to catch tuna. This seems pretty contradictory.

In order to combat the millions of ruthless acts of animal cruelty that go on globally,

Commentary

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) – was founded in 1980. Working from Norfolk, Va., PETA works under the idea that animals are not ours to use for food, clothing, experimentation or entertainment. With more than 750,000 members, PETA is the largest animal rights organization in the world. With its size it has been able to protect the lives of many animals, including closing the largest horse slaughterhouse in the nation and stopping the use of cats and dogs in wound laboratories.

The organization is currently hard at work combating cases all over the world and helping to inform the public of what is going on behind closed doors. Although many people are unaware or

see this organization as too radical, there have been millions of animals saved through the works of PETA.

In May 2002, workers at Puerto Rico's largest poultry company were caught on tape using pipes and rods to beat birds to death after attempting to wring their necks in order to kill unwanted chickens.

In some of Indiana's humane societies, piling cats and dogs set for euthanasia into feces-infested crates, which are then pumped full of nitrous oxide, has become common practice. This gas is not regulated to be used solely for euthanasia, as it causes extreme discomfort before causing cardiac arrest in the animals.

Along with fighting these acts of cruelty, PETA has informed the public on benefits of being a vegetarian, not wearing leather or fur and not endorsing companies that test products on animals.

Although it's criticized conservatives, PETA has accomplished so much in its 23 years. Not only for the animals whose lives were directly saved by this organization, but also for the many more that will be saved through the public's knowledge.

PETA has also attacked mass corporations for their mistreatment of animals, most notably PetCo and Proctor and Gamble. These companies are exploiting animals in order to make a quick buck. PetCo allows animals to

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We choose to do these things out of ignorance and apathy. Why are humans deemed the right to abuse animals the way that we do?

live in filthy enclosures and are commonly left to die, and Proctor and Gamble tests its many products unnecessarily on animals.

Unfortunately, regardless of the news, Americans are continuing to ignore the information and feed more of their dollars into these companies. It is time to do something. PETA has started; we need to finish. Animals cannot stand up for themselves, which is why it is absolutely necessary that we stop the mistreatment of innocent animals.

It is not necessary to wear a new leather coat. It is not necessary to use cosmetic products tested on animals. We choose to do these things out of ignorance and apathy. Why are humans deemed the right to abuse animals the way we do? Sadly, it is because we can. Heed the words of PETA and let's try to make this world a good place for ever creature.

Look again at Flipper, who consistently saved his boy's life. Look him in the eyes and tell him that we have to kill him for the nearby tuna.

Do it, I dare you.

Randi Block is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

More letters to the editor

Rules aren't necessarily right

Editor,

I'm responding to Dan Weiss's assertion that everyone just needs to obey the laws on campus ("Tickets are individual's fault, not UPD," May 28). If you don't see right and wrong in terms of rules, then it doesn't work. It is true that everyone on campus has an idea as to what is right and what is wrong, but the rules on campus don't determine right and wrong. None of the student body had any influence on the rules that govern us. No one I know had any choice.

Basically, the rules are imposed from above. They don't exist for our good, they exist because they exist and anyone with the power to change them is too afraid to. You can't skateboard on campus or bike most places because someone is scared. They're afraid that if they change it someone will be injured and they'll be accused. That doesn't make campus rules right, it only makes them enforced. The rules will only be a reflection of right when the students are allowed to vote to alter them.

When the rules reflect the way the majority of the student body feels, they will be closer to right. Until then they are right to some and harassment to many. People are resentful toward campus police because they don't see any righteousness in the rules being enforced upon them. Frankly it's unfair to cops to give them the thankless job of enforcing laws that few agree with. People disobeying campus rules isn't an issue of being able to get away or cops being mean; the root of the problem is in the rules imposed upon us.

James Medina is a business senior.

UU urinal a must-see

Editor,

If you're of the male gender and you haven't yet had the privilege to visit the rightmost urinal in the downstairs University Union restroom, you're really missing out. Most urinals are built with a flat back, which inevitably leads to the splattering of one's shorts or pants (worse yet if you're wearing khakis). Yeah, you know

what I'm talking about.

