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GEORGE BRAND • 1923 — 2004

Educator dies of cancer

By Emily Wong

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Longtime journalism department lecturer George Brand died Monday morning of esophageal cancer. He was 81.

Brand was diagnosed with cancer last month and passed away at 9:30 a.m. in his San Luis Obispo home, near campus.

Neighbors would see him walking to campus in the morning and in the afternoon he would wander into the Mustang Daily newsroom to greet students and call his wife to come pick him up.

In his 34 years at Cal Poly, he taught a variety of journalism classes, including agricultural communications this quarter.

"He was unique among all the other journalism teachers because he came from the old school," said journalism senior Jeff Swisher, who is currently enrolled in the class. "He had an aura about him that he was obviously experienced, and the way he taught showed it."

Brand came to San Luis Obispo from Redding, where he was the man-

aging editor of the Redding Record-Searchlight. He became editor of the Telegram-Tribune (currently The Tribune) and began teaching classes while maintaining his position at the paper. One of the classes he taught was mass media law.

"He taught media law while he was editor here because at that time the Telegram-Tribune was being sued for libel," said The Tribune editorial page editor and Cal Poly alum Bill Morem. "It was a case that lasted three years ... and it was summarily dismissed."

It was experiences like this that made Brand a teacher who taught beyond the textbook.

"He was the ideal news writing teacher," journalism senior Jacob Jackson said. "He gave you a broad platform for what you needed to learn for all of your journalism classes. I felt confident after I left his class."

As editor at the Telegram-Tribune, Brand was considered a "liberal ecologically friendly editor," and he wasn't afraid to stand up for his beliefs.

"He oversaw the paper in a really interesting way," Morem said. "He

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Fewer units needed for graduation

By Leah Mori

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

One hundred eighty units is the new requirement to receive a degree for some majors.

Agricultural business, business administration, economics, child development, English, history, journalism, liberal studies, modern languages and literatures, music, philosophy, political science, psychology, social sciences, speech communication, theatre, physical science, physics and statistics have lowered the number of units needed to graduate to 180.

The number of units needed for these degrees have been reduced to expedite graduation, said Harry Hellenbrand, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

According to Cal Poly's Web site, blanket curriculum substitutions have been processed allowing retroactive reduction of total units for the 2000-01, 2001-03 and 2003-05 catalogs. This is accomplished by taking out six units of free electives.

The substitutions are effective

beginning with students graduating in Winter 2004.

Though some departments have reduced units simply by taking away free electives, others have changed their curriculum and done away with other requirements.

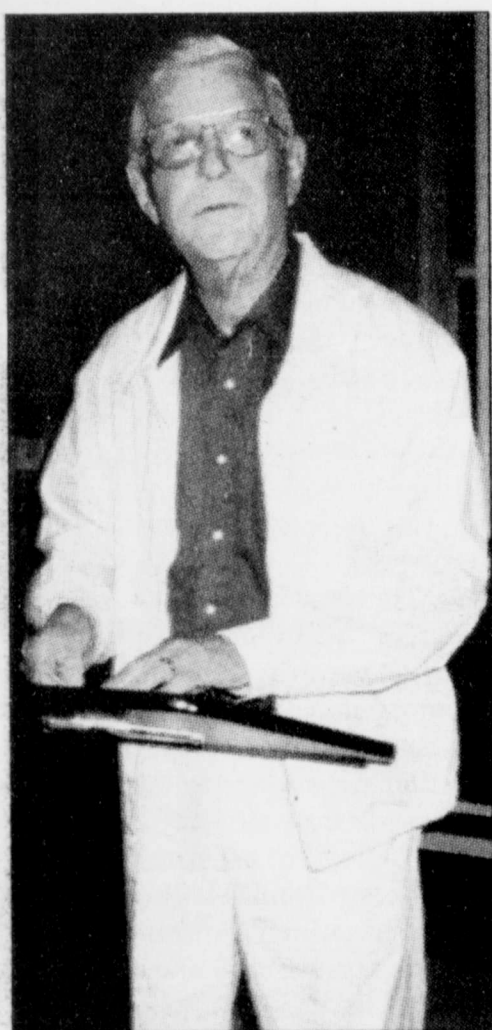
Both the journalism and liberal studies departments have cut their foreign language requirement.

Journalism chose to do away with the requirement for a few reasons.

One reason was the belief that students were not learning enough in their foreign language classes. Most enter Cal Poly with at least two years of foreign language but retake what they have already learned, said journalism department chair George Ramos.

Another reason is that there is no way to measure how much students have learned while taking a foreign language. Also, the availability of classes was an issue, as many students have difficulty registering for foreign language classes

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COURTESY PHOTO

George Brand taught at Cal Poly for 34 years.

Research moves online; no more books

By May Wong

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SAN JOSE — These are lonely days for encyclopedias.

At libraries, the volumes sit ignored for days on end as information-seeking patrons tap busily away at nearby computers.

Even in the warmth of a loving home, that set of hard-bound books that once represented the crown tool of a good education gets the cold shoulder.

"Sometimes my mom uses it as a coaster," said high school senior Andy Ng of Daly City, Calif.

In the age of the Internet, encyclopedias are gathering dust, and most families with young children don't even consider buying the space-hogging printed sets anymore. Even digital versions struggle for attention.

Michael Gray's home computer came pre-loaded with Microsoft Corp.'s reference software, Encarta, but the seventh grader from Milpitas, Calif., has never used it. He prefers doing research online, where information from a vast array of sources comes quickly, and for the most part, for free.

Like many students, his first Internet stop is Google.

"I find information really fast,"

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Textbook prices on the rise

By Rachel Musquiz

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Budget cuts, student fee increases, raised rent and high living costs all combine to make the college experience expensive. The constantly rising prices of textbooks are the icing on the cake.

Students are vulnerable to the price of textbooks because they are required for university classes. Unlike finding cheaper rent, or transferring to an area with lowered living costs, the cruel price of textbooks will follow students at any state-funded university.

Students, university professors and state legislators in California and Oregon teamed up to investigate the root of the problem. The California Student Public Interest Research Group recently published the results of their research in "Rip-off 101: How the Current Practices of the Publishing Industry Drive up the Cost of College Textbooks." The research reveals the problem of high textbook prices and offers possible solutions.

One study by CALPIRG shows that students will spend an average of \$898 per year on textbooks in 2003-04. This is about 20 percent of the average tuition and fees for in-state students at public four-year colleges nationwide. There has been a significant rise since 1996-97, when the average cost of textbooks was \$642 per year. Textbooks are expensive, and the prices continue to rise.

The study notes several reasons for the increasing prices. Publishers often sell "bundled" textbooks with extra learning material like CD-ROMs, Web site access codes and workbooks. Many times, the textbooks are not offered without the extra material.

"In a recent book order, the newest editions all came with supplements and there wasn't a choice to order the book without," international management senior Rachel Rotondo said.

She is a student assistant in the economics and marketing department and places teacher's orders for books to El Corral. "Professors don't choose (to order the extra materials) per se," she said. "It's usually optional."

A survey by CALPIRG showed that 65 percent of faculty "rarely" or "never" used the bundled materials in their courses.

"Even used books have the CD-ROMs because no one ever uses them," computer science junior Jason Russo said.


In classes where the subject matter constantly changes, new editions must be used.


"One class I'm teaching this quarter (Professional Responsibilities) needed a new edition because things have changed so much in the last five years with computer ethics," computer science professor Chuck Dana said.


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Local Weather


5 - Day Forecast

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WEDNESDAY
high: 74° / low 49° 

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	11:43 p.m.	5.23 feet
low	5:24 a.m.	0.66 feet
	5:19 p.m.	0.74 feet

CSU Monterey holds migrant student forum

MONTEREY (AP) — To encourage middle school migrant students to stick with their schooling, a group of high school migrant students held a conference Saturday at California State University, Monterey Bay.

"Migrant students face language, social, economic, and mobility barriers," said Jorge Morales, secondary school adviser for the Monterey County Office of Education. "Moving from place to place is a threat to continuity, and kids lose a lot even when they just move from one school district to another."

Avelina Campos, 16, a junior at North County High School, was one of the conference organizers.

She came to Castroville from Mexico two years ago. Her dad worked in Castroville irrigating fields while she and her family lived in Mexico. She wanted to come to the United States not only to reunite with her father but to be able to attend college.

