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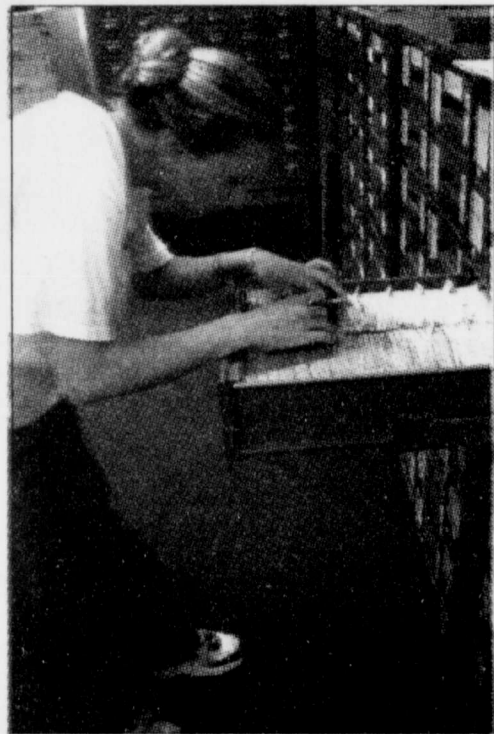


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**Maile Morehart, agribusiness senior, searches for information in the library for her senior project.**

**SENIOR PROJECTS**

## Library holds student workshops

By Samantha Yale  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students who have been putting off their senior projects will no longer have an excuse. The library will hold workshops called "Kickstart Your Senior Project."

The 50-minute sessions will give students an overview on how to use library resources, databases and Web search engines to work on their senior projects.

The workshops will take place on Thursday from 11:10 a.m. to noon and Oct. 8 from 5:10 to 6 p.m. Both will be held in Room 111H of the library reference area.

"We like to remind (students) that we're here to help them, so they don't feel frustrated or scrambled," said Sariya Talip Clay, Geographic Information Systems reference librarian.

Clay said the workshops are targeted at students who are not involved in a senior project class or feel they need extra help.

Some professors actually take their classes to the workshops, she said.

After the workshops, students can make appointments to meet with a reference librarian who specializes in their major for further guidance.

Students can also seek assistance from major-specific librarians through the Robert E. Kennedy Library link on the Cal Poly Web site.

Sallie Harlan, reference librarian for half of the College of Liberal Arts, said the sessions will address people who are just getting started on their senior projects.

The library also offers assistance with PowerPoint, Web page development and GIS. For more information, call library reference at 756-2649.

## ASI leaders set goals for 2003-04

By John Pierson

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The t-shirt was orange, the Kool-Aid-Man logo was green, the slogan was easily remembered — "ASI your way." Alison Anderson and Olga Berdial, current ASI president and vice president, wanted students to know that if elected they would make ASI what the students wanted it to be.

Their plans for this year include making it easier for students to enroll in the classes they need, aiding in efforts to streamline the registration process and finding a way to involve students in the decision to cancel a class before the quarter starts.

"It doesn't help a student's success to find out a class is cancelled and

they have to stay an extra quarter," Berdial said.

English senior Amber DeGelia feels that class accessibility is one of the most important things about college.

"I think that it's a really good idea," she said, "I'm just worried about how they're going to do it."

David Conn, co-chair for the Committee for Student Success, echoed those concerns.

"The committee is concerned about the equity and efficiency in allocating space in classes," Conn said. "There are two issues at work here, one is how many spaces do we have to offer and the second is that given those spaces how can we offer them in a fair and efficient way?"

Conn stressed that limitations in

resources and the intricacy of POWER/CAPTURE will affect the immediacy of change.

In addition to registration problems, Anderson and Berdial consider an increase in ASI's activity with Student Life and Leadership vital.

"We're working with Student Life and Leadership to set up a format for student life to be more involved with ASI," Anderson said.

Business senior Amanda Chavez, ASI executive staff member and SLAL liaison to ASI, is responsible for helping set up that format.

"I'm in contact with Ali Schlageter, a Cal Poly alumni who originally envisioned the idea for a Student Life advisory board for ASI," Chavez said. "The board will be made

up of one representative from each program in student life. I want to get at least one committed student from each program so that it is grounded in all of student life."

Chavez will also be responsible for increasing involvement of the ASI Board of Directors in Student Life activities.

"My past experience as a member of Student Community Services has been that

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ASI President  
Alison Anderson

## CAED gets \$300,000



**Granite Construction Company president and chief operating officer William Dorey (right) signs the \$300,000 pledge agreement with CAED. The gift will fund the Granite Construction Heavy/Civil Construction Laboratory.**

COURTESY PHOTO

By Kimberly Thomson  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The College of Architecture and Environmental Design is flying high since Granite Construction Company, the nation's second largest heavy/civil contractors, donated \$300,000 to Cal Poly Monday.

The grant, together with other public and private funds, will build a new CAED building with a 2,000 square-foot Granite Construction Heavy/Civil Construction laboratory. Models, sample materials, sand tables, computer workstations and other heavy construction instructive items will fill the center. The construction management department will encompass a major portion of the building for hands-on learning.

"This isn't just about the money; they're very interested in enhancing how students learn," CAED Dean R. Thomas Jones said.

Jones calls the donation enlightened giving because Granite recruits a lot of Cal Poly construction management graduates to work for its company.

"We have a very high regard for the quality of students from Cal

Poly," said William G. Dorey, Granite's president and chief operating officer. "The students can come directly from the classroom to work and they are well trained."

The addition to the Cal Poly campus will eventually replace the air conditioning building on South Perimeter Road. Its price tag will total \$24.5 million when completed.

"The air conditioning building will become the footprint for this new facility," Jones said.

Granite contributed a number of things in the past, including new computers, but this gift is the biggest in the more than 20 years that they have supported Cal Poly.

"It was a wonderful gift they gave us," Jones said. "They are definitely the single-largest contributor."

Although the CAED has more than 100,000 square-feet in classrooms, labs and management offices, it is working at about 110 percent capacity and desperately needs this new building, Jones said.

"We call Granite trendsetters," Jones said. "Now that they have given us money, others may start to contribute as well."

The contributions will help

CAED reach its goal of \$6 million in donations. This is the first step toward the 2005 ground breaking goal, Jones said.

"We are very confident we will be able to raise all the money by 2005," he said.

Granite recruits from over 30 schools, including Oregon State, Arizona State and Stanford University but out of these schools, Cal Poly showed the most potential, Dorey said.

"We view our relationship with Cal Poly as a true partnership," Dorey said. "We're hopeful that our relationship continues to grow."

Since Monday's donation, Cal Poly obtained \$1.5 million in contributions through private funds. The state plans to fund \$17 million of the building. CAED also plans to use some state funds to renovate the old CAED building.

This endowment is a big compliment because it is a donation from a company that has faith in us, Jones said.

"They have supplied us with so much talent, we felt we needed to give something back," Dorey said of Cal Poly.

**APPLY TO COLLEGE**

## UC, CSU to change policy

► High school seniors will soon submit college applications solely via Internet

Caitlin O'Farrell  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Technology has won another victory: The fall class of 2005 will be required to submit college applications for the University of California and Cal State University systems online.

Over 70 percent of students submitted applications via the Internet last year.

"This transition was made because so many people expressed an interest in applying online," said Lavonne Luquis, media director for the UC Office of the President. "We wanted to express a preference for this type of application as opposed to the paper-based application."

Students who apply online can take a virtual tour of the site and view the application form before they begin the process.

They can also check out different majors to see if the ones they are interested in are open or not, allowing them to pick an alternate option.

Agribusiness senior Antone Chicca applied to all of his colleges of choice online and said a majority of students do so as well.

"I think it made the application process so much easier," Chicca said. "All I had to do was fill out one application and I could send it to as many schools as I wanted to. But I am concerned for students who don't have easier access to the Web."