Well, the UU urinal which I'm referring to has an ANGLED back, so that no matter at which angle you decide to angle the stream, it faithfully directs the pee to the middle of the urinal and straight down to the drain, instead of splashing onto your pants. No longer do you have to say, "Yeah, I got a little water splashed on my pants while I was washing my hands," or any other excuse. And the main reason you're washing your hands anyway is because of the "splatterage."

So if you see me walking around campus and my khakis have little polka dots, you can say, "Ken, you should have used the rightmost urinal downstairs in the UU." And I'll likely respond, "Yeah, you're probably right."

Ken Kienow is a mathematics junior.

Union arguments don't make sense

Editor,

In Joshua Kob's letter ("Embracing same-sex marriages promotes equality," May 23) he stated, "... anyone with half a brain knows the difference between a homosexual relationship and one with your dog." Now for the sake of discussion, I would like Joshua, or someone who agrees with his statement, to please humor me and explain the moral differences between the two. Why is one right and the other wrong?

Also, in Justin Fraga's letter ("Why isn't marriage just another tradition?" May 29) Justin claims Michael Swanson was being "preposterous" for pointing out a slippery slope. Michael claimed that legalizing gay marriages could lead to the legalization of incestual and bestial unions. Why is that preposterous? I would like someone to explain what line exists that makes homosexuality OK whereas bestiality is considered a perversion. I do not hate gays; I simply want to understand if there can be a moral argument made that permits it while at the same time not permitting bestiality or incest.

I claim that there is not. Prove me wrong.

Chris McGlone is a mechanical engineering junior.

Colleges nationwide debate constitutionality of speech codes

By Jennifer Bear

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(U-WIRE) — At colleges across the nation, the effort to strike a balance between protecting free speech and ensuring that campus members are protected from verbal harassment has become a difficult juggling act, and members of the University of Oregon community are at odds on how to resolve the issue.

Locally, the conflict between free speech versus protecting students from potentially hateful language has focused on inflammatory commentary, such as university student Vincent Martorano's guest commentary, "Homosexual men should hide their disgusting acts," published in the Emerald earlier this month. But the national debate about the constitutionality of university policies governing student conduct has also become razor sharp as a result of a recent lawsuit against Shippensburg University.

The lawsuit is the first of several

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Greg Luckianoff

Director of FIRE's legal and public advocacy

planned by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, a national advocacy group for free speech on college campuses. FIRE plans to bring suit against public colleges in all 12 federal appellate circuits in order to free university students from what they call "oppressive" student conduct policies that infringe on students' free speech rights.

Greg Luckianoff, director of legal and public advocacy for FIRE, said student-conduct policies illegally limit freedom of speech and persecute students who hold unpopular opinions that stray from the path of political correctness.

"Students have a tiny fraction of the free speech rights enjoyed by the larger society," Luckianoff said.

He added that FIRE has been flooded with student complaints about abuses of their First Amendment rights, and rather than addressing the issue on a case by case basis, FIRE decided to go after the problem systemically. Luckianoff said FIRE's goal in filing lawsuits against universities in every federal appellate circuit is to rid the country of college student conduct policies, e-mail policies, sexual harassment policies, diversity statements and all other policies that the organization believes amount to no more than speech codes.

"It doesn't have to be called a speech code to be a speech code," Luckianoff said.

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"If you know where you are, you can use that to look at the orientation of the spacecraft," said aerospace engineering professor Jordi Puig-Suari, Schaffner's adviser for the competition and PolySat project director.

The project is comprised of a core group of about 20 people, but Schaffner saw CP1 from start to finish. He was the satellite's project manager and in charge of the overall electrical design, often putting in 25 to 30 hours per week during the project's two-plus year development.

His active role in bringing the CP1 to life was the main reason he won the competition.

"What set me apart was the unique approach," Schaffner said. "I wasn't just discussing research that had already been done. I wasn't just tagging along on a larger research team. I was actually in the front lines, trying to develop the project and put a lot of original ideas into the design."

CP1 is a cube that measures about 4 inches on a side and weighs about 2 pounds. What other universities had done when designing a CubeSat was look at a satellite "the size of a school bus" and try to shrink that design to fit inside a CubeSat size box, Schaffner said.

"We realized early on that it didn't make sense to take that approach," he said. "Instead we designed it from the ground up, understanding that our problem was different from the problem that conventional satellite designers face."

Although he's the heart and soul of the CP1 project, Schaffner initially worked on a satellite at Cuesta College. In fact, he started working with PolySat before he started at Cal Poly.