Avelina said she wants to attend Stanford and become the first physician in her family.

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that they need to take in order to graduate.

It was a decision made by the faculty to cut the foreign language requirement. Though Ramos upholds the decision the faculty made, he was disappointed to see the requirement go.

"Personally I oppose it," Ramos said. "(Knowing how to speak a foreign language) is how I earned my reputation."

Ramos, a three time Pulitzer Prize winning reporter, won two of his awards partly because of his ability to speak Spanish.

Other changes to the journalism curriculum include concentrations in print, broadcast and public relations, as well as some additional classes into the major requirements.

The new curriculum is "much more reflective of what's going on in the industry today," Ramos said.

Liberal studies has taken away foreign language due to strict requirements from the California

Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Not many college programs in California still make foreign language mandatory and due to new requirements some things had to be removed to balance it out, Hellenbrand said.

The second reason was the reduction in units needed to graduate, which "squeezed out" modern languages and literature. Most of the students already have a couple years of foreign language completed when they arrive at Cal Poly, Hellenbrand said.

Hellenbrand would prefer that the department keep the requirement but recognizes that it is difficult with the teaching credential requirements.

Liberal studies department chair Susan Duffy declined to comment.

Although journalism and liberal studies lost their foreign language requirements, speech communication picked it up for multiple reasons.

Because we live in an "increasingly multicultural world, it's important for students to have facility in a language other than English," said speech communication department chair James

Conway.

In addition, Conway said foreign language will provide rigor and strength for the support courses students must take.

For every year of foreign language speech communication majors had in high school, they will be given one quarter credit, so they may only have to take a quarter or two of foreign language upon arriving at Cal Poly.

"Students are already required to have some language when they enter Cal Poly," Conway said. "This raises the bar a little bit for them."

Hellenbrand said the addition to the speech curriculum is a good idea because the program is training students to engage in writing and communication, and they should have a grasp of another language because the United States is so diverse.

Another change speech will see is a slight reduction in free electives — from 26 to 23.

In addition, PSY 201/202 will be made a support course, but will satisfy the general education area D4. This is because students should have a background in social science, Conway said.

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was very quality-of-life oriented — meaning he was concerned about the environment."

Because of some of the stances he took, there were times when businesses in the community boycotted the paper.

In his personal life, though, San Luis Obispo community members have only high regard for and fond memories of Brand.

"He had a gentle dignity about

him," said Pat Aiken, a former neighbor. "He was an excellent neighbor, and he was great with the kids."

Aiken recalled Brand's love of the outdoors and especially spending time in his garden.

"He loved his tomato plants," she said. "He didn't always have luck with them, but he tried real hard."

Brand earned his bachelor's degree in political science at Occidental College and served as a captain in the United States Marine Corps. After retiring from the Telegram-Tribune in 1983, he became editor of Plus magazine in

San Luis Obispo.

He also served as chairman of the Associated Press in California and Arizona, the California Newspaper Publishers Association Editors Conference and of the Freedom of Information Committee.

In everything he did, Brand gave 100 percent and many saw him as a role model.

"I used him as a mentor and I think he liked that," Morem said. "He was a very good teacher. He could make copy sing and he could teach you how to make it sing."

Brand is survived by his wife Dolores. Services will be private.

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Certain classes would be incomplete without the most recent material being covered. For example, business classes that do not address the Enron scandal would leave a student with an unclear picture of the current industry.

However, textbook publishers are releasing new editions with very few content changes. New editions cause a ripple effect in the prices of textbooks. Less expensive and used books are unavailable, so students are forced to pay full price for books. On average, a new textbook costs \$102.44 in comparison to the aver-

age used textbook price of \$64.80. Students with the old edition cannot sell the book back, leaving hundreds of students with copies of a book that is no longer used. In Fall 2003, 59 percent of students in California and Oregon were unable to find even one used book for their classes.

Along with explaining the increasing prices of textbooks, CALPIRG also offered some solutions. First, publishers should have the option to purchase textbooks unbundled and should provide faculty with information on the content difference from previous editions. Another alternative that 87 percent of faculty supported was to include new information in a supplement instead of producing a new

textbook edition.

The myth of the evil campus bookstore trying to make a profit was replaced by the facts about the publishing industry. The price of books are based on the publisher. When the price of books go up, the profit margin stays about the same for the bookstore.

In fact, El Corral bookstore tries several ways to keep used books on the shelves. El Corral will contract the instructor to make sure a textbook is required. The bookstore will try to have as many used books as possible, usually even ordering used books from other book companies.

"Make sure you really need the book before you buy it," said Cindy Giamalvo, courseware department manager for El Corral. "If you want

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Gray said, smiling proudly. "Within five to 10 minutes, I find a good (Web) site to work from."

Sometimes teachers — in a nod to the past and to stress traditional encyclopedias' usefulness — require students to use them as a source for reports. That happened to Gray two years ago, forcing him to turn to a library's set for the first time to look up information on American Indians.

But with children now often knowing their way around a computer before they know how to read, it's almost like forcing students to use slide rules when they know calculators can do the job faster.

"The students don't want to touch this stuff anymore," librarian Sandra Kajiwara said at San Jose's Dr. Martin Luther King Library, waving to the reference shelves near her station. "This could stay here forever and no one would notice."

Indeed, the heyday of the printed encyclopedia — which presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry spent his first job going door-to-door trying to sell — is long gone.

The thick volumes were long the status symbol of upper-class educated households, and sales surged in the 1980s when installment plans made \$1,400 reference sets affordable for poorer families.

But the 1990s brought recession, saddling encyclopedia makers with defaulted loans. At the same time, computers were penetrating libraries and homes. Families with school-aged children weren't thinking about whether to spring for an encyclopedia set, but rather for a computer.

Then the World Wide Web exploded, making reference works on CD-ROMs seem antiquated.

"The Internet was really the fifth nail that was driven into the coffin — not the first," said Joe Esposito, former chief executive of Encyclopaedia Britannica and now an independent consultant for digital media.

Reference providers such as Collier's and Funk & Wagnall's collapsed while others were swallowed by rivals. Britannica, the behemoth first published in 1768, saw the number of print sales drop by 60 percent from 1990 to 1996, said Jorge Cauz, Britannica's president.

A few years after it ended door-to-door sales to households in 1996, Britannica bet — wrongly — on the then-popular strategy of giving away free online content while relying on Internet ad revenue. The company now charges libraries and individual subscribers for complete access to Britannica.com.

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National Roundup

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart thanked viewers of her television shows and readers of her magazines and Web sites for their support on Monday after meeting with a probation officer following her conviction for lying about a stock sale.

She made the remarks at a lower Manhattan courthouse, where she met with a probation officer. The meeting came as stock in her namesake empire continued to slide and the board of her company was gathering to discuss life without the domestic diva.

Stewart was convicted Friday along with stockbroker Peter Bacanovic. Both are expected to get 10 to 16 months in prison when they are sentenced June 17.

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WASHINGTON — The FBI's DNA database, filled with genetic samples from prison inmates nationwide, has helped local authorities identify suspects in more than 11,000 cases in what is becoming the 21st century equivalent of fingerprinting.

The database, known as the Combined DNA Indexing System or CODIS, has helped solve two "cold" murder cases in Kansas, identify the two-decade-old remains of a missing California child and capture a sexual predator who terrorized young boys in Houston.

Just as important, police and lawyers said, it has freed prisoners wrongly convicted of crimes and helped detectives quickly eliminate wrong suspects, saving manpower chasing false leads.

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WASHINGTON — President Bush's appointment of former Alabama Attorney General William Pryor to the U.S. Appeals Court during a congressional recess may be unconstitutional, contends Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Bush on Feb. 20 gave Pryor an almost two-year stint on the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta, calling him a "leading American lawyer" and saying Democrats had used "unprecedented obstructionist tactics" last year to stop his confirmation by the Senate.

The appointment came on the last day of Congress's weeklong President's Day break.

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WASHINGTON — Relatives of three terrorism suspects held at the Navy base in Cuba on Monday urged President Bush to release the prisoners for trial in their home countries, saying the indefinite detainment is taking a toll on the prisoners' mental health.

The family members, who journeyed to the capital from England, France and Germany, said each of the detainees is being "kept like an animal in a cell" with little sleep and no information about why they are being held.