Applications submitted online often have less mistakes and typos and tend to be more accurate.

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## Local Weather

### 5-Day Forecast

<b>TODAY</b>	
high: 73° / low 55°	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
high: 73° / low 53°	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
high: 74° / low 53°	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
high: 73° / low 54°	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	
high: 74° / low 54°	

### Sunrise/Sunset

rises: 6:57 a.m. / sets 6:47 p.m.

### Tides

high	3:55 a.m.	3.57 feet
	2:19 p.m.	5.66 feet
low	7:45 a.m.	2.95 feet
	10:17 p.m.	-0.09 feet

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## Abortion pill may still be dangerous

By Paunie Samreth  
DAILY BRUIN (U. CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES)

LOS ANGELES — Three years ago, RU-486 — or simply "the abortion pill" — was approved for use in the United States by the Food and Drug Administration despite much controversy and debate over its safety.

Now, the recent death of an 18-year-old woman from the San Francisco Bay area has again raised questions about the drug.

Holly Patterson visited a Planned Parenthood clinic in Hayward, Calif., where she was administered the pill. Two days later, she took a second set of pills at home, as prescribed by the clinician.

Patterson experienced severe cramps and bleeding and was rushed to the hospital by her boyfriend. She was given pain killers and sent home.

A few days later, Patterson returned to the hospital and died from septic shock caused by fragments of the fetus left inside her uterus.

Whether or not her death was caused by the pills cannot be determined until an autopsy is completed.

According to Danco Laboratories, the drug's manufacturer, RU-486 — which is sold in the United States under the name Mifeprex — has been used over 200,000 times since it was first approved.

Worldwide, the pill has been used by over a million women.

Two women have died after taking the pill in the United States, though the Federal Drug Administration is unclear on whether their deaths were caused by the pill.

For most students, the decision to terminate a pregnancy is a difficult one to make.

Some options include keeping the child, adoption or ending the pregnancy by either surgical termination or medical termination, which is the function of RU-486.

## ONLINE

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Because of computer prompts, colleges can finalize their evaluations more effectively, according to a press release from the Office of the CSU Chancellor.

"The decision was made to streamline the process because the applications received on the Internet are more complete as a result of the computer prompts given to prospective students when they miss a certain field," Luquis said.

Potential students can apply on any computer connected to the Web, including those at libraries, community centers or their current schools. All of the sites contain detailed instructions for students, teachers, parents and counselors.

Recent graduate Christine Griffith, a former speech communication major, said she wishes she could apply to all of her graduate schools via the Internet.

"It just simplifies the process and means so much less paperwork for everyone," Griffith said. "I have a

file on every school I am applying for and I have to have copies of every essay, application and letter of recommendation. I feel like I am going to screw something up for sure."

Luquis said she does not believe the change in the application process will effect admissions in a positive or negative way.

"Paper applications are still available in any admissions office or if a prospective student calls then we can send them one," Luquis said. "We are not expecting an adverse impact on students at all who don't have Internet access in their homes."

Both the CSU and UC systems will still accept paper applications this year, although they do prefer students apply electronically.

Students can either print an application from the Web site and submit it through the mail or they can call any admissions office to request one.

When the filing period begins, students can apply at any hour using [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) or at [www.ucop.edu/pathways/apctr.html](http://www.ucop.edu/pathways/apctr.html). Both sites have online and telephone support.

## Universities might create '3rd' Internet

By Elliot Blackburn  
DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS-AUSTIN)

AUSTIN, Texas — Before there were pop-up ads and MP3 trading, when e-mail and instant messaging were just glimmers in a software engineer's eye, there was a small research network funded by the Department of Defense and the National Science Foundation that exploded in the 1990s.

Frankly, researchers have decided, it's become a little crowded.

Nearly 40 years after the first networks were pioneered, a consortium of universities and research partners are buying up 10,000 miles of cable, buried and dormant in the aftermath of the dot-com bust, and preparing to initiate what some describe as the third generation of the Internet.

The Internet's latest incarnation, called National Lambda Rail, is a

proposed high-speed network ringing the United States — an exclusive "interstate" for digital research traffic with onramps at universities across the Northern and Western United States. Texas schools, including the University of Texas, hope to add a connection in Dallas soon.

The goal is to have a resource owned entirely by participating research institutions, from the fiber to the equipment to which it connects, said Tom West, president and CEO of the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California and a NLR board member. "It would be like your own private lane on an interstate," West said. "There's a barrier between the lanes ... because they're doing a certain kind of research that they don't want to be sharing with a freshman college student or a fourth-grader."



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ASI President Alison Anderson and ASI Vice President Olga Berial have set many goals they hope to accomplish this year.

## ASI

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ASI has not been very involved or supportive of Student Life in the past," Chavez said.

Anderson and Berial plan to reach out to the residence halls this year as well.

"We'd like to know more of what they're thinking and feeling," Anderson said. In 2001 the Inter-Hall Council President, a non-voting member of the ASI Board of Directors, was removed from the board to eliminate over-representation.

A new program started last spring that has ASI meet with all Residence Hall Councils once each quarter.

"We would like to continue that program this year," Anderson said.

Kaitlin Ayers, chairperson of the University Union Advisory Board said that she will work with Anderson and Berial, as well as Chris Donate chairperson of the Board of Directors, as one group to achieve all of ASI's goals this year.

"They have an excellent list of goals for the year," Ayers said. "They will do well with their goals and support them in everything they want to do."

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## National Briefs

**Third man arrested in Guantanamo probe**

WASHINGTON — The government on Tuesday announced the arrest of a second translator at the U.S. prison for terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, bringing total detentions there to three and raising new concern about the extent of possible espionage.

The latest man arrested was identified as Egyptian-American Ahmed Fathy Mehalba, 31. He is a civilian who formerly served in the Army and twice started, but failed to complete, a military intelligence course to become an interrogator, two defense officials said on condition of anonymity.

**Senate panel OKs Bush's \$87 billion Iraq plan**

WASHINGTON — Republicans muscled President Bush's \$87 billion plan for Iraq and Afghanistan through a Senate committee Tuesday but signaled that they may ultimately defy the White House and structure some of the aid as a loan.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved the bill 29-0, with Democrats reluctant to oppose a bill dominated by funds for U.S. troops. But the unanimous tally belied sharp partisan divisions over \$20.3 billion included for Iraqi reconstruction, and the fight on the Senate floor seems likely to last until after lawmakers return from a Columbus Day recess in mid-October.

**Administration tells Supreme Court it should be allowed to withhold Cheney energy task force documents**

WASHINGTON — Records of Vice President Dick Cheney's energy task force should remain confidential, the Bush administration told the Supreme Court on Tuesday, arguing that demands for disclosure present serious constitutional issues.

In a 25-page filing, the Justice Department's solicitor general urged the Supreme Court to consider "fundamental separation-of-powers questions" raised by a federal judge who says the Cheney panel should produce information about its operations.

The conservative Judicial Watch and an environmental organization, the Sierra Club, have filed suit, alleging that corporate executives and company lobbyists in effect became members of the Cheney panel that formulated the Bush administration's energy policy in 2001.

The administration says the "unsupported allegation" in the lawsuit is contradicted by the president's order creating the task force composed of members of his Cabinet.

U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan has ordered the administration to produce some documents in order to assess the accusations in the lawsuits.

The Justice Department papers said that the judge has engaged in a "wholesale expansion" of federal law.

"Legislative power and judicial power cannot extend to compelling the vice president to disclose ... the details of the process by which a president obtains information and advice from the vice president," Solicitor General Theodore Olson argued.

The Justice Department also said a federal appeals court erred in its handling of the Bush administration's arguments. The appeals court concluded that bringing the case to a higher court was premature.

**Antagonist thumbs nose at software giant**

SAN DIEGO — Lindows.com defiantly told Microsoft Corp. on Tuesday it will not remove a Web site that offers to process claims for Californians entitled to proceeds from a \$1.1 billion class-action settlement with the software giant.

