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Student dies in Hwy 580 accident

By Graham Womack

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A Cal Poly student died Saturday in a traffic accident on Highway 580 in Pleasanton.

Graphic communication sophomore Anastasia "Annie" Quinn, 20, was pronounced dead at the scene of a three-car accident at 4:30 p.m.

Quinn had been traveling westbound, near the interchange with Highway 680 when her black 1989 Honda Civic was rear-ended by a green 1995 Ford Explorer

• Anastasia "Annie" Quinn, 20, was pronounced dead at the scene of a three-car accident Saturday

and sent across three lanes of traffic. Quinn was then broadsided by an oncoming white 2002 Ford Ranger.

A passenger in the Ranger was treated for injuries at a non-trauma center in Pleasanton, California Highway Patrol public affairs officer Steve Creel said.

Quinn was returning to Cal Poly after spending Friday night and Saturday at her family's ranch near Livermore. She had

gone home to visit her parents, Alice and David Quinn.

"We had a wonderful day," mother Alice Quinn said. "She got to visit all her animals."

Besides seeing her three cats, one dog, five chickens and two horses in Livermore, Quinn also baked a pumpkin pie with her mother on Friday night. She was returning to Cal Poly on Saturday

night so that she could do homework and go to work on Sunday.

A member of the Honor Society, Quinn had spent the past year studying graphic communication after changing her major from architecture. Among her graphic communications courses, Quinn earned high grades and was known as a hard-working student.

Up to her death, she was taking 14 units, including two graphic communication classes taught by Ken Macro, who said she was a good student.



Anastasia 'Annie' Quinn died Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

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Around Campus ...

A Conversation



Installation art portraying Cal Poly alumnae who have been victims of fatal violence, evoked questions of personal safety and societal trends of brutality toward women. The controversial pieces, representations of each artist's personal perception, have covered topics including abortion, racism, violence, the government and cell phone saturation. Offensive, disturbing or poignant, each project challenges peoples' values and encourages discussion.

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Schwarzenegger takes on the state

By Tom Chorneau

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SACRAMENTO — Arnold Schwarzenegger, who arrived in the United States 35 years ago as a body builder dreaming of fame and fortune, was inaugurated as California's 38th governor Monday and said he was ready to take on the "massive weight we must lift off our state."

With his wife Maria Shriver holding a 192-year-old family Bible, Schwarzenegger took the oath of office from California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George in a short ceremony on the west steps of the state Capitol.

Schwarzenegger then gave a 12-minute speech, repeatedly interrupted by applause, in which he invoked former Presidents John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan and called himself "an idealist without illusions."

"Perhaps some think this is fanciful or poetic, but to an immigrant like me, who, as a boy, saw Soviet tanks

rolling through the streets of Austria, to someone like me who came here with absolutely nothing and gained

absolutely everything, it is not fanciful to see this state as a golden dream," Schwarzenegger said.

Making the dream a reality will be a formidable task for the political newcomer, who faces a budget deficit that he believes is already more than \$24 billion and an economic climate that business leaders claim is the nation's worst. Despite his overwhelming win in the Oct. 7 recall election, Schwarzenegger also faces a Democrat-dominated Legislature that may not grant his wishes.



Schwarzenegger

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VIEWPOINTS

Students debate on 'queer' issue

By Lauren Johnson

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Queer. A word traditionally defined as odd, unexpected and perplexing.

Within the last century, the word has evolved into an anti-gay insult, but today the gay community has taken the word back in a positive way.

"Queer" to me means an all-encompassing word that unites the gay community," said co-director of the Gays Lesbians Bisexuals United and city and regional planning junior Dustin Robinson.

He said the word "queer" is a great way to equally refer to gays, lesbians and bisexuals as a single unit.

"It is empowering because it

unites all the gay communities as one instead of putting them into separate subgroups," Robinson said.

Robinson said he admits that the word is context-sensitive. Older generations may view "queer" as offensive because decades ago it was a common insult directed toward homosexual communities.

It takes time for people to come into acceptance of words referring to the homosexual community, Robinson said.

"People need to respect the sensitivities that others have toward the word 'queer,'" he said.

Brandon Sims, on the other hand, has an opposite opinion about the word "queer."

"Queer means something is not right or strange," director of the campus organization Raise the Respect and biology senior Sims said.

Sims said a word meaning 'odd' shouldn't be an acceptable description of the gay community.

"Queer" itself means not normal and that's why I don't feel comfortable using that word," Sims said.

Robinson and Sims also don't agree on the effects that television on society, such as "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy."

Robinson said the show is helping to bridge the gay community and the straight community by showing if society helps each other out, it can build a better human race.

Sims agreed there are positive aspects of the show, but that it is just pointing out differences between gay males and straight males, instead of trying to show them as equals.

Word on the Street

Students speak on campus issues

What are your thoughts on the word "queer"?



"I hate it. I get really offended when people use it."

— Susan Puccinelli, speech communication junior



It's the way human culture is coming down on a particular group."

— Jon Fitch, forestry junior



"I don't ever use it."

— Casey Blalock, business junior



"I don't use it because I think it is derogatory."

