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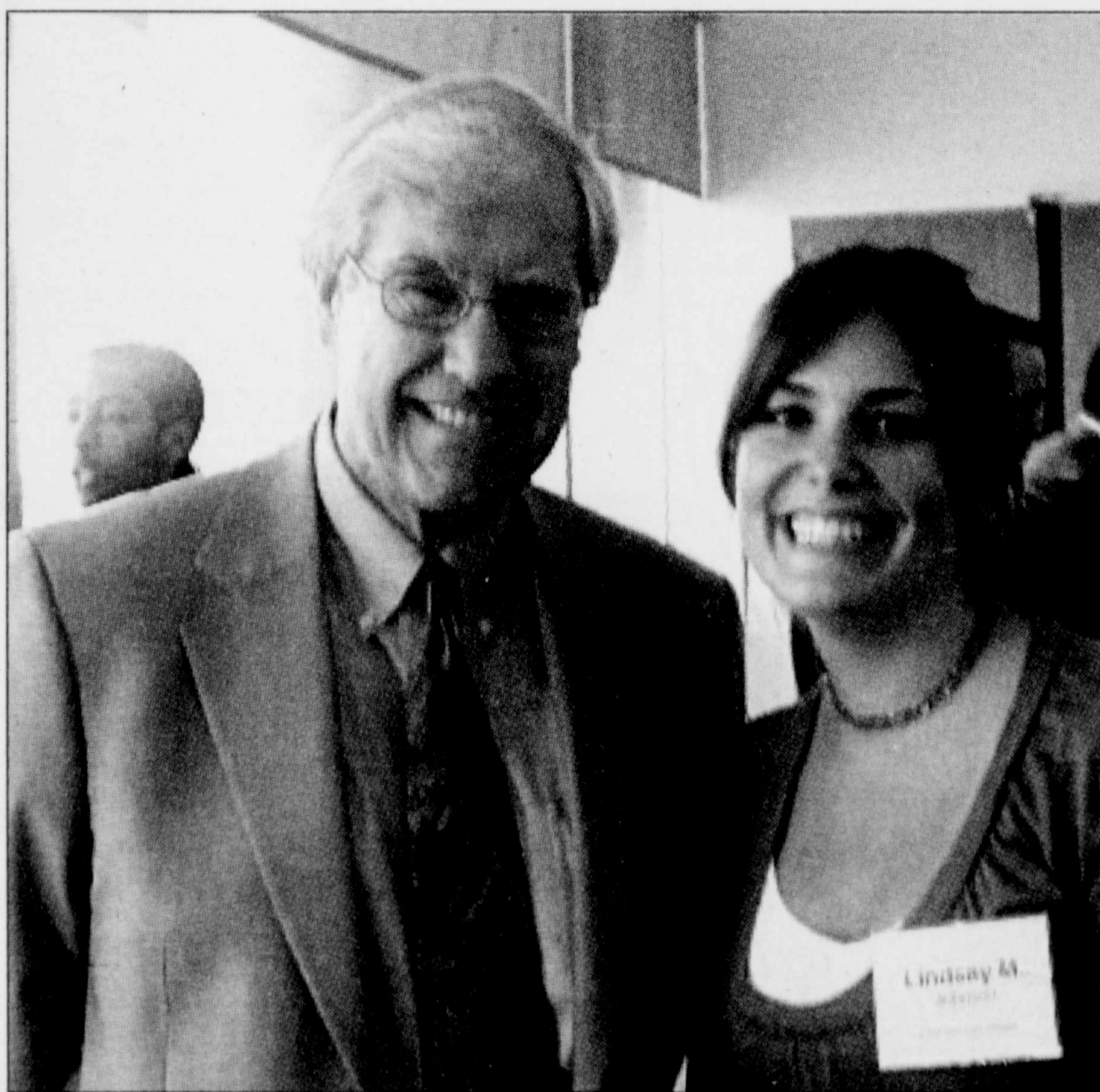


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Student earns scholarship after traumatic event



Cal Poly President Warren Baker stands with Lindsay Johnson, who received the William R. Hearst-CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement

Emily Logan
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Lindsay Johnson fills every criterion for receiving an award or scholarship. An exemplary architecture student, she volunteers at a battered women's shelter and helps build homes for families in Mexico. This year, she received the William R. Hearst-CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement — for all these reasons. But on top of her success, Johnson was given the award for her triumph over a terrifying experience.

In 1999, while attending Chico State University as an art student, Johnson was brutally attacked. She had just moved out of the dorms and was living in an off-campus apartment. During the night, someone entered her apartment through an unlocked door and assaulted her with a weapon, which the authorities presumed to be a hammer.