San Diego-based Lindows, which sells a Linux-based operating system, said Microsoft sent it a letter Friday ordering it to take down the site,

MSfreePC.com, claiming it is deceptive, mischaracterizes terms of the settlement and may cause consumers to have their legal claims rejected by a claims administrator.

The dispute is the latest squabble between the two companies.

In December, a federal jury in Seattle will hear Microsoft's complaint that the Lindows name infringes on its Windows trademark. Lindows CEO, Michael Robertson, a longtime Microsoft antagonist, has also funded a \$200,000 hacking contest against Microsoft's Xbox video console.

The letter from Microsoft lawyer Robert Rosenfeld, released by Lindows on Monday, said the Redmond, Wash.-based company threatened to take "all appropriate action to protect the integrity of the settlement claims process" if Lindows fails to explain how it will take "corrective actions."

Lindows' responded by saying it would continue to promote the service, which offers an "instant settlement" that can be used to buy Lindows products. The company also offers free computers to the first 10,000 respondents who qualify for the settlement.

## International Briefs

**North Korea wants U.S. action before talks**

UNITED NATIONS — A top North Korean official said Tuesday that Pyongyang would not return to talks on the nuclear crisis unless Washington takes "simultaneous action" to meet its demands, saying it makes no sense for the communist country to "put down the guns first."

North Korea has repeatedly said it is not interested in further negotiations, but Vice Foreign Minister Choe Su Hon used his address to the U.N. General Assembly to present his government's case in detail.

**FBI probes White House over CIA leak**

WASHINGTON — Media orga-

nizations prepared Tuesday to oppose any efforts by the Justice Department to subpoena journalists and their notes to learn who leaked the identity of an undercover CIA agent to columnist Robert Novak. Subpoenas could be challenged on the basis of First Amendment guarantees of freedom of the press, said Bill Felber, editor of The Manhattan (Kansas) Mercury and freedom of information chairman for The Associated Press managing editors. But they could also be challenged, he said, if they were too broad or if the information could be obtained in other ways.

**Chechen premier leaves hospital despite reports his condition worsened**

MOSCOW — Chechnya's prime minister checked out of the hospital Tuesday, against doctor's advice, three days after first complaining of stomach pains that a member of his security said were caused by deliberate poisoning, news agencies reported.

Anatoly Popov was expected to be back at work in Chechnya on Wednesday, his administration in the Chechen capital was quoted as telling the Interfax news agency.

Meanwhile, Interfax quoted an unidentified security aide to Popov as saying that "there is no doubt that he was poisoned."

Popov was hospitalized in Chechnya on Saturday evening after complaining of pain following a ceremony celebrating the official opening of a new gas pipeline.

His illness raised concerns that he might have been poisoned, and he was rushed Monday to the elite Central Clinical Hospital in Moscow. The hospital's chief doctor, Alexander Nikolayev, was quoted by Interfax on Monday as saying that there was no evidence of deliberate poisoning and that Popov would recover fully in two to three days.

Early Tuesday, however, Russian news agencies reported that Popov's condition had worsened overnight and that doctors were providing intensive treatment and insisting he

should remain in the hospital for at least three days.

**Study: Nazis used hundreds of hospitals to kill 200,000 handicapped, mentally ill**

BERLIN — Nazi Germany used hundreds of hospitals and clinics to kill at least 200,000 handicapped, mentally ill and other institutional patients who were deemed physically inferior, researchers said Tuesday.

The conclusion is based on what researchers said was the most comprehensive analysis of Nazi records on the sites that helped carry out Adolf Hitler's program to purify, as he saw it, the German race.

In a report compiled by Germany's Federal Archive, researchers found new evidence on the program under which doctors and hospital staff used gas, drugs or starvation to kill disabled men, women and children at medical facilities in Germany and in present-day Austria, Poland and the Czech Republic.

Even in internal documents, the Nazis cynically referred to the deaths as mercy killings, said Harald Jenner, a researcher at the federal archive.

The program originated at the Nazi regime's highest levels, Jenner said in a recent essay.

"The Fuehrer's chancellery and the Reich Interior Ministry were the starting point for the murders," Jenner wrote.

The three-year effort to catalog the deaths was intended to "restore some dignity to the victims" while encouraging further research into a dark chapter of history, German Culture Minister Christina Weiss said at a news conference Tuesday.

"We know that these crimes were meant to be kept secret," Weiss said. "The doctors in charge worked under false names."

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily assistant news editor Allison Terry.

## Higher vehicle license fee kicks in

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The state's higher vehicle license fee takes effect Wednesday, tripling the amount of money car owners pay to register their vehicles.

Millions of drivers will see their car fees increase, on average, from \$76 a year to \$234. The increase will raise \$4.2 billion this year that will flow to counties and cities for local services, including police and fire departments, elections and health programs.

But local government officials said Tuesday that they're worried about how they'll pay for that if the higher fees are rolled back — a campaign promise of all the major candidates vying to replace Gov. Gray Davis if he is recalled.

Candidates promising to rollback the fee increase aren't being realistic, said Clancy Faria, president of the Peace Officers' Research Association of California, because they don't say where the more than \$4 billion in higher fees is going to come from.

Without the increase, or a stable source of revenue to replace it, local governments will have no choice but to lay off police, firefighters and support staffs in those areas, said Faria.

The fee, which goes to local governments, has been around since 1936. It's based on a percentage of the purchase price of the vehicle minus

depreciation.

Until the fee was increased this year, motorists were paying about a third of the vehicle license fee they paid before the state reduced the car tax in 1998.

When the tax was reduced in 1998, the law included provision to increase it again if the state faced a financial emergency.

State Finance Director Steve Peace triggered the increase on June 20, and that helped lawmakers balance the \$99 billion spending plan without major cuts to local government.

"In Yolo County, the vehicle license fee represents a more significant revenue source than either property or sales tax," said Mike McGowan, a Yolo County supervisor.

Most local governments use the tax money almost exclusively for public safety, he said.

If Davis is recalled, his successor will have to deal with a state budget for the next fiscal year that, because the state has issued deficit bonds to cover some of the budget gap, has a ready-made shortfall of up to \$8 billion by the end of 2004-05.

McGowan said he hasn't heard a candidate say how to balance the budget and still replace the \$4 billion lost by repealing the car tax increase.

"If I were running for governor, the easiest thing to do is to say let's get rid

of the vehicle license fee," he said. "It's an easy thing to say, but almost impossible to accomplish."

The five major candidates running to replace Davis all agree the increase should be at least partially reversed.

Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, the front-running Democrat, says he'll increase the income tax level on the rich and close corporate loopholes to raise more revenue that would offset the loss of the license fee. He'd also only the increase on cars that cost less than \$20,000 — keeping the higher fees on more expensive vehicles.

Green Party candidate Peter Camejo and Independent Arianna Huffington also favored repealing the increase.

Republican Sen. Tom McClintock has said he'd repeal the increased fee on his first day in office, and promised to make up the shortfall with cuts in state government.

His Republican rival, actor Arnold Schwarzenegger, will make it a priority to "rollback the car tax increase," said spokeswoman Karen Hanretty.

Schwarzenegger, she said, will find the extra \$4 billion by cutting waste in government.

But that isn't a promise to "backfill" counties for the money they lose when the tax is reduced, Hanretty said.

## CORPORATIONS

## Gap Inc. names top eBay, Dell executives to its board

► The company now has 13 directors; each is paid an annual salary of \$50,000

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Clothing retailer Gap Inc. named eBay Inc. CEO Meg Whitman and Dell Inc.'s chief financial officer, James Schneider, to its board of directors Tuesday, continuing a year-long makeover.

San Francisco-based Gap now has 13 directors, including nine outsiders.