— Associated Press

World Roundup

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — U.S. Marines shot and killed a gunman during an outbreak of gunfire at a weekend demonstration by Haitians celebrating the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a spokesman said Monday.

The gunfire occurred during an anti-Aristide march Sunday, prompting Marines to return fire in the first armed action of their week-old mission to stabilize Haiti.

At least six other people were killed and more than 30 wounded in the worst bloodshed since Aristide fled Haiti Feb. 29 and U.S. and French peacekeepers arrived. The death toll rose to seven after one of the wounded died overnight.

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GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Hamas threatened revenge Monday, after 14 Palestinians were killed in the deadliest Israeli raid in Gaza in 17 months.

Among the dead were 11 militants and three boys between the ages of 8 and 15, and 81 people were wounded. The fighting near the Bureij refugee camp Sunday pitted hundreds of Palestinians with assault rifles, anti-tank missiles and grenade launchers against Israeli snipers and troops firing from helicopters and tanks.

In new fighting Monday, a 16-year-old Palestinian was killed by army fire. The spike of violence in Gaza came weeks after Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said he would withdraw from most of the strip if peace efforts remained stuck.

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's Governing Council signed a landmark interim constitution Monday, a key step in U.S. plans to hand power to the Iraqis by July 1. Within hours, Iraq's top Shiite cleric issued a fatwa religious ruling criticizing the document, signaling a dispute that delayed the signing was not over.

Before an audience of prominent Iraqi and American civilian and military officials — including top U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer — 21 of the 25 council members signed the document on an antique desk once owned by King Faisal I, Iraq's first monarch. Representatives of the absent four signed on their behalf.

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HARARE, Zimbabwe — Zimbabwean authorities have seized a U.S.-registered cargo plane carrying 64 "suspected mercenaries" and military equipment, the Home Affairs minister said Monday.

The Boeing 727-100 was detained at Harare's main airport late Sunday after its owners allegedly made "a false declaration of its cargo and crew," Home Affairs Minister Kembo Mahadi said at a briefing.

— Associated Press

College Roundup

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The Marshall University Student Government Supreme Court ruled unanimously against Amendment One Thursday afternoon, stating that it violates the Student Government Association Constitution.

The Court cited *Mellen v. Bunting* in which justices of the U.S. Court of Appeals 4th Circuit found that the practice of a chaplain reciting a prayer before meals to be a violation of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment because the students did not have a choice in being present. Similarly, the student Court believed that once a meeting is called to order, it would be improper for any senator to leave, thus making them a captive audience.

"I don't think it's a question of what people believe, but you can't force that belief on other people," said Chief Justice Claudia R. Williamson.

In the decision, the student Court ordered that the "amendment be taken off the March 9-10 election ballot and the Senate cease and desist from opening any further meetings with a sponsored prayer.

SGA Vice President Seth Murphy said that he was very disappointed, but he has to respect the ruling.

"This just proves what the supporters of the amendment have said all along, we need the Prayer Amendment to protect the right to pray publicly on this campus," Murphy said.

— Wire Services

student fee

REFERENDUM

April 14th and 15th

Two separate proposals

1. Increase Health Services Fee
2. Increase ASI Fee supporting student athlete scholarships

have been approved for a student referendum on April 14th and 15th

The following Open Forums have been scheduled where students can ask questions and learn more about these two important proposals

Monday March 15, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Tuesday March 30, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Wednesday April 7, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Thursday April 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Location: UU 220

Additional information including an objective statement, financial analysis, pro and con statements, sample ballots, and polling times and locations are now available on the web, by clicking on the link located on Cal Poly's home page (www.calpoly.edu).

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IN REVIEW



SPENCER MARLEY/MUSTANG DAILY

Mad Caddies guitarist Sascha Lazor (above) riled up the packed crowd at SLO Brewing Co. (below) last Tuesday.

'HUNGRY' for quality punk ...'

Last week's Mad Caddies show proves that the Central Coast music scene is thriving

By Spencer Marley

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Mad Caddies guitarist Sascha Lazor relaxes in a small booth, sweat-drenched and exhausted from their hour-long set. He sips his Coors Light slowly and contemplates the bands' upcoming tour.

"We have, like, two days to get up to Vancouver," Lazor said. "Then we go all the way across Canada, over to Belgium for one show and then we're gonna get lost in Australia."

The Mad Caddies, a self-proclaimed reggae and Dixieland jazz-influenced punk band, gave a pre-tour show at SLO Brewing Co. last Tuesday. The band played to an all-ages audience on a bill that also featured bands Irish Car Bomb and Throwrag.

While an audience comprised of mostly local teenagers packed the club, the Mad Caddies threw down song after song of high-energy punk. Their two-piece horn section was a refreshing change from the standard

guitar and drum barrage of most punk bands.

The fresh edge of the Mad Caddies caught on quick with Tuesday's audience. After a long set, the crowd screamed for more and the band responded, returning from backstage to play two more songs.

The five members of the Mad Caddies grew up in nearby Santa Ynez.

"It's nice to play locally, but usually our crowds are just as enthusiastic here as they are worldwide," Lazor said while alternating between catching his breath and sipping his drink.

Local punk godfather Eddy Numbskull joins Lazor at the table. Numbskull puts on punk shows all over the Central Coast from his Ventura-based operation. Numbskull proceeds to open his iBook and check the times and locations of his next shows.

"It's a really interesting scene you have here in San Luis Obispo," Numbskull said. "The kids really don't seem as spoiled when it comes to these kinds of shows as they do in L.A. They're more hungry for quality punk shows."

He agreed the Mad Caddies were the perfect band to get the San Luis Obispo punk fans fired up.

"Tonight was a perfect example of the scene here," Numbskull said. "The band was done, the kids were screaming for more and they came back to play."

The punk scene Numbskull has helped to create came to San Luis Obispo far later than to the rest of California. Numbskull remembers the first major concert, featuring Santa Barbara-based Lagwagon, which took place in 1994.

"We've been going 10 years strong, and we're not stopping anytime soon," Numbskull said. "Major bands are making San Luis Obispo a stop on their itinerary now."

The Mad Caddies' presence and the crowd's reaction certainly does verify Numbskull's hypothesis.

Meanwhile, somewhere in Australia, kids are screaming for one more song. The Mad Caddies will give it to them.



SPENCER MARLEY/MUSTANG DAILY

IN REVIEW

Wilson, Stiller resurrect 1970s in 'Starsky and Hutch'

• Pimps, cheerleaders and cocaine standard fare for cop drama turned spoof

By Thomas Atkins

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

As the cheesy 1970s music started off in the beginning of "Starsky and Hutch," I wasn't sure what to expect. To be honest, I had never seen or heard of the apparently popular cop show on which this movie is based, yet I soon realized that this didn't matter. What mattered was that I was entertained for an hour and 40 minutes, and I walked away pleased with what I saw.

The reason was not because it was directed by Todd Phillips ("Old School" and "Road Trip"). It also wasn't because of the story line, cool cars or hot cheerleaders. It was because Owen Wilson and Ben Stiller are funny. Sure, they have done some lame movies alone ("The Big Bounce" for Wilson and "Along Came Polly" for Stiller), but they were able to "totally redeem themselves" by reuniting and letting their comical chemistry shine in "Starsky and Hutch," competing with their comedic prowess in films together like "Zoolander" and "The Royal Tenenbaums."

Although the movie gets its inspiration from a cop drama,

"Starsky and Hutch" is basically a comedy-action film that really isn't about anything more than several funny actors darting between different scenes. This movie works well because of the comedic knockout punch the all-star cast delivers.

The movie revolves around the lives of Dave Starsky (Stiller) and Ken "Hutch" Hutchinson (Wilson), who are undercover cops in a metropolis called Bay City. Starsky is a tough, over-achieving, leather-jacket wearing cop who lives by the motto, "When you cross the line, your nuts are mine." Hutch, on the other hand, is a cop who resembles Wilson's usual roles of being more laid back and cool.

Because of the over- and under-achieving behaviors of Starsky and Hutch, the two crimefighters get into trouble with Captain Doby (Fred Williamson) and are forced to become partners. From this point, the duo roam the streets in a red 1974 Ford Torino hot rod trying to solve the mystery of a body they found floating in the bay. Their investigation leads them to cocaine dealer Reese Feldman (Vince Vaughn), who has created a kind of cocaine that can't be detected by police dogs.