"We liked his work so much that we actually kind of stole him from Cuesta and put him to work with our electronics team over here," Puig-Suari said.

In addition to Schaffner, Cal Poly also sent Murillo and Ashlee Steward to Stanislaus. Murillo, a graduate student in dairy products technology and food science lecturer, presented

his study of the microbial ecology in milk powder manufacture. He said his research was important because it's a direct application to the food industry in that he is learning ways to improve the quality of milk powder, making it safer for such food products as pancake mix, desserts, chips and infant formulas.

Steward, meanwhile, took part in the humanities and letters section of the competition. The English senior conducted her research on gender stereotypes in advertising.

She originally began the project in her ENGL 495 class, Topics in Applied Language Study, and it later became the focus of her senior project before she reduced her research into five pages and submitted it for the competition. She said she would have attacked the project differently if she

knew at the beginning she would compete in the CSU Student Research Competition.

"It kind of makes me wish that I had another year to go back and if not revise this project, start a new one and go at it a different way," she said.

Steward said she wasn't disappointed in the fact that she didn't win the research contest. Instead, she was inspired.

"They always say everyone's a winner and I really think that was true for this competition," she said.

"No matter what you're interested in," she continued, "no matter what your passion is, if you really learn about it as much as you possibly can and research it and develop your own ideas, then you can create a viable, interesting project and possibly contribute to the academic world."

Study: Drug testing ineffective

By James Koivunen

MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

(U-WIRE) — University of Michigan researchers have concluded that drug tests given in secondary schools nationwide do not deter student drug use.

A study done by the Institute for Social Research revealed that recreational drugs such as marijuana are used as often in testing schools as non-testing schools.

"It suggests that there really isn't an impact from testing as practiced," said Lloyd Johnston, a researcher from the ISR.

The study, conducted from 1998 to 2001, was combined with a follow-up study in 2002 that produced identical results. Researchers focused on student athletes, the second most commonly tested group of students behind problem students.

Drug deterrence via drug testing is a policy that 19 percent of schools practice. Ann Arbor, Mich.-area high schools, such as Pioneer, are among the 81 percent that do not require their students, even their athletes, to submit to testing.

Pioneer's Athletic Director Lorin Cartwright said her department has never considered testing their athletes. "(Recreational drugs) are a concern among the


general student population." She added, "What we do find is that kids who participate in athletics are less likely to use those substances because they are not performance-enhancing types of drugs."

Cartwright and the PHS athletic department get help from coaches, as well as the athletes themselves in controlling drug use. "It's respect between the players and yourself and your coach — trust," PHS junior and women's soccer player Maria Porta said.

"There is definitely a lot of drug use in high school. If you do it, then you'll get kicked off the team," she added.

Teammate and PHS freshman Christie Zelnick said, "With the athletes, as far as the soccer players, it's not a problem at all. As far as drugs like marijuana, no one really does that, especially during the season."

Team unity as a drug deterrent is a universal sentiment on Pioneer's campus, senior and men's tennis captain John Seyferth said. "I think that in general the only way (recreational drug use) is going to be policed is through your teammates, and what's going on there in terms of leadership. That will be the true deterrent, not the parents, not the coach."

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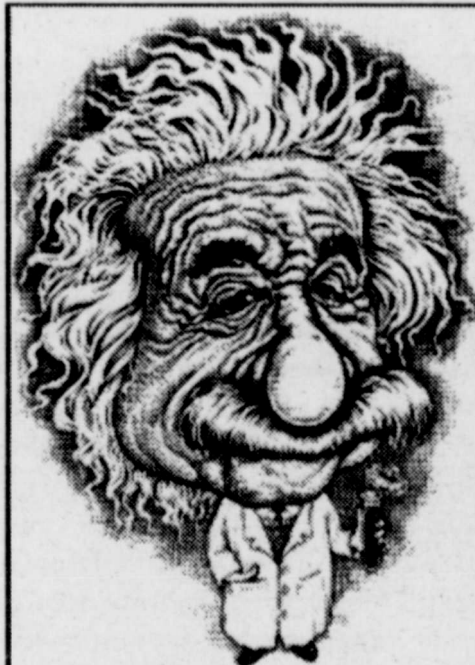
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Performance-enhancing drugs

FDA issues ephedra warning

► Food and Drug Administration now requires warning labels in wake of Orioles pitcher's death

By Erin Saylor
MICHIGAN DAILY (U-WIRE)

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Labels indicating risks of heart attacks, seizures or death will now be required for all products containing the herbal supplement ephedra, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has announced.