Four of the independent directors have been appointed since Gap hired former Walt Disney executive Paul Pressler as its new chief executive a year ago. The recent additions include former executives from Starbucks Corp. and Coca Cola Inc. The new directors have replaced board members who were part of the regime of Pressler's predecessor, Millard "Mickey" Drexler.

The retailer pays each of its directors \$50,000 annually, plus attendance fees and discounts on its merchandise. Gap gave its directors a

raise of 39 percent, or \$14,000 annually, in October 2002.

Whitman, 46, has presided over San Jose-based eBay as it emerged as one of the Internet's most successful companies. Her board duties at Gap will include roles on the committees that oversee corporate governance and executive compensation.

Schneider, 50, has been with Round Rock, Texas-based Dell since 1996, serving as the personal computer maker's CFO for the past three years. He will serve on Gap's audit and finance committee and help oversee corporate governance issues.

In another change, Gap said Bob Martin — a former Wal-Mart executive appointed to the board just before Pressler's hiring — will become the lead independent director, replacing stock brokerage magnate Charles Schwab. Schwab, a Gap director since 1986, will remain on the company's board.



Film

'Thirteen' portrays pressures of new adolescent age

By Caitlin O'Farrell  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Life for today's adolescents has become a race, but it isn't necessarily the ones who grow up fast that win.

This is the message demonstrated in "Thirteen," a film that dramatizes the incredible journey of childhood to adulthood.

Starring Evan Rachel Wood as Tracy and Nikki Reed as Evie, the film illustrates the growth of the teenagers' parasitic relationship through ever increasing deviant behaviors and rebellion. Reed, the pretty and popular antagonist, is credited with co-authoring the script and holding the leading role.

Wood owns her character as a mis-directed preteen who is on a roller coaster ride that thrills and terrifies her all at once. Her journey begins as a bright, straight-A student that is more focused on the realm of stuffed animals than sexual experimentation. This reality quickly morphs into a secret life that borders on unbelievable.

Evie leads Tracy into turmoil, introducing her to a life that revolves around drugs, sex and self-mutilation. As is seen in Wood's eyes, she is

constantly on the cusp of fear and exhilaration.

The fictitious premise of the movie is a scary parallel to the realities that face today's youth; 15-year-old Reed wrote this movie as a hyped-up version of her own real life experiences.

Director and first-time filmmaker Catherine Hardwicke co-wrote the film and was awarded best director at the Sundance Film Festival.

The movie was filmed in just over 26 days using a hand-held digital video camera. The frames career around and slope at odd angles, creating a documentary-like representation of the girls' lives.

In the words of Reed, young women of today will do anything it takes to "be anybody, to be somebody."

Melanie, Tracy's mother (played by Holly Hunter) is the perfect example of this parent. She is a recovering alcoholic that thinks par-



COURTESY PHOTO

The film "Thirteen" displays the harsh realities of teenage existence, as the young women portrayed in the film struggle for acceptance.

enting means being her daughter's best friend. The relationship essential to the plot line and adds to

the overall lesson that a parent can't lose touch, even for a moment; because before the blink of an eye, a child can experience a metamorphosis.

The movie reflects many aspects of the average teenager's life. As many of us don't go as far as Tracy or Evie, we do have our fair share of trouble and push ourselves farther than we are willing to go in order to impress people.

The theme this movie explores can be disturbing, especially when scenes include the girls huffing nitrous oxide from whipped cream cans and slapping each other until they bleed. However, these graphic situations explain to the viewer just how old "Thirteen" really is.

Thumb Workout

Video games beneficial for mental functioning?

By Christiana Nelson  
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FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Five-year-old Melody Brunswig plays GameBoy and computer games for fun and thinks that when she grows up, there will be only one benefit to her playing habits.

"They make you so you can feel right," Brunswig said. "They make you so you are happy."

Yet, action video games could provide vast future benefits to players by sharpening visual skills and increasing visual attention, according to a study released by the University of Rochester in May 2003.

The study, conducted by Daphne Bavelier, found that playing games such as "Grand Theft Auto III," "Counter-Strike" and "Halo" increases visual information processing, the ability to localize a target object in a cluttered environment and the ability to keep track of more objects at once.

"Our findings are surprising because they show that the learning induced by video game playing occurs quite fast and generalizes outside the gaming experience," Bavelier wrote in an e-mail interview. "This stands in sharp contrast with studies on perceptual learning that perceptual learning tends to be specific."

The experiments compared a category of subjects ages 18 to 23 who played varying amounts of video games in the six months preceding the study. One group played action video games for at least one hour four days per week, and the other group had not played video games at all.

Carol Seger, assistant professor of psychology at Colorado State University, said all of the study's research experiments were simple and common tests used to measure visual modification.

"I've seen all of the tasks they used in the study before," Seger said. "They were all reasonable choices."

The flanker compatibility test, one experiment used in the study, was an experiment used to determine whether video game playing increased attentional capacity.

Researchers asked participants to pay attention to how many squares they saw in a briefly flashed display, finding that people who played video games reported seeing a higher number of squares.

Despite the study's report that video games increase attentional capacity, Jessica Berthod, a freshman business major, said video games can have negative effects.

"They are kind of a distraction," Berthod said. "I know that a lot of guys play 'Halo.' They don't even go to school; they just play 'Halo.'"

As a "Halo" player, Zach Deitrick said video games have cognitive benefits.

"I think that video games can help with eye-hand coordination and help with thinking and reasoning, particularly problem solving," Deitrick said.

Still, Deitrick is hesitant to say that playing video games helps him in school.

"Video games do have benefits, but I would say that it would decrease my GPA before increasing it because it is a distraction," he said.

ON-CAMPUS RESTAURANT GUIDE

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CAMPUS MARKET	Located by the Library, behind Ag Science building	Your convenient source for special foods and groceries. A convenience store that has just about everything you could need during a day on campus, plus many items you'll want to take home.	Mon - Thurs 6:30am - 10:00pm Fri 6:30am - 5:30pm Sat 10:00am - 5:00pm Sun 10am - 10pm	X	X	X	X	X
Cerritos	Located in the Cerro Vista Community Center	Just what you need now, from snacks to groceries. Cerritos is your community store, carrying items essential to students living on campus.	Sun - Thurs 5:00pm - 11:00pm Fri 3:00pm - 7:00pm Sat Noon - 5:00pm	X	X	X	X	X
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VG CAFE	Located among the residence halls	A favorite of meal plan patrons offering a grand view and a wide selection of foods: Grill items, pasta, subs, specialties of chicken and beef, salad bar, desserts and beverages.	Lunch: 11:00am-1:30pm(Mon-Thurs) 2:00-4:00pm(Sat&Sun) Dinner: 5:00pm-7:30pm(Mon-Thurs) 4:30-7:30pm(Sat&Sun) Late Nite: 8:00pm-Midnight(Sun-Thurs)	X	X	X	X	X
Vista Grande Restaurant	Located near the entrance of the University on Grand Ave	Full table service dining room with a wonderful view of the campus and San Luis Obispo. We serve lunch during the week and Sunday Brunch featuring soups, salads, sandwiches, desserts and a variety of contemporary and ethnic dishes. Reservations recommended call 756-1204	Mon - Fri Lunch: 11:30am - 2:00pm Sun Brunch: 10:30am - 2:00pm	X	X	X	X	X

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## Feminism enters its 'Third Wave'

I call myself a third wave feminist. But before you stereotype me with your fem-nazi, man-hating frame of view, stop and educate yourself on what our movement really stands for.

So what if a couple of women burned a bra or two back in the 1960s, what movement hasn't had their share of radicals or extremists whether it be environmentalists, civil right protesters or right winged Christians. But in case women's liberation flew right by you in a whirlwind of equal rights, equal pay and equal education, we third wavers have a new agenda. It does not involve the need for men to open doors or pay for us on dates. Our plates are too full with real concerns to sit around and contemplate those petty issues.