— Jamell Hussein, computer engineering junior

Local
Weather

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TODAY
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WEDNESDAY
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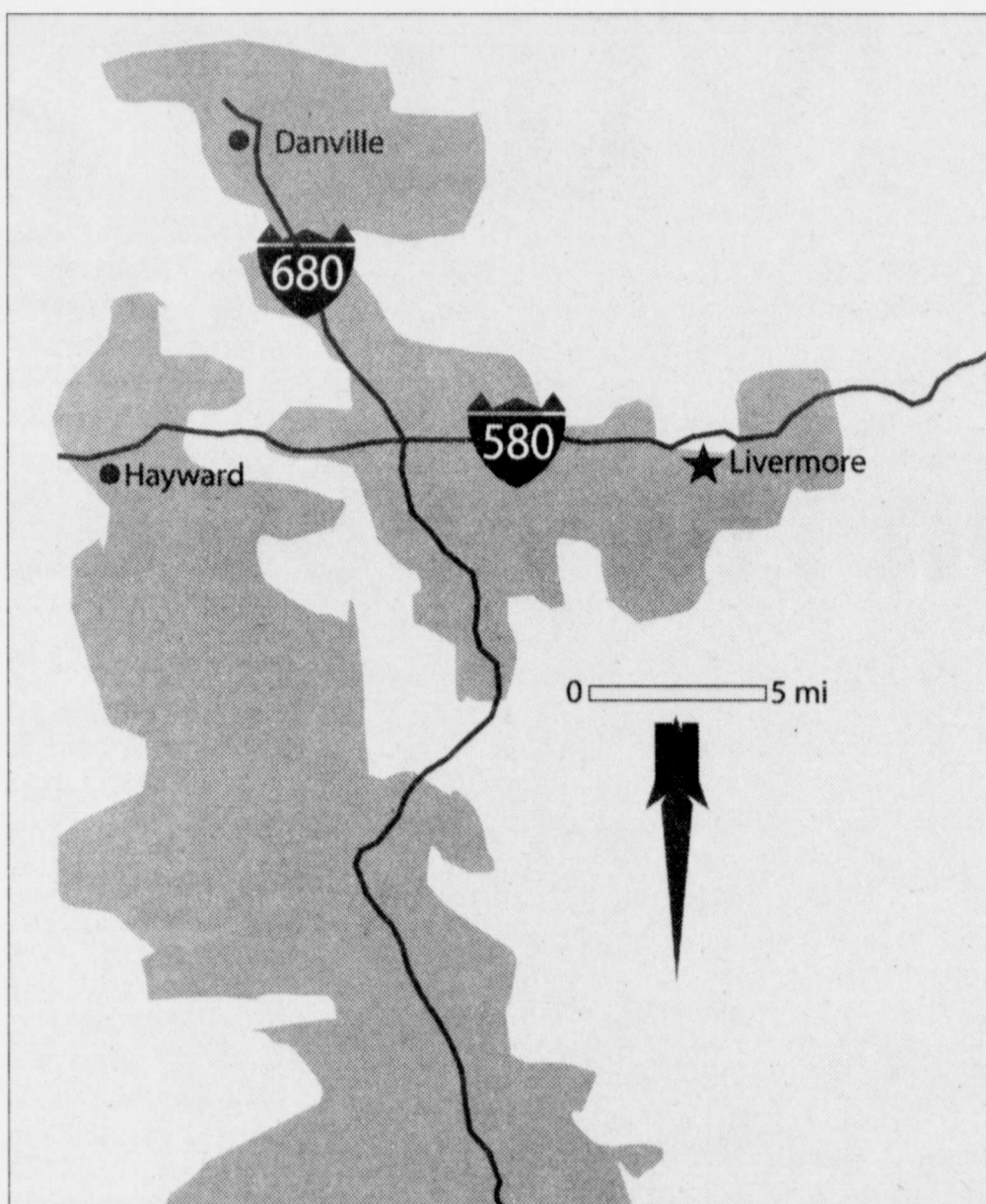
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Sunrise/Sunset

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	4:59 p.m.	4.27 feet
low	11:44 a.m.	2.47 feet
	11:39 p.m.	0.47 feet



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QUINN

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"She was the only one in my class who carried a laptop and she basically wrote down everything I said verbatim," Macro said.

Additionally, Quinn was in her second quarter working for University Graphic Systems. She was trained last spring in the estimating department and was a trainee this quarter in the prepress department. Annie's mother said her daughter was unsure of her career choice, but she wrote about her experience and desires on her UGS application.

"Effectively, I've been on the 'customer' side of the designer/prepress worker relationship," Quinn wrote. "I would, with all my heart (really!), like to work with both prepress and Diane (Ward) in estimating. I've been trying to get into prepress for sooo long!"

Ward, who trained Quinn, said she had a unique personality.

"I didn't sense compromising in her to fit the norm, which is so often what I hear Cal Poly students accused of," Ward said.

Quinn was also known for her generosity. Classmate Nick Bernal said

Quinn brought in cookies and coffee sweetener for their marketing class, taught by Macro. At the time of her death, Quinn was also planning to cook Thanksgiving dinner for family and friends.

Quinn's boyfriend of nineteen months and current roommate, computer science senior Matt Guggemos, remembered her happy attitude.

"Even when she was really sad, she'd be cheerful," Guggemos said. "She was a great girl."

Quinn also lived with her boyfriend's cousin Leigh Guggemos, who shared similar sentiments.

"Living with her and Matt (since July) has been the happiest time in my life and it really has been in large part due to her," Leigh Guggemos said.

Quinn was born June 21, 1983 and graduated from Athenian High in 2001. She is survived by her parents. Quinn is preceded in death by an infant sister some years ago.

The death of Quinn comes only two weeks after architecture junior Emily Alstot was killed in a car accident while traveling home on Halloween.

By press time, memorial service information was unavailable. The Honor Society will hold a meeting today to discuss her death.

GOVERNOR

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Schwarzenegger, however, promised Californians he would spend the next three years rebuilding the state's economy, protecting the needs of children and the elderly and breaking the hold of special interests.

"I enter this office beholden to no one except you, my fellow citizens," Schwarzenegger said. "I pledge my governorship to your interests, not to special interests."