The decision follows the death of Baltimore Orioles prospective pitcher Steve Bechler on Feb. 17 that was linked to the use of a supplement containing ephedra. Major League Baseball decided this week to ban ephedra use in its minor league divisions in light of his

death.

The National Football League, the International Olympic Committee and the National Collegiate Athletics Association already prohibit the use of ephedra.

"We want to caution all Americans — particularly athletes and those who engage in strenuous activities — about using dietary supplements that contain ephedra," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson in a written statement. "There continues to be serious questions about the risks surrounding this particular dietary supplement."

Ephedra as an herbal supplement is often found in many over-the-counter products designed to help lose weight, enhance sports performance and increase energy.

The FDA said there was an increased risk for users of ephedra who are under the age of 18,

exercise frequently or use caffeine or other stimulants. They added that health problems were not only limited to those who had extended use of ephedra — indicating it could cause problems with first-time users.

A recent study released by RAND Corp., a government-funded think tank, shows that using ephedra can lead to higher risks of heart palpitations, tremors and insomnia. The FDA said the RAND report also finds only limited evidence of the health benefits of the herbal supplement.

A study released last week reviewed more than 16,000 adverse events reports involving ephedra, including two deaths, four heart attacks, nine strokes, one seizure and five psychiatric cases, said American Medical Association Trustee Ron Davis in a written statement.

The warning label will "lay the legal groundwork needed for further regulatory restrictions," FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan said in a written statement.

Under the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994, the FDA does not review dietary supplements for safety and efficacy before they go on the market. But they reserve the power to take the drug off the market if it presents a significant risk.

The FDA regulates synthetic ephedrine found in some prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs such as nasal decongestants. It is the same substance as the active ingredient in ephedra, but the FDA said synthetic ephedrine has proven benefits and carries mandatory warning labels and has not been shown to have the same severe side effects as the ephedra herbal supplement.

HIKING

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water. It is also a good idea to know what poison oak looks like before setting out to help avoid it on the trail.

Reservoir Canyon Natural Reserve

Take Highway 101 North to Reservoir Canyon Road. The trail entrance is at the end of the road on the right-hand side.

This trail is really flat and perfect for the beginning hiker. For the average hiker, the trail takes an hour round trip. While hiking you may come across a reservoir that the city once used. It was abandoned years ago, Bennett said. Another attraction is a 10-foot waterfall at the beginning of the trail. This is Bennett's favorite trail to hike on.

"It is more secluded and not as popular as the other trails," he said. "It is more quiet and you get to enjoy nature with less human disturbances."

Cerro San Luis Natural Reserve

The only public access to this

"You are looking across at the city, not down at it. It is a pretty cool view."

Joe Bennett, forestry senior
On Cerro San Luis Reserve

reserve is to take 101 South and exit at Marsh Street. Take the first left onto Fernandez Road. From there you will see the parking lot and trail head.

Never heard of Cerro San Luis before? That might be because people usually call it the Madonna Peak

trail. This trail is not as steep as Bishop Peak, making it a good choice for intermediate hikers.

The 45-minute loop known as the Lemon Grove Loop takes hikers just below the letter "M" on the mountainside. If you look for them, hikers may see the three remaining trees from an old lemon grove, Bennett said. Out of all three trails mentioned in this article, the Lemon Grove Loop is the only trail that allows bike access.

Since this trail doesn't take hikers very high up, it provides a unique view.

"You are looking across at the city, not down at it," Bennett said. "It is a pretty cool view."

Bishop Peak Natural Reserve

Get there by taking Foothill Boulevard to Patricia Drive. The entrance is on the left just past

Patricia Court. Another way is to take Santa Rosa Street and make a left on Highland Drive. The entrance will be at the top of Highland Drive. Many people mistakenly take the

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Joe Bennett, forestry senior
On Bishop Peak

entrance at the bottom of Foothill Avenue. This land is privately owned and using it is trespassing.