Third wave is about protecting the rights our previous generations fought so hard for and introducing them into popular American mentality. A feminist is purely a humanist with a focus on women's issues both on a local and global level. So to all you men and women who claim not to be feminists, you are telling the world that women should not have equal rights.

### Guest Commentary

You are telling the world women should continue to be plagued with violence, stereotypes and the all too familiar glass ceiling. When I sport my "this is what a feminist looks like t-shirt," I'm showing the student body that feminists are from all different backgrounds, ethnicities and races.

What was a mainstream, white, middle class female-oriented revolution has turned its tide to affect everyday people in everyday life. Many people ask why there is a need for feminism in our modern day world? Beside the subtle oppression that women face here

in America such as 72 cents to a man's dollar or the Barbie doll image American women are bombarded with in the media, many of our issues go beyond this nation's backyard. On a global level, women are still denied proper medical assistance in rural areas and continue to die during childbirth. Women constantly suffer at the hands of female gentile mutilation in countries with hostile governments. While sex trafficking has become a billion-dollar industry and in worldwide societies women are merely second-class citizens, the feminist voice will remain alive and strong.

Like Amnesty International proclaims, "We are a voice for those who have been silenced." As people wake up and realize that these issues affect us all, our supporters will continue to multiply and join in the third wave.

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## Abortion pill should have limited access

Perhaps passion made her forget birth control, or the condom was ineffective; whatever happened in the heat of the moment does not matter now. What was important was the outcome; an unwanted pregnancy 18-year-old Holly Marie Patterson was not prepared for. Too ashamed or too scared to discuss the matter with her parents, Patterson dealt with the pregnancy the best way she could think of—a medical abortion.

Many women like Patterson are turning to mifepristone, commonly known as RU-486 or the abortion pill, to terminate unwanted pregnancies.

### Commentary

Mifepristone is effective through the seventh week of pregnancy. When choosing this treatment, women are required to sign a waiver stating they understand that surgery could be required due to excessive bleeding or to remove the fetus. The process includes two rounds of pills and a follow-up visit with the doctor. The woman's doctor ensures the pregnancy is successfully terminated and the fetus no longer remains in the uterus at the second appointment. Unfortunately, as in Patterson's case, doctors cannot always prevent fatality to the mother that may occur after using RU-486.

On Sept. 17, Patterson died in a San Francisco area hospital due to an infection caused by fragments of the fetus left inside her uterus. This death has left people around the nation, questioning the legality and safety of the abortion pill.

I believe the use of the abortion pill should be limited to special cases: pregnancies caused from rape or incest or women heavily involved with drugs that would create severe birth defects.

Choosing to take RU-486 is obviously a very personal decision. There are numerous physical and emotional factors for a woman to take into consideration.

Statistically speaking, RU-486 is relatively safe. Since the United States legalized the pill in 2000, two women, including Patterson, have died during the treatment. The National Abortion Federation recently said aspirin causes more deaths than RU-486. However, consider the other harmful effects such as severe pain,

bleeding and infections.

According to an article written by Lawrence Roberge, who was part of a scientific advisory group that investigated RU-486 in 1995, 79 percent of the patients studied reported severe pain that caused many to use opiate-based painkillers. These painkillers, along with the RU-486 treatment, caused profuse bleeding in 11 percent of the women studied. Surgical procedures may also be required for patients who develop infections when the fetus fails to leave the uterus.

These statistics create an illustrative depiction but they neglect to show the whole picture. Consider the emotional factors involved with RU-486. A teenager who is keeping her pregnancy a secret probably will not think rationally. She signs the waiver but warnings of excessive bleeding or surgical procedures may seem insignificant.

This is not solely a teenage problem. Any doctor who is able to determine the length of a woman's pregnancy and is able to provide any needed surgical procedures can prescribe mifepristone. No additional training is required. This creates a potential error in the information and counseling provided by a doctor.

This is not a pro-choice versus pro-life argument, which has been done too many times to count and is never resolved. Instead, this is an argument of time and rational thinking. Women who decide on this route of abortion have very little time to process the information and risks of the pill. When time is short, sensible thinking flies out the window, resulting in hurried decisions, possible regrets and, in Patterson's case, fatal consequences.

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## Same-sex adoption provides loving homes

For kids who don't have parents and spend years being thrust from group home to group home, having someone who wants to love and take care of them is a miracle. Yet there are still laws that separate the estimated five to six million foster children from people who want nothing more than to be good parents.

In the U.S., anyone with a working reproductive system can bear children and inflict upon them as many physical and mental scars as they wish along the way. But, loving, capable parents cannot simply because they are gay.

I have heard a myriad of arguments against same-sex adoptions, but there are really only two types of people who would deny a child the right to a good home.

First there are the religious zealots who expect everyone else to adhere to their rigid notions of what's right and wrong. Their opposition usually has to do

with immorality. They advocate that homosexuals cause a breakdown in everything in society from marriage to their own religion.

My favorite from this group is the argument that homosexuality somehow defiles the sanctity of the family. The sanctity of the family was defiled long ago by more disturbing issues, like infidelity, poorly planned marriages and abuse.

If anything, homosexuals provide a better example of what a family should be. They have to fight for the luxuries that many straight couples take for granted like getting married and having kids. Gay couples don't get to say, "Oops, I'm pregnant, now I get to be a parent."

Regardless, if your argument bears anything resembling, "homosexuality is a sin," I'd like to offer up one of my favorite bible verses to you: Romans 14:4, "who are you that judge the servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls."

Next is the group of opponents who are misguided enough to believe that being placed in a same sex household goes against the child's best interests. Their oppositions usually

have something to do with the children of homosexuals being teased or increased homosexuality among children caused by being raised in gay households.

Kids aren't going to catch the queer-germ; homosexuality is not a disease or an infection. If anything, the children from these homes come away with more of an open mind.

As far as teasing, who isn't teased as a child? I remember a schoolmate saying to me once, "Ha Ha, I have a father and you don't." Just because I didn't have a dad and got teased doesn't mean Child Protective Services should have come and carted me away.

You can look to science and religion, but in actual cases it's obvious where the right decision lies.

Roger Croteau and Steve Lofton are a gay couple who are making headlines and whose case provides a horrifying example of how archaic the adoption system is.

The couple has not been allowed to adopt, but for several years they have

fostered children who test positive for HIV, first in Florida and now in Oregon. One of the children, Bert, 10, has

tested negative and by state standards is now adoptable.

Essentially, 10 years ago the state threw Bert away because of his illness, and now that he's better they want to reclaim him. You cannot argue that this is in the best interest of the child even if you have the misconceived notion that gay couples cannot raise children as well as straight couples.

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# 'Do-not-call' lists endanger jobs, economy

Telemarketing is a tough job, but it's something everyone should try at least once. I remember putting on the headset, adjusting the microphone and firing up the computer, hoping to blurt out my greeting from my script to the stranger on the other end of the line before I heard the inevitable click.

Then there were those customers who were glad to hear from me, bought a subscription and told me I deserved a raise. I lasted a little more than three months trying to solicit newspaper subscriptions over the phone for the Des Moines Register. It just wasn't my cup of tea, but the experience did give me some insight into what telemarketers have to deal with.

The telemarketing industry is taking the brunt of some cheap shots aimed at any and all soliciting phone calls with the ridiculous "do-not-call" list and has sued the Federal Trade Commission.

According to FTC Chairman Timothy Muris, an average of 158 telephone numbers are added to the list each second since it has been made available to the public — more than 13.5 million landline and cell phone numbers were registered on the list during its first three days of operation.

Because President Bush has signed this legislation into law, telemarketers are now restricted to calling just 25 percent of the U.S. population.