To find more information about the criminal, the partners go on all kinds of adventures looking for answers. Sometimes they dress up in hilarious costumes; other moments find them playing it straight so they



COURTESY PHOTO

Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson go undercover in the big screen adaptation of "Starsky and Hutch."

can hit on the scandalous cheerleaders played by Carmen Electra, Amy Smart and Brande Roderick.

Most of their clues, though, come from their reliable informer Huggy Bear (Snoop Dogg), a pimp who knows what's going down on the street (hopefully his music is better than his acting because Snoop Dogg fo' shizzle didn't make the movie any more entertaining).

There was one actor, though, who, as always, made the movie more enjoyable — the incomparable Will Ferrell. As in "Zoolander," Ferrell plays another abstract character, this time a perverted prison inmate named Big Earl, who has a weird obsession with dragons. Although the scene with Ferrell is short, it is definitely unforgettable and twisted.

Overall the movie was what it claimed to be: very funny. I would say out of all the Wilson and Stiller movies, "Starsky and Hutch" is most comparable to "Zoolander" (it even has a similar dance-off scene, only this time it's disco), but I haven't made up my mind which one I like better. Out of four laughs, I'll give it three and a half — ha, ha, ha.

'Passion' tops at box office second week in a row

By David Germain

AP MOVIE WRITER

LOS ANGELES — Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" took in \$51.4 million in its second weekend, racing past the \$200 million mark in just 12 days.

Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson's action comedy "Starsky & Hutch" debuted in second place with \$29.05 million, while Viggo Mortensen's horse-racing adventure "Hidalgo" opened at No. 3 with \$19.6 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

"The Passion," Gibson's bloody reenactment of Christ's crucifixion, has grossed \$212 million so far in the United States and Canada. The movie is expected to top \$300 million, said Bob Berney, president of Newmarket Films. The independent distributor was hired by Gibson to release "The Passion" after Hollywood studios passed on it.

The film held up strongly, with receipts down just 39 percent from its huge opening weekend of \$83.8 million. Movies debuting to such high numbers often drop 50 percent or more in their second weekends.

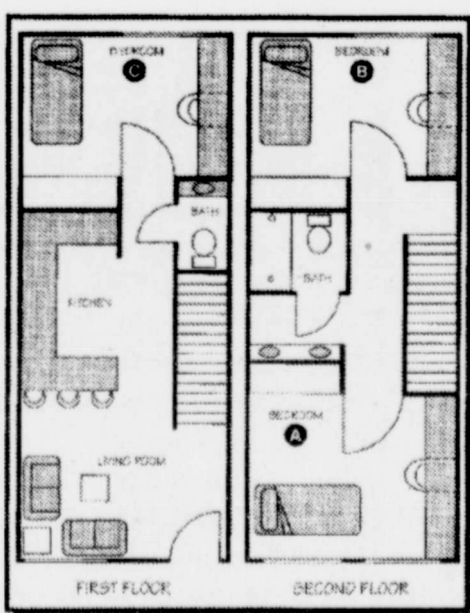
"The Passion" propelled Hollywood to a second straight weekend of rising revenues after a prolonged slump. The top 12 movies grossed \$131.5 million, up 39 percent from the same weekend last year.

Before "The Passion" opened, box-office revenues had been running 7 percent behind last year's. Two big weekends for "The Passion" have pulled the industry virtually even with last year's receipts, according to box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

The Academy Awards gave a solid bounce to best-picture winner "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," which climbed back into the top 10 with \$3.2 million, raising its total to \$368.3 million.

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Women battling for political equality

There's a certain amount of respect that women should garner when they amass a modern empire through politics, business or media. In a country where children are told that extreme success is achievable to anyone willing to put forth the effort, these women should be paradigms — icons to anyone willing to accept an estrogen-charged idol.

However, because of their ovaries, women aren't given credit for their prowess in their accrual of power.

They instead become stereotyped as cold, calculating and sinister females, ready to supply the performance of a lifetime as the wicked

queen in "Snow White." To find examples, simply look to the last 10 years of media. Newspapers and television are littered with women transformed from political and financial savants to monsters to be feared and hated. Additionally, the more power they obtain, the more sinister a Gorgon they become.

Politics are not historically dominated by women. Examine the numbers in the Senate, House and White House today. Little has changed. The highest position in politics a woman has held is the role of first lady. The word "role" is used deliberately. The first lady is expect-

ed to tackle "tough" topics such as advocating reading, inventing brilliant catch slogans like "say no to drugs" and performing other tasks quaintly reserved for women (such as playing hostess to foreign diplomats).

Rarely given credit for her husband's rise to power, the first lady is considered utmost a wife. While the position of first lady should hold enormous political sway, few women have capitalized on it. For example, the most memorable public interaction Laura Bush initiated was a tour of the White House Christmas decorations. She is doing mindless "woman's work," squandering opportunity, but no one has called her a bitch.

Then there is Hillary Clinton, arguably the most politically minded first lady. Clinton was as much a force to her husband's election and re-election as he was. Her views on

policy were loudly vocalized, and, contrary to most first ladies, her career did not end with the presidency. Instead, capitalizing on her already amassed power, she channeled support into securing a seat in the Senate and has frequently taken the floor to voice objection to questionable legislation.

A woman actively participating in politics is considered an abhorrent blemish on the face of politics to some people.

"In Hillary Clinton we get a well-defined surmise of what a bitch Lady Macbeth would have been if she had a law degree from Yale. Hillary is not only an excrescence on her gender, but justification of the national pastime of vilifying attorneys," said Norman Liebmann of News Max.

This sentiment echoes the understanding that a woman with a law degree who speaks her mind is a "bitch" and not a member of her

gender — not female. Ultimately, it's understood that women should be sharing housekeeping tips and not presenting viable means to help society beyond installing fabulous window treatments.

There is still a battle of equality being waged on the most fundamental issues, and a woman in power is something that should be recognized as positive. The first lady is exactly that, the most public and obvious figure that America portrays of a female to the global community. Therefore, it should be urged that first ladies take advantage of their intelligence and position to improve society, not remain submissive to their husband's voice in fear that society will deem them unladylike and bitchy.

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



Polytics

McDonald's measure won't cure America's obesity

No one will deny that America is a nation that has seen tremendous expansion the past 50 years. It seems, to borrow the phrase usually attributed to Texas, that everything is bigger here.

Be it our homes, our bills or governmental budgets, we have seen explosive growth in our lifetimes.

Perhaps the most exponential growth, however, has occurred in the American waistline.

Much of the blame for our growing, no pun intended, epidemic of obesity has been laid at the doorsteps of the fast food chains.

Burger King, Wendy's and the focus of evil in the world of fast food, McDonald's, have all been attacked by everyone from consumer advocates to the federal government on everything from treatment of workers to the quality of their food.

Do they deserve to be treated as public enemies?

In my opinion, yes and no.

Let's face it, a diet made up primarily of fast food is a one-way ticket to diminished health and possibly an early grave. Then again, individuals have the right to put into their bodies what they want, so long as I'm not forced to eat it, as well.

In addition, many of the loudest critics come from either think tanks, people whose commitment to public health seems to take on Nazi-like

proportions, or government regulators, in pay of the all-powerful state (an entity which killed more people than Coke, Phillip Morris and McDonald's combined last century).

So, I'm slightly skeptical to all of the hoopla surrounding the evils of fast food.

What I think is that the explosion of what Eric Schlosser has rightly called "The Fast Food Nation" is indicative of wider cultural trends.

As Americans, we are seemingly more materialistic than any other nation.

We don't take things slowly, with the exception of that English paper we've now had two extensions on, and demand instant gratification.

Fast food appeals to both of those desires.

McDonald's recently announced that they were going to do away in the next year with the option to Super Size their meals.

Naturally, this is the typical feel-good nonsense that allows busybodies to feel good about themselves and McDonald's to continue to make more money from clients who will simply spend more money in order to get the same amount of food they used to receive.

It would be like Budweiser selling beer in 3-packs.

The essential product remains the

same, while those who want more are forced to pay even higher prices for what they used to get for less.

Frankly, the whole health movement doesn't make too much sense to me.

Do we all really want to live in a world where everyone ends up as an octogenarian solely due to the fact that they ate a pound of vitamins a day while spending more than three hours on the treadmill?

Basically, we're being led to believe that the only way to extend our lives is to live the stereotypical existence of a taciturn Iowa farmer turn obsessive suburban jogging nut.