This trail is for the intermediate to advanced hiker. There are also rock climbing and bouldering walls for the

experienced climber. The total travel time from top to bottom for the average hiker is around an hour and a half to two hours. The view from the top on a clear day can be breathtaking.

"You can see most of the city from the top," Bennett said. "On a really clear day you can see Pismo Beach and Morro Bay."

Mechanical engineering senior Rachel Osofsky enjoys hiking and has hiked up Bishop Peak in the past.

"What's cool is you can see everything from the top, I can even see my house," Osofsky said. "It's good to go in early spring because it's not too hot and it's really green. I've also heard it's good at sunrise and sunset."

So whether you are hiking for relaxation, recreation or contemplation, the trails of San Luis Obispo will lead you in the right direction.

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Yoga in San Luis Obispo

Centers offer peace of mind

By Lauren Chase

MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

Walking out of her fourth yoga class of the week and sporting soccer shorts and a Cal Poly women's lacrosse T-shirt, most people wouldn't peg kinesiology junior Liz Meija as your typical "yogi."

"As an athlete, I feel I have learned a lot about myself through yoga," Meija said. "I know my limits and now know how to push harder on the field."

Although Meija just recently incorporated yoga into her life, it has drastically improved her overall balance and flexibility, which worked toward improving her game on the lacrosse field.

She joins an impressive list of professional athletes and celebrities such as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Randall Cunningham, Dan Marino, Sting and Madonna, all of whom include yoga in their fitness regimen.

"One of yoga's biggest misconceptions is it has this kind of new-age

hippie persona, but if you can give it a try you will see it's really beneficial," said Jerry James, a San Luis Obispo resident who started doing yoga several months ago. "There is a reason why it's been around for thousands of years."

Yoga is one of six classic systems of Hindu philosophy whose roots date back 5,000 years. The foremost varieties of yoga include Bhakti yoga (Yoga of Devotion), Karma yoga (Yoga of duty or action), Jnana yoga (Yoga of knowledge) and Hatha yoga (Yoga of bodily practices).

But Meija's favorite type of yoga is a part of the newest rage: Bikram's yoga, more commonly known as hot yoga.

"It's unlike anything you've ever tried before," Meija said.

What sets Bikram yoga apart from traditional Hatha yoga is that the recommended temperature is 105 degrees with about 60 percent humidity.

A combination of sweat flying,

bodies dripping, hearts racing and muscles stretching is about what is to be expected when one enters the room, Meija said.

"When you first walk in, the heat definitely hits you and it's something you're not used to," she said. "But after being in there for 90 minutes, you get used to it."

According to his Web site, Bikram Choudhury, who has been teaching yoga for nearly three decades, designed Bikram's Beginning Yoga "to scientifically warm and stretch muscles, ligaments and tendons in the order in which they should be stretched."

Yoga makes the exerciser more flexible, gives balance and cleans toxins out of your body, James said.

"It makes you feel really good," he said.

James said he has experienced a

multitude of benefits since he started yoga.

"It's really helped my surfing," he said. "It centers you so you feel more stable. As a side-benefit, you will end up paying more attention to your diet and you end up really losing weight, too."

Bikram proclaims on his Web site "Come every day for the next three months and I will give you a new body, a new life!"

Clyde Washington, a yoga student for nearly three years and a yoga teacher for more than a year, has not only reaped the benefits from attending the classes, but he has seen the changes in others as well.

"Doing yoga has gotten me in better shape," he said. "But the greatest thing about teaching is watching people's bodies change as they come back day after day. It's great to see the things they conquer when they keep coming back."

The biggest challenge is for individuals to be with themselves and

block out others in the room and the "noise" in their heads, Washington said.

"Yoga is probably the quickest connection you can get between your mind and body that I've seen," he said. "By working on your body first, your mind tends to calm down. It makes you more grounded because your mind gets quieter as you do yoga more and more."

But don't come to yoga class thinking it's going to be a walk in the park, Washington said.

"It's probably the hardest workout you'll ever do, but it can be done," he said.

Bikram's Yoga is in The Creamery at 570 Higuera St., Suite 200. An unlimited monthly pass for students under 23 years old can be purchased for \$50 per month.

Traditional Hatha yoga classes can be taken at The Yoga Center at 1880 Santa Barbara St. or at The Yoga Way at 2074 Parker St.