## Commentary

As if a mere list is going to stop them. One legitimate telemarketing company actually has professed to abide by the do-not-call list, but several other soliciting types of calls will be exempt from the proposed list, such as political organizations, charities, telephone surveys or companies with which you have an existing business relationship. For example, if you purchase something at an appliance store, they can call you for up to 18 months after you have made your last payment unless you specifically tell them to stop. What's the point, then, if there's a possibility that the number of unwanted calls in your home may decrease from 10 to eight a day with the do-not-call list?

Doesn't a do-not-call list carry the slightest hint of discrimination? It's not fair to eliminate thousands of jobs because of a social stigma. Most telemarketers are hardworking people trying to make a living the best way they know how.

The industry's primary defense has always been its ability to provide employment. An industry advocacy group from California says they employ about 25,000 people. Last year, consumers

bought \$5.3 million worth of products from telemarketers.

The do-not-call list would impact many jobs and tax dollars. According to an article from a direct marketing trade publication written by attorney Tyler Prochnow, whether it's jobs for single mothers who need the feasibility to work around day care schedules, disabled individuals or students, the industry has continuously reduced the nation's unemployment rolls. During the past decade, telemarketing has been the vehicle of choice for many college graduates and MBAs, most of whom are entrepreneurs looking for a cost-effective market for a new product or service ([www.privatecitizen.com](http://www.privatecitizen.com)).

Telemarketing could be compared to flipping burgers or scrubbing floors. It is a thankless job full of rejection, and it's not as easy as you might think.

Some telemarketers are amazingly successful because they believe in the product they are selling and genuinely care about their customers' satisfaction.

It's a legitimate, fulfilling job or career for anyone willing to invest the time and effort necessary for success.

Like lawyers or doctors, the profession has a social stigma associated with it because of a few rude, obnoxious people. This is America and everyone has the constitutional right to earn their paycheck by selling products over the phone.

To create a fuss over such an insignificant issue is absurd. People are starving, poverty-stricken without access to adequate health care, cures have not been found yet for cancer or AIDS, and those of us who are fortunate enough to support ourselves are having temper tantrums because we think our phones ring too much.

What about the equally annoying free credit card applications that arrive in your mailbox every day? It's easy enough to throw them away unopened.

It takes a total of five seconds to say "no, thank you" and hang up. Caller IDs and answering machines help to screen out telemarketing calls. If you despise the occasional dinner hour interruptions, turn your ringer off while you eat.

Telemarketers are only as annoying as you allow them to be.

Leslie Heuer is a writer for the Iowa State Daily.

## Letters to the editor

### Immigrants are positive contributors

#### Editor,

As a former "illegal" immigrant myself I thought I needed and had the responsibility to respond to Ms. Shaffer's letter regarding the immigration issue about driver licenses. I came to this country in 1991 with a dream to become something my parents would be proud of. In 1994 my dream was almost shattered because of Prop 187. I would have had to drop out of school.

Fortunately I graduated high school and I'm a year away from completing my Aerospace BS degree at Cal Poly.

There are hundreds of thousands of stories like mine of successful immigrants that you never hear of in the media. We live in a sensationalistic society that thrives on spinning the issues. All you need to do is go to a community like East San Jose or Santa Maria to find out about us.

We are not here to hurt anybody or to break the law; we are just trying to better our lives like everyone else. Immigration is a natural process of life that has been going on since the beginning of time. The fact that they don't have documentation to be in this country doesn't make them thieves and drug dealers; I certainly didn't become one of those things. But people are easily persuaded to certain ideas without thinking what drives individuals to do certain things in life.

Native Americans gave the pilgrims food, the least we can give this new wave of immigrants is a fair chance to succeed.

Ricardo Garcia is an aerospace engineering senior.

### Immigrant driver's licenses are beneficial

#### Editor,

Holly Shaffer's selfish argument on illegal immigrants receiving California Drivers Licenses is terrible. Other than the fact that undocumented immigrants receive the lowest wages to work in California's agricultural and manufacturing industries, greatly contributing to our state's economy, Ms. Shaffer's argument overlooked the benefits of the bill.

First, undocumented immigrants already receive licenses from a corrupt DMV. In some places in the state, like my hometown, DMV workers receive a bribe up to \$500 to give a license. This money goes straight to the DMV worker and not a dime to the state's economy.

Secondly, with undocumented immigrants obtaining licenses, the state can receive additional funding, crucial at this budget crisis. By requiring licenses, California will receive additional funding from fees and registration. Also, the required license will help keep dangerous drivers off the road.

Finally, how will this bill encourage terrorism? If anything, the state can better track and find residents, helping homeland security in this difficult time. In case everyone forgot about the 9-11 terrorists, the INS, FBI, CIA and NSA knew that these men were up to something or knew their exact location, only the powers of Washington deemed them as

insignificant.

Ms. Shaffer, open a history book and remember that everyone in this area with the exception of the Chumash tribe has immigrated to California sometime in their family's history in search for a better life, many illegally. This bill will help bring closure to many hardworking people so they can enjoy the privileges that we take for granted.

Thomas Razo is a civil engineering senior.

### Letters subscribed to a double standard

#### Editor,

The Friday letters to the editor pertaining to the sex column battles commit a much more grave act than what either of the two column contenders did: Subscribing to the infamous double standard. Mednick wrote that he thought that Shallon Lester's column "was often clever and full of witty prose." Did he read the one she wrote about masturbation?

Now that was vulgar.

What message do you think the article sent to our community? I am sure it did not "represent us all with respect and dignity." Here is the problem. Mednick lets it slide that Ms. Lester writes about masturbation, but gets upset when Mr. Whitaker jokingly writes about a centuries old tradition of older men and younger women. I guarantee that if Ms. Lester wrote about some fantasy date with an older, more experienced man, Mr. Mednick would not get his panties in a bunch. It is a double standard that Mr. Mednick holds when judging the two columnists. What Mr. Mednick should do is lighten up and realize that both Ms. Lester and Mr. Whitaker write in a style that is very tongue-in-cheek. These two were never meant to be taken seriously, but meant to entertain the masses. Mr. Mednick should lighten up, take it easy and stop trying to impose his uptight ways on everybody.

Stephanie Tam is an industrial engineering senior.

### Columnists not qualified to write about sex

#### Editor,

I was intrigued when I read the opinion page last Thursday: "Battle of the Sex Columnists." Am I really supposed to believe that one of these two goobers thinks they'd be able to inform the student body about sex?

"Tips for the oral connoisseur" sounds like it was authored by someone who has never performed the act of cunnilingus. His murmurings of "being playful" and "love buttons" are the vague euphemisms that school boys pass on to one another during recess.

But the first column was almost credible compared with the drivel contributed by James Whitaker in "Nothing fresher than freshmen." The idea of receiving plainly selfish sex tips from a seventh year senior who can only get dates with freshman girls, and even then by relying on alcohol and maybe date rape drugs, doesn't sound too interesting. This

guy's idea of a perfect date is to drag an impressionable and intoxicated girl into his room for a quick frolic amid stale beer cans, porn, semen encrusted socks and sweaty jock straps. This sounds about as erotic as Bob Dole on Viagra.

James, your generalizations about what a girl considers "cool" are comical. But rather than beg you to put some miles on my engine, let me offer you some advice: A woman is more than a pair of perky breasts and a rear end. Since you are having trouble in the dating department, I would suggest trying a little respect, you'd be surprised how far it will get you.

Heather Gulyash is an art and design senior.

### Sex column was degrading to women

#### Editor,

There is nothing more shameful than having a jackass write for "Sex in San Luis." James Whitaker has no right to judge, stereotype and demean women, or any person for that matter. Classifying agricultural women as tomboys, engineers as nerds and then implying business girls as promiscuous is unbecoming. It is an insult to the freshmen when you call them dumb and an insult to all women besides freshmen when they are rated as "undesirable."