Frankly, that's one jumpsuit that I don't particularly want to wear.

No, what we need is the golden rule of life, moderation. Nobody likes a glutton, but I'd prefer the company of possessors of Rembrandesque girth to the companionship of the nutcases who seem to think that life

is about keeping ahead in a foot race with death.

So, enjoy your food, at least before they put the Surgeon General's warning on it.

And of course, it doesn't hurt to do a few sit-ups afterward.

Ryan Merryman is a writer for The Reveille at Louisiana State University.

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Letter to the editor

Create a 'public outcry'

Editor,

"All that is required for evil to triumph is that good people do nothing."

The number of recent accounts of police brutality appalls me. Police officers are given power to keep citizens safe, not to take out violent frustrations on them. It's been known for many years that some police display extreme prejudice and cruelty against minorities. For whatever reason, in San Luis Obispo the students seem to be the targeted "minority." We've been profiled as troublemakers and it shows.

For those of you who experienced this firsthand, the one thing you shouldn't do is stay silent and accept that this is just the way things are. Whether you were the victim of police brutality or just a witness, you need to step forward and make it known. The police department has procedures for investigating misconduct among officers. Even if you believe it won't make a difference, take a little time out of your day and file a complaint. The worst-case scenario is that they ignore it. But with enough complaints, someone will definitely take notice. The official term for that is "public outcry," and it's the weapon elected officials fear most.

And remember, no matter how angry or upset you are, try to act polite and professional. You'll be amazed at the difference it makes when dealing with police. And most importantly, don't give in.

Don't accept wrongful prosecution, unprovoked violence or unjustified fines.

Liberty and justice aren't guarantees. They are things you need to fight for, on every street corner, in every classroom, on every printed page. Our forefathers fought and died to gain these rights for all of us. Will you fight to keep them?

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"I'm gonna go in your office and take my pants off."

More letters to the editor

Flip-flops are freeing

Editor,

Since I was potentially the man who was seen walking up Perimeter Road during the "monsoon" last week wearing flip-flops, I felt obliged to write a response. As I read the letter written by Melissa Brasko ("No flip flops in the rain," Feb. 27), I realized there were a few fallacious statements. Brasko admits her limited experience in wearing sandals and thus fails to comprehend the extreme freedom that is experienced in flaunting the beautiful toes that God gave us, even doing so during a slight rainstorm. She, along with many of my friends, believes shoes are far more advantageous footwear to use in adverse conditions. But, though this may hold true for rock climbing or other adventure sports, in walking up Perimeter Road in the rain, flip-flops are more than suitable.

Secondly, I feel a need to address a deep socio-political issue that has been brought up by Brasko's letter. This is the issue of sweatshops. Has anyone ever heard of a sweatshop that produces flip-flops? Of course not. Thus, only those of us who are proud wearers of thongs on a daily basis and don't flaunt our sweatshop sneakers are able to take a true stand against the adverse conditions that our fellow members of mankind face around the world.

Lastly, by wearing our flip-flops in the rain we are attempting to improve our foot hygiene by eradicating the blackness from the top of our sandals. Rain water washes away the blackness that you found so disturbing and does so in a far more nature-friendly manner than Tide. All in all, I hope this letter will help to spur my fellow flip-flop wearers on toward expressing their freedom of footwear under all conditions.

Derek Newbery is a history senior.

SLOPD's group mentality

Editor,

There are many problems with the letters to the editor encouraging us to "respect the police." I was at ground zero of the Mardi Gras incidents and I lost any and all remaining respect for the city police. I have no respect for the sheriff. I have no respect for the University Police Department because they waste resources for parking patrol instead of patrolling the campus and stopping those red handprints from happening. And now, I have no respect for San Luis Obispo Police Department, because of how they handled this.

If you'd have been there, you

would have seen what I saw: Fifteen or 20 people in the middle of the street throwing things at the cops, a "U" around them of mostly docile people, and around this crowd, in the parking lots and balconies of apartments, were the innocent bystanders.

Now if the officers had shot at these people, or moved to arrest the 15 or 20 troublemakers, it would have been understandable. But that's not what happened.

The officers fired indiscriminately into the crowd. They fired tear gas into the parking lots and onto private balconies. They fired into the backyards of private parties without investigating the situation. A woman got hit in the eye with a beanbag while she was standing on a balcony taking a picture. Imagine if the officer had aimed a little left, she would have died by the impact to her temple for nothing more than taking a photograph. Does that seem respectable? How do you protect innocent bystanders by shooting them?

I'm sure if we examined any one of those officers separately, we'd find a decent person. But as a group they are dumb, panicky and undeserving of our respect.

Matt Sutter is a history sophomore.

Separate is not equal

Editor,

This letter is in response to a few letters that have been attacking John Pierson's article ("SF mayor takes bold step" Feb. 23). First of all, I think these respondents have been missing Pierson's point. Do you have to be in love to be married? There are such things as arranged marriages and gold-diggers who marry for the love of money. The notion that people only marry for love is a recent phenomenon and still is not always true.

But this does not apply to the same-sex marriages that are happening now. The thing I think some people are failing to see is maybe there can be love between people of the same sex that is even comparable to heterosexual love. A civil union is great, but the decision of Brown v. Board of Education stated that separate could never be equal. Same-sex couples are asking for equal recognition by the state, not by the world. That is another battle.

Most people who are strongly against same-sex marriage refer to the Bible. Marriage in this country should not have anything to do with Christianity. If I have freedom of religion to be a Christian in this country, then others should have freedom from religion. Does everyone who gets married have to be Christian? I

would hope not. Same-sex marriages do not degrade the sanctity of marriage. I think the real targets of that are shows like "Who Wants to Marry My Pretending-To-Be-Rich, Annoying Bachelor Father."

Brandon Sims is a biology senior.

The benefits of sandals

Editor,

Sandals have many benefits over shoes:

- 1) Not having to deal with socks.
- 2) Never needing to tie laces.
- 3) Showing off your toes.
- 4) Tanned feet.
- 5) Comfort.
- 6) Easy on/easy off.

And in the case of rain — avoiding wet socks.

Justin Jang is a mechanical engineering senior who only wears shoes to lab.

Love cannot be a crime

Editor,

In response to Daniel Nutting's letter "No need to amend" (March 3), I agree the Bush administration and the Republican right are trying to take away our rights.

Whether or not they believe same-sex marriage is immoral is their decision, but they should not be imposing their morals onto us. This country is not about agreeing on morals; it is about allowing the freedom to choose our own beliefs and morals. Their only basis for believing same-sex marriage should be illegal is that they believe it is morally wrong and not what God wants.

This country decided a long time ago that its laws will not be based on any religion but will be governed by individual choices and what shall be made illegal will be things that harm other people in society. A marriage between two people who love each other will not hurt or harm people. How can something based on love and promoting commitment and respect be made illegal?

Even if you believe that these people are going to hell for their same-sex marriage they still have the right to free will. Your belief on the morality of same-sex marriage should not be the issue. The issue here is whether or not we will allow people to take away our rights and freedoms. Once we start letting other people decide our morals, our country will be headed down the drain because freedom is the ideological foundation of America.

Jennifer Spielman is a social science junior.

Haitians get lost in the political fray

Now, pay attention because I'm only going over this once.

In the nine years since Jean-Bertrand Aristide and his Fanmi Lavalas party have been at the seat of power in the Republic of Haiti, economic and quality of living developments have been almost nonexistent even as human rights abuses have run rampant like the gangs of ravenous dogs that lope through the broken streets of Port-au-Prince. The legitimacy of Aristide's 2000 victory itself is questionable due to a dispute over contested results in Senate races, setting kindling for the conflagration that reached a searing point in Haiti last week. Aristide is gone, his ragged tail between his legs. Good riddance.

Upon Aristide's disposal from office, Haitian Supreme Court Chief Justice Boniface Alexandre was sworn in as president, while American, Canadian and French military patrolled the island to quell the looting and acts of violent reprisal occurring prior to their arrival.

Jesse Jackson, along with U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., is utterly incensed over the turn of events, claiming American forces have "forcibly overthrown a democratically elected leader," and "if he was forcibly removed, then we need to immediately call for a congressional hearing."

No, we don't.