Schwarzenegger was sworn in accompanied by four of the five living former governors of California — Democrats Davis and Jerry Brown and Republicans Pete Wilson and George Deukmejian. Only Republican Reagan, who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease, was not present.

The new governor was also surrounded by his children, who had remained out of public view during

much of the recall campaign — daughters Katherine and Christina and sons Patrick and Christopher. Schwarzenegger is the first governor with children since Deukmejian left office in 1991.

Even before he was able to take part in any of the three celebratory receptions held Monday, Schwarzenegger retired to the governor's office and followed through with one of this major campaign promises — repealing the tripling of the car tax.

Moments later the new governor signed proclamations calling the Legislature back into special session to undertake further reform of the state's workers' compensation system, issues related to the budget deficit and a call to repeal a bill granting driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants.

The sudden flurry of paperwork also shows the new governor appears ready to fulfill another promise to voters — to take action.

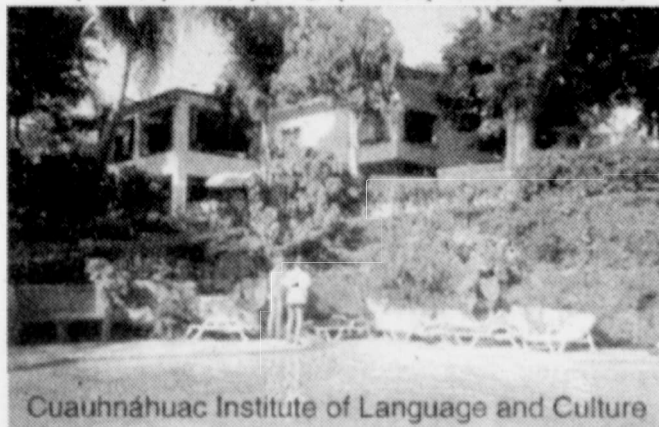
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National Roundup

WASHINGTON — Republicans won the blessing of the politically influential AARP Monday for their Medicare prescription drug bill, but Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., countered with a scathing attack, saying the legislation included a "\$12 billion slush fund to lure seniors" into private coverage.

At the White House, President Bush arranged to meet with lawmakers who spent months negotiating the deal and now must find the votes to pass it.

William D. Novelli, CEO of the AARP, said in an Associated Press interview that his group would "pull out all the stops" to pass the legislation, including a three-day television advertising campaign this week.

The bill is not perfect, he conceded, "but the country can't afford to wait for perfect. On balance, it's the right thing for seniors in America and their families."

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — A jury convicted John Allen Muhammad of capital murder Monday, concluding he used a rifle, a beat-up car and a teenager who idolized him to kill randomly and terrorize the Washington area during last year's sniper spree.

The jury will now decide whether the Army veteran should be sentenced to death or life in prison. The penalty phase was to begin in the afternoon.

Muhammad, 42, stood impassively as the verdict was read, looking forward. Two jurors held hands, and two others were crying.

The jury deliberated for 6 1/2 hours before convicting Muhammad of two counts of capital murder. One accused him of taking part in multiple murders, the other — the result of a post-Sept. 11 terrorism law — alleged the killings were designed to terrorize the population. Muhammad is the first person tried under the Virginia law.

ORLANDO, Fla. — Mickey Mouse arrived on the world's cultural stage 75 years ago today as a scrawny but buoyant black-and-white product of the Jazz Age.

He was a symbol of American spirit in his screen debut, "Steamboat Willie," on Nov. 18, 1928. The film at New York's Colony Theatre showed an irreverent rodent who takes Captain Pete's steamboat on a joyride and woos Minnie Mouse by making music on the bodies of various farm animals.

The years have dulled Mickey's personality, a result of him becoming the corporate face of a multibillion-dollar entertainment empire. In the process, Mickey also has become a cultural Rorschach test — a symbol of American optimism, resourcefulness and energy or an icon of corporate imperialism.

— Associated Press

World Roundup

ST. NAZAIRE, France — Church bells chimed and foghorns blasted Monday as this Atlantic coast shipbuilding town paid tribute to 15 people who fell to their deaths while visiting the world's largest and most expensive ocean liner.

Hundreds of people gathered at the base of the vast, 21-story-tall Queen Mary 2 to observe a moment of silence for those who died when a metal gangway collapsed Saturday, sending victims plunging at least 50 feet to a concrete floor.

Up to 32 others were injured when the metal gangway collapsed, as dozens crossed it to board the ship from the dock.

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Turkish officials investigated claims that the al-Qaida terrorist network was responsible for the truck bombings that devastated two Istanbul synagogues and killed 24 people, the prime minister said early Monday.

Picking through the debris at one of the damaged synagogues, searchers Monday found the remains of an elderly Jewish worshipper, a doctor at the government health department said.

That raised the death toll from Saturday's attacks from 23 to 24. An earlier toll of Jews killed stood at six, because the Jewish community had already counted the woman as among the dead. The woman's granddaughter was also killed, her body found the day of the attacks.

BERLIN — Germany has extradited two Yemenis to the United States on charges that they supported the al-Qaida terrorist network, prosecutors in Frankfurt said Monday.

The two men, Sheikh Ali Hassan al-Moayad and his alleged assistant, Mohammed Mohsen Yahya Zayed, were picked up Sunday by American officials and flown out of the Rhine-Main Air Base near Frankfurt by the U.S. Air Force, said Hildegard Becker-Toussaint, a spokeswoman for Frankfurt prosecutors.

KABUL, Afghanistan — A series of terrorist attacks, including the killing of a French U.N. worker in central Afghanistan, suggest that anti-government militants are targeting international workers here, a United Nations official said Monday.