As a feminist, I firmly believe that all men and women should be treated equal. The column that was written last Thursday most definitely did not portray this equality. It was instead flooded with oppression. Women are oppressed when a columnist explains how to date rape a woman. Women are oppressed when a columnist calls freshmen "chicks" and "dumb and easy to impress." Women are oppressed when "hard partying turns her face into a baseball glove and her ass into a two-foot wide slab of meat". Men are being depressed when a generalization is made and all males are pigs, willing to bang "freshman hotties."

There is a fine line between freedom of speech and oppression. "Nothing fresher than freshmen" is unconditionally the latter. Cal Poly must act to bring degradation toward women to an end and no longer allow oppressive columns such as this to exist. Otherwise, it will only get worse.

Chandani Patel is a business junior.

### Mednick does not represent all views

#### Editor,

Regardless of what Adam Mednick thinks, I feel that the sex articles were interesting. Most of all, I liked the WOWie story. I thought it was one of the best articles you have ever run. I would like to further add that Mr. Mednick does not represent the views of all electrical engineers.

Jason Turner is an electrical engineering junior.



# Berkeley group hopes to encourage activism in Asian-American students

By Andrea Hernandez

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BERKELEY, Calif. — Although Asian-American students at the University of California at Berkeley make up the bulk of a student body both famous and infamous for its activism, their level of political influence has yet to match their numbers.

Even though they make up 42 percent of UC Berkeley's undergraduates, many Asian-American students are steering clear of politics, said Asian-American student leaders.

A band of 50 active members, the Asian Political Association of aims to foster activism in Asian-American students.

They table on Sproul Plaza regularly, but many students turn to more popular groups such as the Asian Business Association or the Asian American Association, reporting 400 and 900 members respectively.

"A lot of people shy away from the term 'political' so that makes it harder for us to attract people," said the group's president, Alice Chiang. "It sounds a lot more daunting than

it actually is."

The group's membership is symptomatic of a larger problem — Asian Americans have the lowest voter turnout rates of all major ethnic groups. Only 43 percent of eligible Asian Americans voted in the last presidential election, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

A small presence in state politics leaves many Asian-American youth without mentors in the political arena.

Growing up in the Midwest, UC Berkeley junior Fang He, the group's external vice president, said media images of Asian Americans were the stereotypical, accomplished students or martial arts specialists.

"I think having Asian Americans in political prominence is important to provide a new view of Asian Americans as political leaders who do not fit these stereotypes," he said.

But political apathy among Asian Americans combined with low participation among young voters makes the group's goals particularly challenging.

And with a growth of more than 30 percent between 1990 and 2000 in California's Asian-American pop-

ulation, the problem is poised to become even more prominent in the future.

A major hurdle standing in the way is ensuring that Asian Americans are eligible to cast ballots. Only 2 percent of non-Hispanic whites are not U.S. citizens, compared to 40 percent among Asian Americans, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"In terms of being recent immigrants, they tend to make the focus on individual goals and education," said Harvey Dong, who teaches Asian-American studies on campus.

A legacy of discriminatory laws withholding citizenship and voting rights from Asian immigrants still has a detrimental effect on their descendants today. McCarthyism and internment camps left an imprint, suppressing activism among many Asian Americans, Dong said.

But the university setting brings distinct advantages to reach young Asian-American voters.

Debates on Proposition 54 and affirmative action sponsored by the group have drawn larger crowds, Chiang said.

## Air Force leaders say they didn't know extent of sex abuse problem at academy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force's top lawyer told Congress on Tuesday that it was "absolutely false" that she tried to shield the service's leaders from criticism when she wrote a report absolving the Air Force of either condoning or covering up sexual assaults at the Air Force Academy.

The Air Force's top two leaders said they didn't know about the sexual misconduct problems at the Colorado school until a cadet complained to a senator in January. Scores of female cadets say they have been raped or sexually assaulted by other cadets, and many say they were retaliated against when they complained.

"I don't know why it didn't get to me," Air Force Secretary James Roche told the Senate Armed Services Committee. Roche said he has strength-

ened oversight of the academy to make sure there is no repeat of the problem.

Changing the attitudes of male cadets and some of the staff at the school will take some time, however, Roche said.

"The young woman cadet is safe tonight. All the things we can think of to aid in her protection are in place," Roche said.

"The attitudes of our cadets are something of which we are not proud. We are not proud that 20 percent of male cadets think women do not belong at the academy."

The Air Force's general counsel, Mary Walker, denied an accusation by a blue-ribbon panel that she had tried to cover for Roche and other top officials by focusing on actions by academy leaders and not their bosses in Washington.

# TAs at center of language debate

By Ryan Floersheim

DAILY LOBO UNIVERSITY NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Many students say they aren't getting the education they paid for because of language barriers between them and international graduate students who teach several University of New Mexico courses.

UNM sophomore Teddy Yates said the absence of a basic grasp of English by a teaching assistant in a communication course this semester affected his ability to understand the subject matter.

"I understand that this is a research university and people from all walks of life are here to learn, but it seems like no one is concerned about the quality of education we are receiving," Yates said. "When the person in charge of teaching me isn't educated enough on our language to have a conversation with me, something is wrong."

Yates said when he approached University officials about the problem, he was told his only option was "to switch sections."

"Students have busy schedules. It is unrealistic to expect them to adjust their lives around this problem," Yates said.

Brad Hall, chairman of the communication and journalism department, said he receives a handful of similar

complaints yearly, but there "isn't one set policy regarding the situation."

"My best advice to students who find themselves in a situation with a TA they can't understand is to look at different sections of the class," Hall said.

The department requires international students to attend programs at the university to help them become acclimated to U.S. culture, but depending on their backgrounds, it is possible for them to begin teaching at UNM soon after entering the country, Hall said.

"If an international student can demonstrate a grasp on the appropriate materials, it is not uncommon for them to begin teaching well within their first year in country," Hall said.

Susan Deese-Roberts, director of the Teaching Assistant Resource Center, said the center provides an eight-week course every semester to prepare international students to teach at UNM. However, the course is not responsible for the language requirements graduate students must meet to become a TA.

She said the course, which emphasizes teaching and language skills, aids international TAs in getting used to the United States and helps them develop an individual teaching and image style.

## Court OKs Vanderbilt to take 'Confederate' off building

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A judge ruled Tuesday that Vanderbilt University can change the name of Confederate Memorial Hall to something it considers less inflammatory.

After Vanderbilt announced plans last fall to drop "Confederate" from the building's name, the private university was sued by the Tennessee chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, whose \$50,000 donation helped fund construction of the dormitory 70 years ago.

Chancellor Irvin Kilcrease, on his last day before retiring from the bench, ruled the university had ful-

filled its contractual obligations to the Confederate heritage group by installing a plaque on the side of the building explaining the history of the donation.

"The name 'Confederate' on its building, with the stigma of the institution of slavery, is in contradiction of its policy of diversity and makes it extremely difficult to recruit minority faculty members and minority students," Kilcrease wrote.

Vanderbilt Chancellor Gordon Gee said in announcing the change that some students, faculty and staff refused to set foot in the dorm.



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# Former football player leads Warriors to battle

By Matt Mackey  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It's a rare case when a Cal Poly athlete reaches prominence at the professional level. But one Cal Poly graduate has made his way to the big names, big salaries and fast action of the National Basketball Association — without even playing college basketball.

Yet, he commands the respect of an entire team, the Golden State Warriors, answering only to their owner.

At 36, Cal Poly alumnus Robert Rowell has ascended to team president of the Golden State Warriors, the youngest team president in the NBA.

Rowell came to Cal Poly almost 15 years ago, hoping to walk on to the Mustang's then Division II football team.

"I wanted to give myself a chance to compete in collegiate athletics," Rowell said. "I knew that coming out of high school, I wasn't recruited by any schools for football. I felt I had a chance to walk on, and I did, which was a great experience."

Rowell studied broadcast journalism while playing football for the Mustangs.

Ironically, it was his experience in the Cal Poly athletics department that led to the end of his collegiate football career, while spawning a career interest in sports management.