"They were coming to kill me," she said, recounting the story carefully and calmly. Even with her roommates home, Johnson lay unconscious for nearly an hour until she was discovered. Her injuries were substantial, but what took much longer to heal were the psycholog-

ical damages.

The January after the attack, Johnson tried to return to school at San Jose State University, but found herself not quite ready.

"I suffered really bad anxiety because I was with all these people and I didn't know who they were," she said.

Johnson soon became a flight attendant in order to make her whereabouts less obvious. This was the point when she began to recover.

"When I was a flight attendant, I fell in love with the architecture I saw," she said. "It enabled me to direct my art interest into a certain area."

After a little over a year and with counseling and help from her friends and family, Johnson came back to school, this time at Cal Poly.

"Returning to school was the best thing I did," she said.

Among those who can attest to Johnson's success is architecture professor Howard Weisenthal. He said Johnson demonstrates a maturity that is seen almost exclusively in those who have had some life experience.

"There's something special about the returning students who have been out as professionals," he said. "They have a very serious approach, a good work ethic and basically have

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"They were coming to kill me."

— LINDSAY JOHNSON
Scholarship recipient

UC Berkeley students hit by latest recording industry suits

Ada Tso
DAILY CALIFORNIAN (UC-BERKELEY)

BERKELEY, Calif. — Three unidentified University of California-Berkeley students are among 64 college students nationwide hit with the latest round of copyright infringement lawsuits filed by the Recording Industry Association of America last Thursday.

Targeting 17 campuses nationwide — including University of California-Los Angeles and University of California-San Diego — the suit alleges the illegal exchange of copyrighted music via Internet, a popular high-speed university computer network.

"Those sued in this round, as in previous rounds, are those engaged in egregious levels of file-sharing," said association spokesperson Jenni Engebretsen.

The latest round of lawsuits marks the third time this year that the recording industry has taken action

against more than 30 UC-Berkeley students for downloading illegally through i2Hub, a file-sharing application.

According to Engebretsen, 38 UC-Berkeley students have been sued since the recording industry began filing lawsuits in 2003 against individuals for illegal downloads. Of the suits, 21 of those cases have been settled.

College students sued in April shared on average more than 2,300 mp3 files each, with some sharing as many as 13,600 files, according to an association news release.

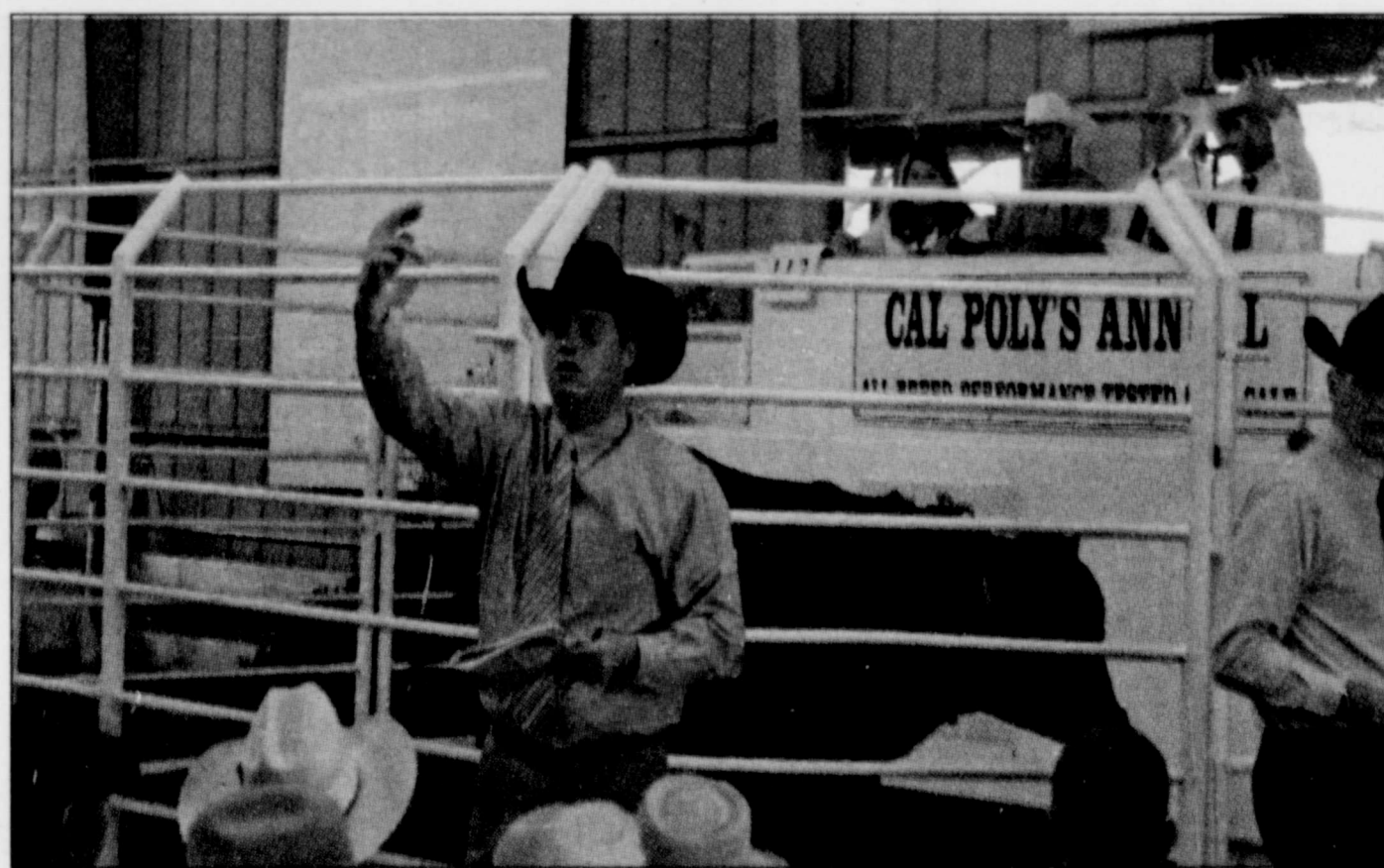
"These lawsuits have helped to arrest the enormous growth of peer-to-peer networks," Engebretsen said.