On Sunday, Bettina Goisard, 29, a widely respected U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees worker in Ghazni, central Afghanistan, was gunned down by two Afghan men on a motorcycle as she traveled through a bazaar in the city in a clearly marked U.N. vehicle. Her Afghan driver was wounded and hospitalized in stable condition.

— Associated Press

College Roundup

RALEIGH, N.C. — Cordell Antoine Lyons, a computer engineering sophomore at North Carolina State University, was arrested in his residence hall Friday and taken to the Wake County jail for charges of financial identification fraud. Campus Police assisted the Wake County Sheriff's Office and Apex Police in executing a search warrant for Lyons in North Hall.

Lyons was charged by the Wake County Sheriff's Office with five counts of financial identity fraud and one count of obtaining property by false pretense. The Apex Police Department also charged him with two counts of financial identity fraud.

SAN DIEGO — Tim Wise, a social justice activist for the past two decades, nearly filled a San Diego State University hall Wednesday night when he spoke out against racism as part of the Cross Cultural Center's "Racism and the Culture of Denial" presentation.

Wise, a prominent antiracism speaker, had students not only laughing out loud but standing and applauding as he addressed the clouded vision of racism today.

Wise said denial is passed down from generation to generation.

"I read the data, and I read the surveys," he said. "It is fascinating to see such disconnect between the perceptions of the dominant group and the perceptions of everybody else."

— University Wire

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'Hispanic America Saves' program bridges gap

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hispanics are less likely to save regularly than Americans overall because they are typically younger, have lower incomes and are less proficient in English, an analysis suggests.

The lack of savings contributes to a lack in net worth between Hispanic and American households, said Stephen Brobeck, executive director of the Consumer Federation of America.

The federation and Freddie Mac said Monday they were joining with Hispanic groups to create a program known as "Hispanic America Saves," an expansion of a program known as "America Saves," which has enrolled 13,000 people who develop savings goals and a plan to achieve them. Hispanic America Saves will provide

information in English and Spanish, a newsletter and free advice from registered financial planners.

The typical Hispanic household in the United States has a median net worth of \$11,450, compared with \$86,100 for all American households, according to 2001 data from the Federal Reserve Board.

The net worth was calculated by adding the value of personal economic assets such as home equity, life insurance, retirement accounts, the value of a car and other property and subtracting consumer debt.

Only 33 percent of Hispanics save regularly, compared with 41 percent of all Americans, and Hispanics plan financially for the next few months, the analysis found.

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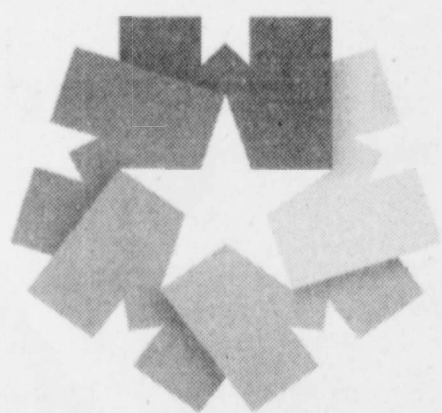
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EAT MY SHORTS

'Simpsons' writer, producer to speak at Chumash

By Micah Paulson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Fans of "The Simpsons" will learn everything from unruly celebrity guests to how much effort goes into making Fox's top sitcom when writer-producer Mike Reiss speaks at Chumash Auditorium tonight at 7:30.

Reiss has been a member of "The Simpsons" staff since its debut in 1989; he has received four Emmy awards for producing and writing for the show.

"It is the greatest job in the world, though it is still a job," Reiss said during a recent telephone interview. "There is a lot of pressure involved, but it couldn't be more rewarding working on a show that everyone likes."

Fox announced that it will renew "The Simpsons" until 2005, making it the second longest running sitcom behind "Saturday Night Live." Reiss had no idea the show would be this successful.

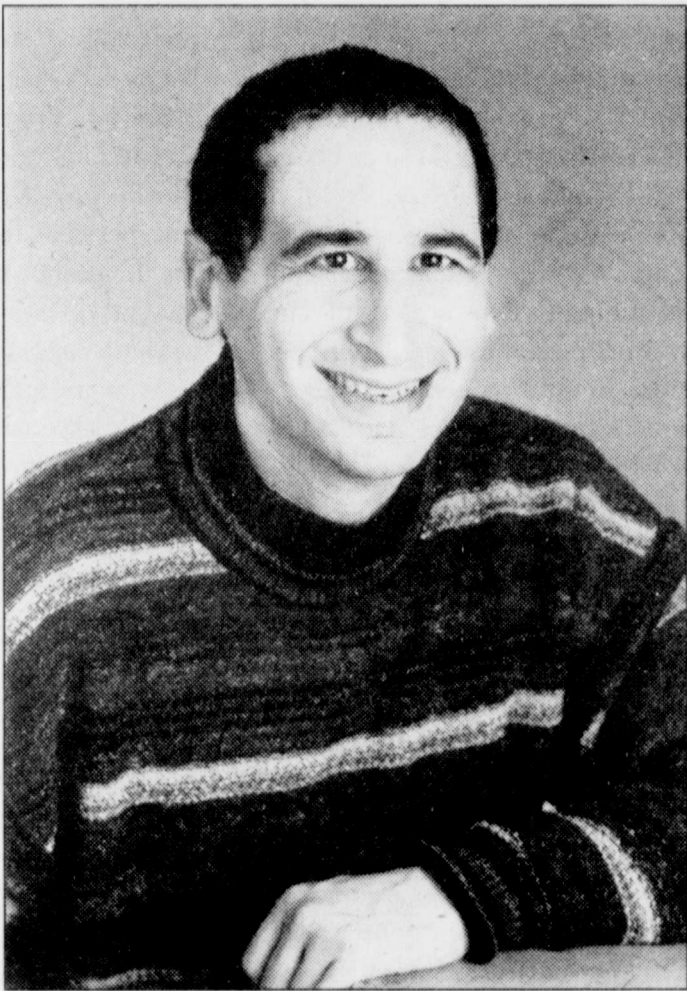
"When I took the job, it was before the first season, and I thought I had hit the bottom of my career," Reiss said. "I thought the show would be cancelled in no time; it was definitely a surprise."