The associations between the individuals attempting to remove Aristide peacefully and those faithful to guerrilla methods have become increasingly thin as of late, and Haitian citizens lobbying for a peaceful reform in government found themselves straddling a razor-sharp fence. People were faced with the authentic threat of wholesale butchery if they opposed Aristide's regime, as well as if they refused to couch themselves with the rebels, whose everyday rigor consisted of shooting innocent people for target practice and removing ears with dulled blades.

Democracy does not constitute 16-year-old boys running around with assault weapons, blindly shooting and terrorizing anyone in their way. Nor does it constitute rigged elections scrutinized by presidentially sanctioned death-squads. This is not like Iraq. There are no old scores being settled, no oil repositories buried beneath the sand — just a nation full of oppressed, impoverished and ailing people, and we all know that AIDS doesn't fill up gas tanks.

Despite the bone of contention that Jackson and Waters are loudly gnawing on, you'd have to be stupid to think this a bad thing.

Waters, Jackson and the rest of their soft-headed ilk have put an indelible stain on the name of progressives and liberals alike. Once upon a time, the liberal doctrine despised bullies, both foreign and domestic. Democrats were willing to take action against genocidal maniacs who splintered bone, rendered flesh and burned people alive for a small hill of dirt, but no more. The long arm of liberalism has grown jaundiced and atrophied.

Jackson and Waters are more concerned with ensuring that their voices are loudest among the crowd than fostering ideas that might actually work, nonchalantly disposing of pragmatism and logic in favor of maudlin sentiments and deformed arguments that reaffirm their position of power as they thrust themselves into the limelight at every opportunity. For "liberals," they are utterly unconcerned for, and oblivious to, the realities of suffering at the hands of despots. They claim any act of aggression toward tyrants "lowers us to their level," hoping that perhaps the incessant and utterly ineffectual nagging of the U.N. Security Council will somehow force them to cease their murderous ways. They are cowards without the nerve to back-up their hollow words.

The past 50 years are replete with examples of power hungry madmen who have murdered and terrorized entire segments of populations out of fear, control and, sometimes, fun. Were it not for military intervention in Kosovo, the entire region would now be a grassy abattoir of bleached skeletons twisted around the roots of old-growth trees. Bosnia would be a sprawling necropolis of entire families and bloodlines interred beneath tons of concrete and plaster. We have all come to accept genocide and mass-murder as the darkly looming spectre of this past century, leaving it in the past where it belongs. But for some people, copies of "Schindler's List" and "The Diary of Anne Frank" serve only as masturbatory fodder for their execrable atrocities.

Blind ideology cripples any movement, no matter how large or small. The matter of the U.S. government's motives and practices are of little suspect here, and the fact remains that we (for once) did not act unilaterally. What matters is that after 200 years, the people of Haiti may actually get a chance to decide their own future. Ignore Jackson, Waters and the rest of the hoi polloi that goose step and shriek under their tattered banner of crippled intellectualism.

If you want a finer world, you have to help build it yourself.

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Group to sue for denied rights

By Chris T. Nguyen
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LOS ANGELES — Disabled voters and three advocacy groups on Monday planned to sue California Secretary of State Kevin Shelley and four counties, alleging they violated federal and state laws by failing to provide touchscreen services for those most in need.

Eleven disabled voters were joined by the American Association of People with Disabilities, the California Council of the Blind Inc., and California Foundation for Independent Living Centers in the lawsuit expected to be filed late Monday in federal court.

They demanded that disabled

voters have access to voting services in the November election unlike the March 2 primary where they needed help from other people to cast their ballot.

"The point of this lawsuit is to remedy the violations of federal law that occurred on March 2 and make sure they don't happen again this November," attorney John McDermott said.

Shelley's office could not immediately comment on the lawsuit.

The lawsuit names Shelley and Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento and Santa Barbara counties, where the largest population of disabled people live, McDermott said.

The lawsuit alleges that disabled voters should receive equal services under the American Disabilities Act. The four counties did not provide touchscreen services to disabled voters because of a directive in November from Shelley that states all California counties would be required by July 2005 to install voting machines that produce paper printouts, according to the lawsuit.

The plaintiffs allege their rights were violated because existing machines used by disabled voters do not produce a paper trail.

McDermott said there are voting

machines available that are equipped to handle disabled voters and that counties should have enough time to install them by the November election.

Pamela Hill, 45, of Los Angeles, who is blind, said she voted in the March primary but needed help from a friend to read the ballots. She said she was concerned because her votes were not made in private and her friend knew how she voted.

"I listen to the news, and it makes me not want to vote because I can't do it myself," she said.

Touchscreen voting posed problems for other voters during last week's state primary election.

In San Diego County, touchscreens made by Diebold Inc. failed to boot properly, causing delays up to two hours and forcing some voters to cast paper ballots at other polling places. The computer glitch affected between 10 percent and 15 percent of the county's 1,611 precincts, county spokesman Mike Workman said.

In San Bernardino County, registrar Scott Konopasek said the computer program took much longer to load than officials had expected. After running absentee results, hours passed without any more ballots being counted.

Fugitive caught after four decades

JAMESTOWN (AP) — A California man on the run for nearly four decades said the day officers came to arrest him at work he felt better than he had in 25 years.

"There is always a light on in your head," said Donald Johnson, who escaped from a Tuolumne County jail in July, 1967. "You want it to be over, but you don't look forward to going back. So you just keep going, carrying the load."

Johnson, 59, was captured Jan. 9 in Houston. The former small-time thief had made the transformation to law-abiding citizen — he had a wife and a good job at a chemical plant, where he'd worked for 20 years.

"When I got the phone call that the police were in the plant manager's office and wanted to see me, a bell went off. I called my wife and told her I wasn't coming home," Johnson told The Union Democrat in Sonora in a jailhouse interview.

Johnson, who was 23 at the time, was serving a one-to-15-year sentence at the Sierra Conservation Center for

stealing beer and cigarettes when he escaped, he said.

After three days of walking along the Stanislaus River, he was picked up by a pair of fishermen.

"They asked me if I was out hiking and got lost, and I thought, well, that sounded good," Johnson said. "They took me 15 miles in a boat, then I caught a freight train to Stockton."

From there, he hopped another freight, and then another. After two weeks he stopped in Florida, where he got a job picking fruit.

Johnson met his wife, Doris, at a dance in Arkansas, and married her in 1975. He took a job at Houston's Pilot Chemical Company on April 13, 1982, and was the plant's maintenance supervisor when his free life abruptly ended.

Johnson, now back at the Sierra Conservation Center in Jamestown, will remain locked up until December.

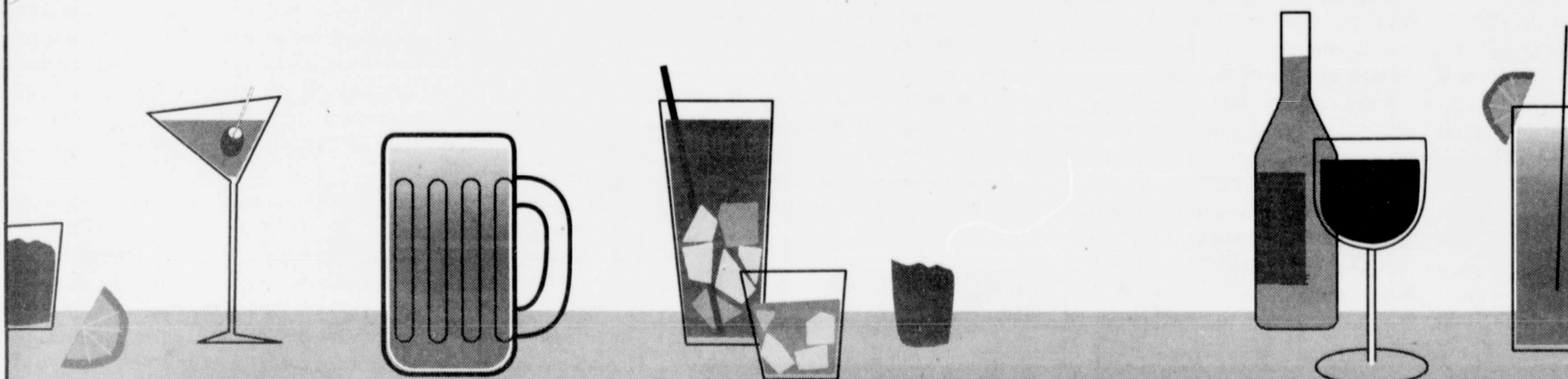
Tuolumne County District Attorney Donald Segerstrom said he hasn't decided whether to charge Johnson with the escape.