UC-Berkeley is scheduled to receive subpoenas requesting the names of the students, who are currently identified by their unique Internet protocol addresses.

After the university reviews the subpoenas and determines whether

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Going once, going twice...



PAUL MEISSNER MUSTANG DAILY

In the 49th annual Cal Poly Bull Test Sale, 157 bulls were sold with an average price of \$3,190. For the first time at Cal Poly and nationwide, all of the bulls for sale wore electronic identification tags in their ears. When each bull passed into the stall, its performance and identification data would be scanned into the computer and then automatically sent to the screens to be projected to the audience. On Saturday, over 100 local cattlemen came to Cal Poly to listen to speakers from the cattle industry at the educational field day. Over 500 people came to the bull sale on Sunday. Overall, Cal Poly beef specialist Mike Hall said this was the best sale Cal Poly has ever had.

Scholarship

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direction and focus. They bring all of their worldly experience to the class and their projects."

For Johnson, her experience really is worldly, having traveled as a flight attendant.

With her knowledge of architecture from different places, Weisenthal said he thinks she will find her place and be comfortable in the architecture profession.

"The profession is so broad, there's no telling at the moment where she might fit in," he said. "But she's a very dynamic and intelligent person and these days in architecture you make your own destiny."

Johnson's passion for architecture drove her to become active in building houses for families in Mexico.

"I always wanted to do it because it's related to architecture," she said. "I'm from San Diego so it was easy for me to get involved. I could just drive across the border and help out."

Johnson also helps with fundraising for La Casa de Los Madres, a battered women's shelter in San Francisco. As a survivor of an attack, she wanted the opportunity to help women who had gone through similar experiences.

All of her hard work and bravery paid off this year when she received the Hearst-Trustees award at the Sept. 20 board meeting.

"Just even being selected by Cal Poly was a great achievement in itself and when I got the award I was

elated," she said.

The \$3,000 scholarship was given to students for outstanding academic achievement, community service and financial need. Each student who received the award had overcome a personal challenge.

Johnson took winning the award as a chance to tell her fellow students about her experience and to offer her advice as a survivor. Her main message for those who were victims of violent crimes was to talk about it.

"One of my difficulties was I didn't want to talk to (family and friends) because I knew they couldn't relate," she said.

Johnson said support groups along with counselors at her universities were a great help. She also read a lot about her condition, which helped her continue to make progress.

"When you suffer from post traumatic stress disorder there are stages you go through and it's difficult to go through every one but if you read about it, you can see that you are getting somewhere," she said.

"You're going to cry and you're going to be upset. I know I've lost my independence. I don't think I can ever live alone, but I've learned to focus my energy on the positive," she said.

One of the most important messages Johnson wanted to get across was for students to take precautions such as locking their doors and windows.

"You should never feel safe," she said. "Always take precautions."

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they are valid, it will release the identities of the students to the association, which can then directly sue those individuals, said residential computing manager Dedra Chamberlin.