The hardest job for Reiss was producing the third and fourth seasons, a job that took about 100 hours a week, Reiss said.

"The Simpsons" has used satire and intelligent humor to wrestle some of the biggest issues of the day. Reiss can only recall one time when the Fox network took something off the show without telling the producers.

"We did a commercial about the Catholic Church trying to sell going to church by using sexy nuns," Reiss said. "It was a one-time thing. I remember there being threats that we would leave Fox because of it."

Each episode starts with one person writing a script, then passing it to about eight other writers who modify the story. When



COURTESY PHOTO

Mike Reiss, a writer and producer for "The Simpsons," will speak about his career hijinks at 7:30 tonight in Chumash Auditorium.

Reiss headed-up the production during the third and fourth season, most of his job was overseeing the writing.

Another interesting part of Reiss' is the wide range of celebrity guests that have been on the show.

"Sometimes the show is used to meet certain stars," Reiss said. "There was one episode, the one where Homer goes into outer space. James Taylor is in it, not that James Taylor has anything to do with outer space; it was just that one of the writers wanted to meet him."

Beyond his work on "The Simpsons," Reiss

recently sold an original movie script to Adam Sandler, an undertaking unique to both Sandler and Reiss.

"After 25 years of writing comedy, I wrote a drama," Reiss said. "It's about a bitter 850 pound bed-ridden man that falls in love with his day nurse, and it gives him the will-power to change his life."

Reiss is also the co-creator of "The Critic," which has been running on Comedy Central for five years. Other television credits

include "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson" and "Alf." He has also written several children's books.

Reiss promises that his speech at the Chumash will satisfy even the most die-hard Simpson's fan.

"It's going to be entertainment. I used to talk about life as a writer, but no one cares about that," he said. "Now I just speak about funny or interesting things that have happened to me over the years."

D'oh!

Classic quotes from "The Simpsons," found on www.imdb.com

Homer: "Alcohol, the cause and solution to all life's problems."

Dr. Nick: (singing) "The knee bone's connected to the ... something. The something's connected to the ... red thing. The red thing's connected to my wrist watch ... Uh oh."

Homer: "Marge, old people don't need excitement. They need to be isolated and studied so it can be determined what nutrients they have that might be extracted for our personal use."

Ralph Wiggum: "The doctor said I wouldn't have so many nose bleeds if I kept my finger outta there."

Homer: "I like my beer cold, my TV loud and my homosexuals fa-laaaaming."

Ralph Wiggum: "That's where I saw the leprechaun! He told me to burn things."

Homer: "Lisa, if you don't like your job you don't strike. You just go in every day and do it really half-assed. That's the American way."

Ralph Wiggum: "My cat's breath smells like cat food."

Bart: "I didn't think it was possible, but this both sucks and blows."

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Tenacious D delivers 'complete' DVD

By Nick Romanow

MASSACHUSETTS DAILY COLLEGEAN (UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS-AMHERST)

AMHERST, Mass. — What does a rock group do to follow up its amazingly acclaimed and successful debut album?

Tenacious D believes the answer may lie in the DVD format. Jack Black (aka J.B. or Jables) and Kyle Gass (aka K.G. or Kage) make up Tenacious D, otherwise known simply as The D, the hard-rocking acoustic duo who, despite releasing only one

album, have an enormous and dedicated fanbase.

The important thing about Tenacious D is that while they have a reputation as a "comedy act," there is a real reason the band is worshiped: The D simply rocks.

"The Complete Masterworks" recognizes the fan's appetite for The D and the music. The first disc contains an entire live performance from London, along with all six of the HBO episodes that introduced the world to The D.

The second disc of the set, labeled "For Psycho Fans," lives up to its promise with its comprehensive documentation of nearly everything the band has done in the past two years. It features three short films that were made for HBO, in-the-studio and on-the-road documentaries, all the band's music videos — along with two making-of documentaries — and three different television performances by the band.

The focus of the DVD is the concert footage. The show, shot last November at the Brixton Academy in London, is a full hour-long set that finds The D playing most of its album tracks, including fan favorites such as "Double Team" and "Kyle Quit The Band." The live set also rewards fans with unreleased songs and The D's patent stage banter.

The purpose of a concert film is always to bring the live experience home to the viewer, and "The Complete Masterworks" does indeed bring J.B. and K.G. straight to your room.

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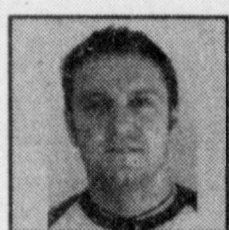
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China chooses denial over health

Reminiscent of groups who believe the Holocaust never happened, China is trivializing the suffering of AIDS victims by denying it is an issue. More than one million of the nation's population is infected, and an estimated 10 million will be infected by the end of the decade.

Failure to recognize this as an immense and immediate problem is foolish denial, particularly when the situation is one the government escalated. Here follows the future demise of China, through the taboo of sex, governmental corruption and refusal to be frank.