"I realized I could continue to have a football career, travel on varsity and be a third or fourth receiver for the rest of my college life. Or I could do some other things, like go down a career path I thought I wanted at the time and to get involved in athletic administration," he said.

Rowell graduated with a degree in broadcast journalism in 1990. In the summer immediately following his graduation, he worked as an intern within Cal Poly's athletics department.

At the end of the summer, Rowell enrolled in the College of Business, earning a masters of business administration while simultaneously working full time in the athletics department, first as a promotions manager and then as the business manager.

In 1993, Rowell finished his MBA. He was then promoted to Cal Poly's assistant athletic director and later the associate athletic director.

"My degree at Cal Poly helped me

get my first opportunity in sports information," Rowell said. "While working in the athletic department at Cal Poly, I learned a lot about the business. Like Cal Poly's motto says, I learned by doing."

The Cal Poly Athletics Department gave Rowell one of his first professional challenges and successes — a turning point for both Rowell and Cal Poly athletics.

"I was very involved in taking the program to Division I," Rowell said.

big in the sports business in August 1995.

"I was introduced to the Warriors' owner, Chris Cohan, by a gentleman who was the team counsel at the time," Rowell said. "I was presented with an opportunity to leave the Cal Poly athletic department and learn more about this business — I took that opportunity."

Hired into the Warriors' marketing department, Rowell immediately impressed the organization and moved

mark, 17 percent, during the 2000-01 season.

Validating his success, Sports Business Journal named Rowell one of their Forty Under 40, which recognized achievement by the top 40 sports executives under the age of 40.

Rowell modestly considers the award a reflection of his handpicked staff.

"I think I've been able to put together a staff here that I'd take against any NBA team in the league," he said.

Cohan, however, had nothing but praise for his young administrative star. He said in a press release, "(The Warriors) are extremely fortunate to have him as an integral part of our organization, where his dedication, innovation, foresight and leadership ability will continue to guide the Warriors in a positive direction in all aspects of our business."

When asked what the key to his success has been, Rowell responded, "I've never thought about where to go or what's next. Worry about what's in front of you now and everything else will come."

Cal Poly athletics director John McCutcheon also pointed to Rowell's focus as the reason for his success.

"The first thing that impresses (people) about Bobby is that he is very task-oriented," McCutcheon said. "He goes at it 15 percent and keeps going until the project is where it needs to be. He doesn't know the meaning of stop."

Rowell admits, however, that being promoted to team president is only the beginning of a long road ahead.

"We are getting better," he said about the team. "We are not where we need to be. We have put some young talent together. It takes time, and it takes patience — things that don't come easy. We are going to be pretty fun this year, and we are going to be exciting."

Unfortunately for Rowell, his original favorite team, the Lakers, may present a significant barrier to the Warriors' playoff success. But now that his loyalties are tied to his job, don't expect Robert Rowell to be siding with the purple and gold when push comes to shove.

"When I was a kid, I was a Lakers fan," Rowell said. "I still like the Lakers, just not when the Warriors are playing them."



COURTESY PHOTO/SPORTS INFORMATION

**Robert Rowell was named one of Sports Business Journal's 40 Under 40 for being one of the top young executives in pro sports.**

"We did the referendum when I was there."

Then-interim athletic director Ken Walker, Rowell and the athletic department staff put together a plan and presented it to the University Board. Then students took part in voting for the change.

"It was a nerve wracking thing for us," he said. "We wanted to take it to the next level, and if it hadn't passed, they were going to have to start cutting sports. The athletic referendum was a pretty big moment, a pretty big day."

Rowell got his chance to make it

through the ranks rapidly.

He served as the director of finance for two seasons before being promoted to the Warriors' vice-president.

In May of 2001, he was promoted to the chief operations officer. In addition to his responsibilities to the Warriors, Rowell served on the NBA Board of Governors and performed the role of the NBA's chief marketing officer.

Rowell is credited with the "It's A Great Time Out" marketing campaign that earned the Warriors the distinction of possessing the NBA's highest regular season attendance increase

## Football drops in rankings

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly's football team dropped to No. 20 in both national Division I-AA polls this week following its 24-7 loss to then-No. 25 Northern Arizona.

The team was ranked No. 14 and 15 in separate polls the previous week after beating then-No. 11 Montana State.

The Mustangs are 20th in both The Sports Network/CSTV and ESPN/USA Today polls.

Coach Rich Ellerson's Mustangs had jumped to a 3-0 start before falling at Flagstaff, Ariz. on Saturday. Northern Arizona moved up to No. 17 in The Sports Network/CSTV poll and No. 18 in the ESPN/USA Today

poll this week.

Cal Poly was not ranked in the pre-season poll, but jumped to 25th in both polls after its 34-13 season-opening win over Division I-A Texas-El Paso on Sept. 6. The Mustangs were ranked 21st in both polls after defeating Sacramento State 31-17 in its home opener Sept. 13.

Cal Poly (3-1) visits No. 8 Montana (3-1) on Saturday.

Other Cal Poly opponents in the rankings this week is No. 25 Idaho State (2-2). The Mustangs host the Bengals on Nov. 15. Montana State (2-2) fell out of the polls after falling to Northern Colorado 14-10 last week.

## Golf finishes fifth at Idaho

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly women's golf team had a record-setting performance on their way to a tie for fifth place Monday at the University of Idaho Fall Classic in Moscow, Idaho.

The Mustangs closed play on Monday with a round of 316 on the 6,107-yard, par 72 University of Idaho Golf Course. Combined with two scores of 315 Sunday, the Mustangs shot 946, a school record. The best four of five scores counted toward the team total each round.

Junior Rebecca Norris set the school individual scoring record in the process of helping the team. She

shot 81-75-75 to tie for sixth place individually.

Freshman Jessica Huss shot 239 in the tournament, while senior Staci King and junior Gina Drago tied at 241. Sophomore Holly Lampert shot 244 for the three rounds.

Drago shot two rounds of 78 to match Norris after 36 holes, but closed in 85 to finish 10 shots back of the record.

The University of Oregon won the team title with a score of 918, 28 shots better than the Mustangs. Fifteen teams competed in the tournament.

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#### SCORES

W GOLF	5th place
vs. lady vandal invit.	
M SOCCER	0
vs. san jose st.	0
#21 W SOCCER	0
vs. #18 santa clara	2
#14 FOOTBALL	7
vs. #25 nau	24
VOLLEYBALL	2
vs. uc riverside	3
#20 M CROSS COUNTRY	2nd place
vs. stanford invit.	

#### SCHEDULE

VOLLEYBALL	thurs., oct. 2, 7 p.m.
vs. csu northridge	@ csun
W SOCCER	fri., oct. 3, 7 p.m.
vs. uc irvine	@ uci
#20 FOOTBALL	sat., oct. 4, 12:05 p.m.
vs. #8 montana	@ montana
VOLLEYBALL	sat., oct. 4, 7 p.m.
vs. pacific	@ pacific
M SOCCER	sat., oct. 4, 7 p.m.
vs. csu fullerton	@ cal poly
W TENNIS	all day
vs. ucla tourn.	@ ucla
W SOCCER	sun., oct. 5, 2 p.m.
vs. long beach st.	@ lbsu
VOLLEYBALL	fri., oct. 10, 7 p.m.
vs. idaho	@ cal poly
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Junior linebacker Jordan Beck is sixth in the nation in tackles. The Mount Hermon native has 50 stops this season, 22 more than the next-best Mustang. Beck has five tackles for a loss. He is on pace to beat his 113 tackles from 2002, which was two short of the Poly record.

#### TRIVIA

##### Wednesday's question

Who has the best batting average in ALDS history?

Send answers to: [spmartin@calpoly.edu](mailto:spmartin@calpoly.edu)

##### Tuesday's question

What NCAA Division I-A football team has the longest active streak ranked in the top-25?  
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