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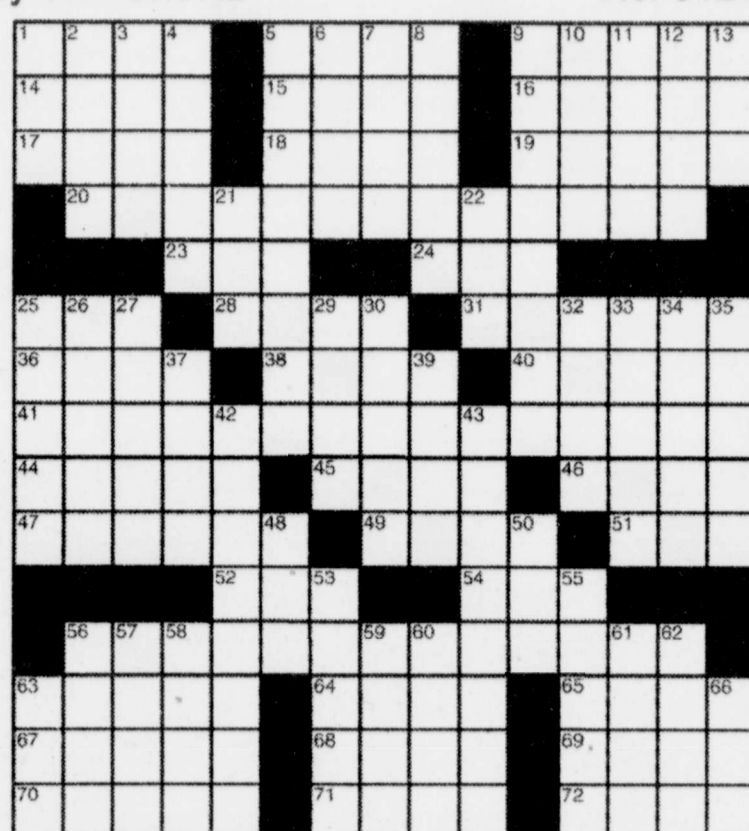
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- 38 Colonel or captain

- 40 Gymnast Comaneci
- 41 Pestering, redundantly
- 44 Uniform shade
- 45 Student driver, usually
- 46 Wrigley Field slugger
- 47 Gets smart with
- 49 Try for a part
- 51 One of 100 in D.C.
- 52 Conquistador's prize
- 54 Whisper sweet nothings
- 56 Angry outburst, redundantly
- 63 Oscar winner Foster
- 64 Unable to decide
- 65 Took off
- 67 Maine college town
- 68 "Zounds!"

DOWN

- 1 "Hoo-ey!"
- 2 Baldwin of "Talk Radio"
- 3 Elvis or Madonna, e.g.
- 4 Lord's home
- 5 Skin cream ingredient
- 6 Longevity at the box office
- 7 Soft mineral
- 8 "Il Trovatore," e.g.
- 9 Driving the getaway car for
- 10 Island east of Java
- 11 Z _____ zebra
- 12 Like lowest-mileage driving
- 13 Diamonds, slangily
- 21 Stitch up
- 22 Bars at the checkout counter: Abbr.
- 25 Eats like a bird
- 26 Maui greeting
- 27 Louise and Turner
- 29 Carry on
- 30 Keyboard key
- 32 Comedian's stock
- 33 Sonora "so long"



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- 34 Washer cycle
- 35 "Contact" author Carl
- 37 Invites
- 39 Patella's place
- 42 Get snookered
- 43 It puts the squeeze on
- 48 Hindu title
- 50 Singer McLean
- 53 Made a choice
- 55 Put forward
- 56 Mrs. Dithers
- 57 Dump problem
- 58 El _____ (weather factor)
- 59 Like some pizza orders
- 60 Gulf land
- 61 Rick's love in "Casablanca"
- 62 Something shed
- 63 Applicant's goal
- 66 Expected in

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HOOPS

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when I can," Dennis said. "My body is struggling with injuries though. When the team sees that kind of play, they definitely feed off of it."

Cal Poly got the game under control and led throughout the majority of the first half. However, they went on a seven-minute scoring drought that allowed the Anteaters to come back and tie the game at 27 with 3:34 to play. Still, the Mustangs held tough and kept the lead at

halftime, 34-30.

"We had some turnovers and so did they," head coach Kevin Bromley said. "We defended well though. At the half, I told the team that Shane (Schilling) and Eric (Jackson) needed to run the

"I told the team Shane (Schilling) and Eric (Jackson) needed to run the floor more. ... It is something that have been working on all year, and when it works I look like a genius."

Kevin Bromley
Head coach

floor and get open in the passing lanes. It is something that we have been working on all year, and when it works I look like a genius."

UC Irvine's top scorer was guard Ross Schraeder with 19 points. Center Adam Parada chipped in 12 points and seven rebounds for the Anteaters, who will not participate in the tournament after finishing ninth in the Big West.

BASEBALL

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Blumenthal's shot to right field was his second of the season and erased a 1-0 Nevada lead. Tietje later snapped a 5-5 tie with his grand slam to left-center field. It was Tietje's second homer of the season.

Cal Poly, which had lost four of seven games following an 11-3-1 start, improved to 17-7-1 with the

sweep. The Mustangs have not been 10 games above the .500 mark since the 2001 season.

"It was a good weekend for us," said second-year Mustang head coach Larry Lee. "We had a very good approach at the plate in a very offensive ballpark and our pitchers did an outstanding job in the high altitude."

"Our players did a very good job of not getting too anxious when we got down," Lee added. "They had the confidence to stay within themselves and stay disciplined."

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A winning end to season

TV time: Win over UC Irvine clinches berth

• Mustangs win on Fox Sports West 2 to earn No. 8 seed in Big West Tournament

By Kendrick J. Carson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly men's basketball team secured the eighth seed in the Big West Tournament with their 70-62 win over the UC Irvine Anteaters Saturday night in Mott Gym.

The Mustangs improved to 11-15 overall and 6-12 in the Big West Conference.

Senior forward Varnie Dennis scored 27 points. He hit 10 of 18 shots from the field and sunk six of eight free throws.

If the Mustangs had lost the game, it would have been a bitter end for the careers of three seniors as Cal Poly would have failed to qualify for the Big West Tournament.