Blood is a lucrative market in China. The sheer number of population and lack of voluntary donations creates a huge demand for blood and plasma. In fact, local government health



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facilities made firm encouragements to impoverished villagers in Henan and other Chinese villages to sell their blood. This could aid their poor income and help restock the community blood supply. Going so far as to set up govern-

ment-aided facilities to aid in blood collection, health and protection of such operations lies entirely with Chinese officials. Here is where things turn cataclysmic.

The most valuable thing in blood is plasma. In the United States, blood donation machines collect plasma from blood and return the plasma-less blood back into the donor in one continuous procedure. This re-injection of blood is done to prevent anemia. In the government-sanctioned facilities in Henan, China, the blood of donating impoverished villagers was pooled together into one large quantity. The plasma was extracted and then the combined blood of the villagers was re-injected into all. If one villager donor was HIV positive, their blood combined with the masses' that would be re-distributed to all, thus infecting everyone.

This is exactly what is happening.

Adding to the contamination issues of HIV in China is the lacking knowledge of sexual protection. In a BBC report on China's HIV crisis, 90 percent of the Chinese population surveyed didn't know that condoms protect from the virus. Eighty-eight percent thought the virus could be contracted through shaking hands or using a public toilet. This deficiency in general sex education comes from the taboo in Chinese culture of discussing sex in public forums. Sex isn't discussed, despite the state of emergency the silence on the subject is causing. This creates a series of dominoes that are steadily falling toward the demise of China. Lack of health sanitation leads to medical infection; the lack of sex education lends the medically infected to spread the virus exponentially through intercourse.

Worst is the government's denial of this vicious cycle they've created. Many children are orphaned through this AIDS epidemic, their fathers or mothers having contracted HIV through blood donation and then spreading it to their spouse through sex. Medication is too expensive, so both parents die fairly quickly. Does the government care for the orphans created by their negligence? No. Instead, they do the opposite. Anyone found feeding or aiding AIDS orphans could be thrown in jail for acknowledging the epidemic the government says does not exist.

The United Nations have all taken extreme interest, as have the World Health Organization and the Human Rights Watch. The contamination of China could cause devastating international consequences. On a human rights level, America cannot hold a clear conscience if it remains inactive. International pressure needs to be placed on China to resolve this devastating crisis before it directly affects us all.

Barry Hayes is a political science senior and Mustang Daily columnist.

Diverse campus creates diverse drinkers

Usually, things that come out of Harvard University are top-of-the-line, but a recent Harvard study is less than praise-worthy.

The study declares that a more diverse student population can significantly reduce the amount of binge drinking students participate in.

The most absurd parts of the study were how the authors defined what a binge drinker is and who they pointed out as being "high-risk students."

First, let me enlighten you with the definition of binge drinking as defined by the study. Henry Wechsler, the study's lead author, said binge drinking is consuming five or more drinks in a row at least once during a two-week period for men. Women have the same time period but are limited to consuming just four drinks before being considered a binge drinker. The study does not define a time limit over which these drinks need to be consumed other than one right after the other.

"In a row" could be defined as chugging down beers while watching Monday Night Football or sipping wine during a tour of Napa Valley. Over the span of a day, a person can drink five beers or four glasses of wine (the amount of drinks that match the studies definition) and not be drunk.

A more likely and believable definition for a binge drinker would be a person who drinks past their limits, not just once in two weeks, but several times, exceeding the amount of alcohol they can actually handle.

Go to a party and it is evident that some individuals can tolerate much more than others. This is why it is not appropriate to lump all men and all women together with one limit for each group.

The second problem I had with the study is they grouped people as high-risk or low-risk according to their race as opposed to what extra-curricular activities individuals associate themselves with.

It specifically attacks young white males, saying, "if you have younger white males together to the exclusion of other groups, you're going to have fewer role models for lighter or non-drinking behavior." They do not mention who these role models are or can be.

The study goes on and states this is why fraternities have high levels of drinking.

It was news to me that all fraternities on every college campus are full of young white guys and that they all have drinking problems. This is just another unfair grouping that enforces the stereotypes that harm fraternities' reputations. The Greek system is the easiest target on college campuses because it is a predefined group of people with similar interests across the nation.

It is easy to apply the stereotype of drinking to excess on the Greek system, fraternities being the focus of the study, because it is a large, tangible organization on many campuses that is usually associated with having a good time.

A more likely and fair grouping would be based on what the students who are high-risk binge drinkers enjoy doing in their spare time. The color of a person's skin doesn't dictate what they will value in their college experience, but their interests outside of class do.

The study's overall conclusion that diversifying a campus will cut down on binge drinking is unrealistic. Diversifying this campus' race would only alter the appearance of the people who drink.

Kimberly Masculine is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letters to the editor

GE requirements are failing students

Editor,

In regard to the Nov. 13 article "GWR insults the student body," I would have to fool-heartedly agree with Mike Marquez that the GWR is a waste of time. However, I also feel it is the GE curriculum's fault.

Who at this school has not been screwed over by the fact that GE requirements change every three years? Most students end up taking extra courses because courses are no longer offered and equivalencies are impossible to find. Those of you who have filled out that white form know what I'm talking about.

But let's all remember that there is a board of paid representatives at Cal Poly that decides every three years that stability through a student's college career should be stripped whenever possible, forcing some to stay extra quarters and pay soaring tuition rates with no cap in sight.

But wait, I forgot, new catalogs equal money for the bookstore and school.

Anyone smell conspiracy?

Thank you, Cal Poly General Education Board. You make a dog sniffing its own butt appear more intelligent.

And to think, I passed the GWR.

Michael Grossman is an architectural engineering senior.