Cal Poly's Staci Davison and Zachary King

Mustang golfers found love on the links

► Two of the school's best golfers set to get married in August

By Olga Berdial

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

On a sunny fall afternoon, sitting in a golf cart and relaxing on the fifth tee of a golf course might feel like a picture-perfect moment. Yet no matter how beautiful a golf course might be, it's probably not where most women dream of being proposed to.

But for Staci Davison, a 21-year-old senior on the women's golf team, an offer of marriage on the green was just par for the course.

Davison and her then-boyfriend Zachary King, a 20-year-old junior on the men's golf team, were taking a few swings before work at the Hunter Ranch Golf Course when he surprised her with a ring.

"We were talking, and I had my

head turned," said Davison, a child development major. "I turned my head back and Zack was there with the ring and said 'Staci, will you marry me?' and I said, 'Yes, of course.'"

For friends of the couple, which has known each other for more than three years, the locale of the proposal came as no big surprise: They met while practicing their golf swings with former women's team member Ann Marie Costello, and the trio played golf together often, King said.

As Davison and King began to know each other better, however, they wanted more time for themselves, said Costello, now a professional golfer.

"Staci, Zack and I all started practicing together, but eventually they started practicing more by themselves," Costello said.

For King, a recreation administration major, the relationship just natu-

rally progressed from a friendship.

"We hung out after practices whenever we could and even cooked each other dinner," King said. "It was a lot of fun."

Since the two would practice and spend so much time together, eventually other teammates noticed the blossoming romance, Costello said.

"I remember not knowing if I should ask, but when I finally did it was really cute because they started opening up about it," Costello said.

In fact, between practicing, working and going to school, the couple managed to spend time with each other every day, they said.

"We found that we would talk for hours at a time, night after night, and eventually the relationship grew," King said.

Once the two were officially a couple, their relationship moved rather fast, said business junior Alex Brug, King's roommate.

"It just sort of came together and moved very quickly," Brug said. Despite the fact that the two devote much of their time to each other, it hasn't hurt their golf game, King said.

"We both understand the commitment it takes to play at the level that we do, so we can really support each other," he said. "Right now I feel more confident in my abilities to help our team succeed than when I was single."

Brug, who has known King since they were in the sixth grade, believes that the relationship has also sparked King to be more open with his feelings.

"He's changed a lot," Brug said. "He's much more outgoing and his personality has shown through more. He laughs more too."

Scott Cartwright, the head coach of the men's golf team, also sees the romance as beneficial for the pair.

"Zack's pretty quiet, and Staci's a

little more outgoing," Cartwright said. "It's been good for both of them. It's a very exciting time for them."

Costello agreed that the pair is a perfect match.

"They get along like they're married already," Costello said. "Their personalities perfectly compliment each other."

Despite their young age, Brug deeply supports the couple's decision to marry.

"If you find the right person, and you're ready for that commitment, then you want to get married as soon as possible," Brug said.

Davison and King might be anxious to be the first golf pair to wed.

"I think it's the first golf marriage," Costello said. "It would be funny to see if there's more to the story."

Davison and King are preparing to get married in August. Both are planning on returning to Cal Poly and graduating in the spring of 2004.

Happy trails

Taking a hike, Central Coast-style

By Andrea Svoboda

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Take a hike!

No really. San Luis Obispo has numerous trails for people of all hiking abilities.

Forestry senior Joe Bennett is a park ranger for the City of San Luis Obispo. He does trail maintenance and also supervises community service and volunteer workdays. Bennett also patrols all the city parks and open spaces.

"It's good to go in early spring because it's not too hot and it's really green. I've also heard it's good at sunrise and sunset."

Rachel Osofsky, mechanical engineering senior
On Bishop Peak

For an enjoyable hike it is important to remember to use trail etiquette for safety reasons. Mainly respect other hikers and respect nature, Bennett said.

Trail etiquette, according to Bennett, is as follows:

1. Stay on the designated trail; do not make shortcuts.
2. Keep all dogs on a leash.

3. Please pick up after your dog.
4. Do not trespass on private lands.
5. Do not harass wildlife or livestock.

Although they may not be physically blocked off, remember that all open spaces are open from dawn to dusk. Be sure to plan ahead: Take sunscreen, wear sturdy shoes, dress appropriately and bring plenty of

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