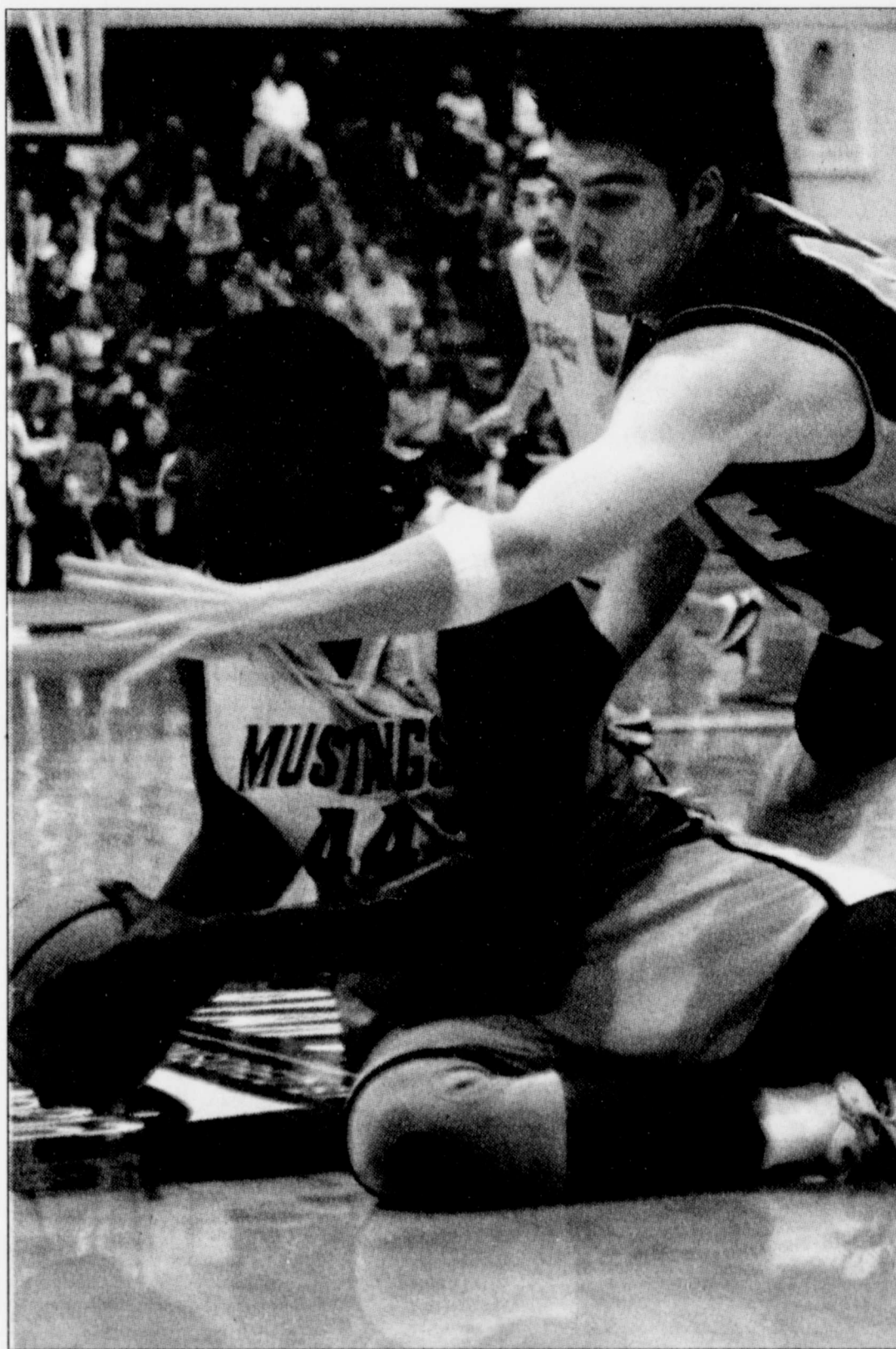
"We did not want to be in this situation," senior guard

Eric Jackson said. "Our backs were against the wall. Each of us played with a lot of heart tonight, and we knew that we were not going to go out easily."

Jackson led the Mustangs with five assists to complement his 8 points. It was his final game in Mott Gym, along with Dennis and senior forward Shane Schilling, who added 14 points and seven rebounds.

The game was close during the early moments, with several lead changes and turnovers. Dennis showed great hustle early in the game by diving on the court after a loose ball and scoring eight of the Mustangs' first 18 points.

"I try to sacrifice my body



SPENCER MARLEY/MUSTANG DAILY

see HOOPS, page 11 Varnie Dennis dives for a ball in the Mustangs' 70-62 win over UC Irvine.

Women earn highest-ever tourney seed

• Faith Mimnaugh's team ends breakthrough season with road win over UCI

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Freshman point guard Sparkle Anderson led a quartet of double-digit scorers with 14 points to lead the Mustangs to a 78-71 victory

over UC Irvine.

With the victory, Cal Poly wrapped up the fourth seed in next week's Big West Conference women's basketball tournament.

Sophomore guards Courtney Uphoff and Jennifer Dooley each scored 13 points while junior forward Katy Paterson had 10 as Cal Poly improved to 14-13 overall and 10-8 in the Big West. The 14 wins are the most for the Mustangs since moving to Division I 10 years ago.

UC Irvine (6-20, 5-13 Big West) was led by Kristen Green with 28 points.

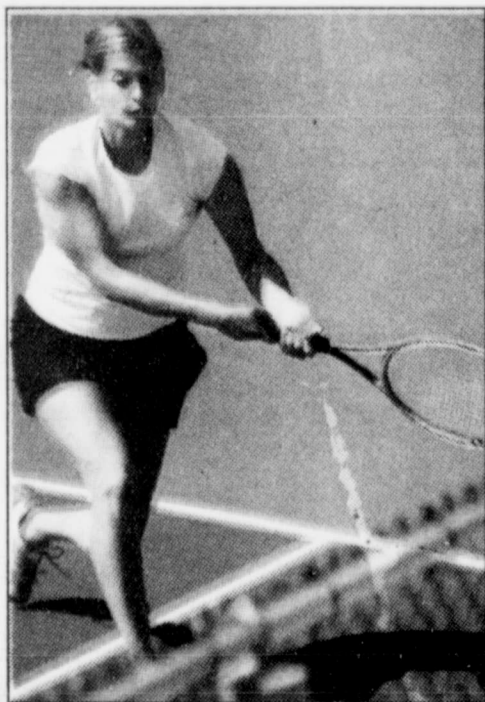
• Four Mustangs scored in double figures in the win
• The Mustangs finished 10-8 in Big West play, good for fourth in the conference

UC Irvine pulled to within one

point at 60-59 with eight minutes to play, but a 10-2 Cal Poly run clinched the victory.

The Mustangs won back-to-back games on the road for the first time this season. They are 3-11 on the road this season.

Cal Poly has earned a first-round bye in the Big West Conference Tournament, slated for March 10-13 at the Anaheim Convention Center Arena. The Mustangs will play their first game on Thursday.



SPENCER MARLEY/MUSTANG DAILY

Samantha Waller returns a shot in Cal Poly's upset of UC Irvine.

Poly tennis upsets Anteaters

By Spencer Marley
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly women's tennis team defeated UC Irvine for the first time in a decade on Saturday.

The Mustangs beat the Anteaters, who were previously ranked No. 61 in the nation, 7-0.

Junior Chelsy Thompson explained the intensity of the team's rivalry with UC Irvine.

"Even though we won Big West last year, we didn't get to play UC Irvine in the tournament," Thompson said. "We lost to them in league play last year, so this victory is huge for us."

Coach Hugh Bream was pleased with the team's performance against

such tough competitors.

"It was a really gritty match, but we pulled through it and won," Bream said. "I don't feel like we played our best in doubles, but everyone put in extra effort to win singles."

Bream cited Noelle Lee, Carol Erickson and Kristen Grady as having exceptional matches against their UC Irvine opponents.

The most exciting match of the day was between Cal Poly sophomore Samantha Waller and UC Irvine's Tiffany Chang.

The Mustangs' No. 1 player fought back and forth with Chang to win the final two sets of their match.

"It was really great to see all our practice pay off," Waller said.

Baseball sweeps Wolfpack

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Chalon Tietje belted his first career grand slam and Kyle Blumenthal added a three-run blast as Cal Poly defeated Nevada 11-6. The win completed a sweep of a three-game non-conference baseball series at Peccole Park in Reno.

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SCORES

M Basketball	VS.	UC Irvine
70		62
Varnie Dennis — 27 points		
W Basketball	@	UC Irvine
78		71
Sparkle Anderson — 14 points		
W Tennis	VS.	UC Irvine
7		0
Cal Poly — 4-0 in conference		
M Tennis	VS.	UC San Diego
3		4
Stacy Meronoff — Won singles/doubles match		
Softball	@	San Diego St.
0		3
Cal Poly — 3 hits		
M Basketball	VS.	Long Beach St.
79		66
Shane Schilling — 26 points		

Schedule

M Golf	@	UCR Classic
mon.-tues., march 8-9, all day		
M Basketball	VS.	UC Riverside
weds., march 10, 6 p.m., @ big west tournament		
W Basketball	VS.	TBD
thurs., march 11, 2:30 p.m., @ big west tournament		
Baseball	@	UCSB
thurs., march 11, 2 p.m.		
Softball	VS.	Campbell
thurs., march 11, 1 p.m., doubleheader		
M Tennis	VS.	Utah State
thurs., march 11, 9 a.m.		
M Tennis	VS.	Gonzaga
thurs., march 11, 2:30 p.m.		
W Tennis	VS.	Utah State
thurs., march 11, noon		
Baseball	VS.	UCSB
fri., march 12, 6 p.m.		

Results

Homecoming...

Texas State

Texas State of the Southland Conference has been added to Cal Poly's 2004 football schedule. Cal Poly interim director of athletics Alison Cone made the announcement Monday. The Bobcats, who finished 4-8 a year ago and 1-4 in conference games, replaces Saint Mary's on the Mustangs' 11-game schedule.

Trivia

Today's question

How many at-large bids are available for the NCAA Tournament?

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Last Question

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Congratulations to no one! You all make me sick!

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