Atkins doesn't grasp Christian teachings

Editor,

The opinion article by Thomas Atkins ("Gay bishop goes against the word of God" Nov. 14) about openly gay bishop Gene Robinson in New Hampshire disappointed me. I don't know exactly how I feel about a gay man leading a Christian church, but I do want to say that Atkins' article read more

as a hate statement than "God's Truth."

Who is he to speak for God — quoting the Bible or not. I find it extremely hypocritical for Atkins to call himself a Christian while holding such animosity for a gay man. I am straight, but I was offended, as a Christian, to Atkins' take on Christian teachings. I have always been taught to love one another as God has loved me and, obviously, Atkins has not grasped that incremental concept of Christianity. How are we as humans suppose to reach the ultimate goal of peace and love for fellow men if we cannot appreciate and respect people for who they are?

I'll pray for you, Atkins.

Catherine Walsh is a kinesiology sophomore.

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Best of the worst: Rodriguez wins AL MVP

By Ronald Blum
AP SPORTS WRITER

Alex Rodriguez became the second player from a last-place team to win the American League Most Valuable Player award, beating Carlos Delgado and Jorge Posada for the honor Monday.

The Texas Rangers' shortstop received 242 points in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Delgado had 210 points and Posada 194.

Showing the split among the writers, 10 players received first-place votes, one short of the record set in the 1947 NL vote and matched in the 1977 AL vote.

Rodriguez was picked first on six ballots, the fewest for an MVP winner since the New York Yankees' Yogi Berra in 1951. Delgado and Posada got five firsts each.

The only other player on a last-place team to win an MVP was the Chicago Cubs' Andre Dawson in 1987.

The New York Times

Crossword

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1 Wager in Russian roulette?
6 Swindle
10 Pie perch
14 First name in TV talk
15 Secretary of Labor Elaine
16 Plum or gum
17 Face the judge
19 Hindu deity
20 Kind of welder
21 Like "O"
22 Door pounder's demand
24 Hirsute Tibetans
26 Nitpick
28 Diner music players, in brief
30 Corner piece
31 Revolutionary figure?

DOWN

33 Budge
34 Up to, informally
37 Hardly classy
38 One side of an issue
39 "Forget it!"
41 "Shoot!"
42 Hammerlock, e.g.
44 Dilates
45 Actress Skye
46 Confine
47 Contract, as in pain
51 Emperor's rebuke
54 Delhi expenditure
55 It may be bleeped
57 Longing
58 The U.N.'s Kofi Annan
59 Beat it

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64 Common thing?
65 Till stack
66 Scale deduction
67 Beef on the hoof

DOWN

1 Mention again
2 Extremist
3 Theme of this puzzle
4 Football Hall-of-Famer Ford
5 Prefix with skeleton
6 Fido's fare, maybe
7 "Cool it!"
8 Jump-offering org.
9 cocktail
10 Ripken's record, e.g.
11 Qom resident
12 Ring-tailed primate
13 Abrupt transitions
18 Sports bar fixture
23 Sun's spot
25 Done for
27 Pressing need
29 Peeper's place
31 School grp.
32 Cruces

Puzzle by Peter Sarrett

33 Like the Who, in the 60's
34 Theme of this puzzle
35 Actor McKellen
36 Fleur-de-
38 1963 role for Liz
40 Garfield's pal

43 Nonrecurring
44 Value
45 Steel supports
46 John or Paul
47 Object of a 1960's protest
48 Bizarre
49 Author Sinclair

50 Person in a booth, maybe
52 Flirt
53 In a trance
56 Shell competitor
60 "Science Friday" host Flatow
61 On Soc. Sec.

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Mustangs corral competition at Shootout

• Tennis team was unimpressed by competition in season-opening tournament

By Michael Marquez
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Rain couldn't stop the men's tennis team from hosting the first-ever Big West Shootout.

The Mustangs finished the weekend with 16 wins and 11 losses against UC Santa Barbara, Pacific and UC Riverside.

Top performances of the weekend came from sophomore Travis Crawford, who

► Jason Mossembekker went 3-0.

► Travis Crawford was 4-1 on the weekend.

Head coach Trevor Kronemann said his team is back on track for the upcoming season.

"One of my goals for the team this weekend was to have everyone on the team win at least one match," Kronemann said. "We accomplished this goal, showing our opponents great team depth."

Meronoff said becoming Big West Champions is within reach this year after competing against the Big West teams.

"This tournament was a good indication of where we are at and where we need to be when season comes around," Meronoff said. "After this weekend we are right there with all the teams."

Meronoff said if the team is going to win Big West, every one has to pull together.

"The teams effort this weekend was definitely encouraging," Meronoff said.

Sophomore Brett Van Linge said he wasn't impressed with the UCSB, Pacific or UCR performance at this weekends' competition, he said.

"All the guys on our team played well and stepped up to their players coming out with big wins," Van Linge said.

Although UCSB was missing their top three players and UOP's third-best player did not play, Van Linge could possibly get a different outlook of what the team looks like when the season starts.

Senior co-team captain Brian Kent did not fare as well as expected, going 2-2.

"I definitely didn't perform up to par over this weekend," Kent said. "My rhythm and timing were slightly off, which made it difficult to compete at such a high level."

The addition of senior Nicholas Tracy should prove to be a beneficial addition to the starting lineup.

"The guys got to see who they will be facing this year in the Big West Conference," Kronemann said. "After seeing the competition we all believe that we have a legitimate chance to win it."



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Freshman Matt Baca competed with the team in the tournament.

Darrell Jones honored

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

For the second time this season, Cal Poly kick return specialist Darrell Jones has been named NCAA Division I-AA Independents Special Teams Player of the Week.

Jones returned a punt 76 yards for a touchdown in the Mustangs' 38-31 loss to Idaho State on Saturday in Mustang Stadium. It was Jones' third punt return for a score this season and the fourth of his three-year Mustang career.

Jones also has three kickoff returns for touchdowns in his career.

The 5-foot, 8-inch, 185-pound junior gave Cal Poly a 23-7 lead with his punt return in the second quarter. He now averages 14.7 yards per punt return this season, ninth in NCAA Division I-AA. Jones also had seven catches for 102 yards and a touchdown Saturday.

Jones returned a Montana State punt 69 yards for a touchdown and a Saint Mary's punt 77 yards for another score earlier this season. Jones is averaging 18.4 yards per kickoff return this fall. His career averages are 12.5 yards per punt return (0.1 short of the school record) and 21.6 yards per kickoff return.

The one time I didn't drive there

It wasn't supposed to end this way. The women's soccer team was supposed to play their second-round game of the NCAA College Cup on Sunday.

My confidence in the team stemmed from the 18-1-2 win-loss record and Big West Championship that Cal Poly carried into the match against Arizona State University. The Sun Devils were a seemingly no-name team that the Mustangs had never faced. The no-names actually turned out to be ranked 14th in the country, though.

Either team Cal Poly looked to face in that round, the Stanford Cardinal or Santa Clara Broncos depending on who advanced, presented amazing stories. The

Commentary

Cardinal beat Cal Poly the last time the Mustangs reached the second round in 1999. The Broncos handed the Mustangs their only regular season loss this year, a 2-0 road drubbing Sept. 28.

I figured the tale of the second round would be an instant superclassic. I figured wrong. In pre-emptively dismissing the Sun Devils, I missed an even more amazing story.

Instead of trekking to cover soccer, I went to a party Friday night. After chatting with friends for a

while, I excused myself to my host's computer so that I could verify the easy win I knew Cal Poly had recorded. My jaw dropped, though, the minute I logged on to gopoly.com to check the results.

"Women's Soccer Falls to Arizona State in NCAA Tournament" the link read. I clicked it, half-numb, half-sure there was some kind of mistake. After all, players had sworn beforehand that ASU would be an easy match, that the Mustangs were really concentrating on thumping Santa Clara in the second round.

The link read correctly, however. Cal Poly fell 3-1, averting a shutout only due to a late goal by Erin Martin. Arizona State scored in the first 20 seconds — before Cal Poly even touched the ball. The Sun Devils later punched in back-to-back goals at the start of the second half.

"We would dominate and then they would get one opportunity and score," Kelsey Carroll said.

Carroll said she was more let down than shocked, and the team did not talk much on the bus ride back to San Luis Obispo.

"It was just a disappointment," Carroll said. "We did so well this season."

Once again, the catch phrase "Wait 'til next year" must be employed, although by all intents and purposes, this seemed like the year.

Even an ESPN2 announcer said the Mustangs were underrated. They outscored their opponents 42-8, winning by more than a goal in 14 of their 21 games. For the most part, Cal Poly beat every team it was supposed to beat and easily dispatched UC Santa Barbara in the Big West Championship.

This wasn't enough, however, to beat the Sun Devils, who came into the match 12-4-3.

I suppose I lost sight of the fact that so much of journalism and so much of life comes down to showing up to take note of those allegedly small moments that really are never as insignificant as they seem.

The next time any Cal Poly team has a first-round playoff match-up within driving distance, I promise I'll be there.

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Golden Graham

Volleyball signs three recruits

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly athletics department has announced the signing of Sarah Riviere, Kristin Jackson and Courtney Holman to national letters of intent to play women's volleyball at Cal Poly.

Athletics director John McCutcheon and head coach Steve Schlick made the announcement today.

Sarah Riviere is a 5-foot, 10-inch middle and outside hitter from Le Sueur, Minn.

She led Le Sueur-Henderson High School to a 28-3-1 record during the 2003 season. The team won the Minnesota River Conference with a 6-1 record, advancing to the sectional championship game. She recorded 202 kills, 95 blocks, 143 digs and 38 aces during the season. She had a season-high 17 kills on Sept. 2 in a win over Mayer-Lutheran High School. She is a three-time letter winner and three-time MRC all-conference selection for head coach Dave Nixon.

"Sarah is an tremendous athlete," head coach Steve Schlick said. "She is extremely fast and has great vertical. Her versatility and competitive nature will allow us to utilize her at a number of different positions."

Kristin Jackson is a 5-foot, 4-inch libero from Mira Costa High

School in Manhattan Beach.

She was named all-tournament at the prestigious 2003 Tournament of Champions and ranked by Prep Volleyball.com as a Top 100 recruit. She was a three-time letter winner and helped lead Mira Costa to a Bay League championship for head coach Daelea Aldrich. Jackson was also a member of the 17 Elite Club Long Beach Volleyball and finished second at USA Junior Olympics. She will participate in the Australia Tour in the spring for head coach Joy McKenzie.

"Kristin is a phenomenal competitor with great instincts for the ball," Schlick said. "She is quite possibly the best ball control player that we have ever brought into our program."

Courtney Holman is a 6-foot, 2-inch outside hitter from Moorpark High School in Moorpark.

She was a three-year letter winner at Moorpark High School for head coach Jason Peplinski. She recorded 33 kills and 14 digs in a four-game match with Thousand Oaks. She plays club volleyball for Sports Shack and head coach Tim Jensen.

"Courtney is an outstanding athlete with great background of training," Schlick said. "She is very similar to Jessica Diepersloot in both her body type and her attacking skills."