Under federal law, first-time offenders caught violating music copyrights face up to \$250,000 in fines and a possible five years in prison. Most settlements, however, are generally far less than those penalties, Engebretsen said.

She declined to disclose the figures of actual settlements.

Residents of UC-Berkeley resi-

dence halls have a bandwidth limit of five gigabytes for downloads and uploads. Though residential computing monitors the amount of bandwidth used, it does not control the what files are being shared.

"We provide a limited amount of bandwidth to each resident and what they choose to do with it is not our business. We cannot control the actions of each resident," said Serena Hser, a residential computing consultant at the Unit 2 residence hall.

Throughout Welcome Week, all incoming students living in residence halls were warned against illegal file sharing and were encouraged to turn to legal music

downloading alternatives like iTunes and RealRhapsody, Chamberlin said.

"We're doing as much as we possibly can to educate students about what they could face. We don't want them to face a subpoena," she said.

Some students felt the increasing number of suits were an effective tool to curb illegal file sharing.

"Even if I wasn't morally opposed to downloading, I think I'd be nervous to do it. Still, it wouldn't stop me. Think about all the people who are downloading music. What are the chances that I'll be the one targeted?" said freshman Megan Geuss.

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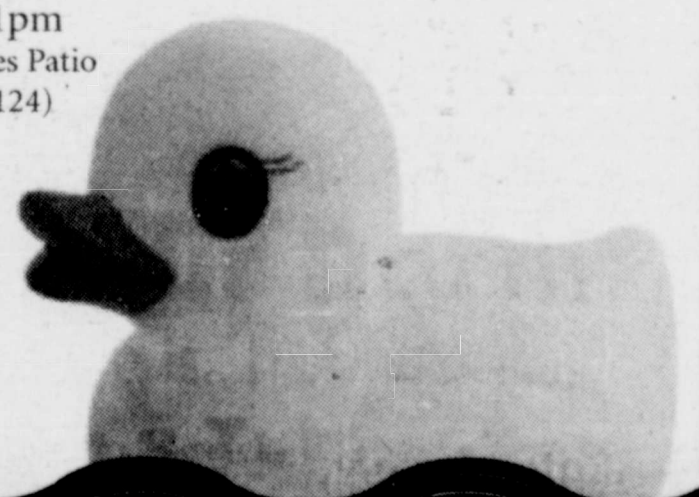
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U. Iowa males wash hands less frequently than females

Danny Valentine & Annie Hamm
THE DAILY IOWAN (U. IOWA)

IOWA CITY, Iowa — You pee. You flush. You zip. You wash your hands.

Well, maybe not the last part.

A nationwide study found that men are significantly less hygienic than women when it comes to washing up after relieving themselves. And a Daily Iowan investigation discovered that Hawkeye fans were no exception.

During the Oct. 1 Homecoming football game, reporters tallied the fans who lathered with soap and water and those who didn't. Situated in the newly built restrooms at the southwest end of the stadium, reporters discovered that 62 percent of males failed to wash their hands, while only 8 percent of females fell into the same category.

Nationally, the numbers mirror the Kinnick Stadium investigation. A study by the American Society of Microbiology found that 92 percent of women make a sink stop, but only 64 percent of men do.

The reasons among men for not washing ranged from their distance from the sink to believing their hands didn't get dirty.

And maybe because they downed a few too many beers during tailgating.

"'Cause I'm drunk. I don't wash

'em 'cause I'm drunk," said Kyle Bogler, a 2005 University of Iowa graduate.

Drunk or not, the national study shows that cleanliness is optional for men.

Within seconds of entering the bathrooms and strategically setting up shop next to a row of urinals and sinks, three males — each decked out in what has now become Hawkeye Pink — exited without even so much as looking at the faucets.

They were the first three out of 160 that evidently deemed the step unnecessary.

"I think that's gross," said UI sophomore Christine Kenner after scrubbing. "I wash my hands every time I use a public restroom."

Most women saw no excuse for not being clean. Amid the sounds of flushing toilets and stall doors being slammed was the flow of water pulsating on and off from the five faucets in the women's restroom, a sound foreign in the men's bathroom.

Proper technique includes washing for 20 seconds using soap and warm water, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. And don't neglect the fingernails.

"Why would you not wash your hands? There are plenty of sinks," said UI junior Ashley Nation, who was one of 76 women to wash her hands with soap and water.

High gas prices force some to find other transportation

Tim Scordato
NORTHERN STAR (NORTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

DEKALB, Ill. — In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, 95 percent of oil production and about 85 percent of gas production in the Gulf of Mexico was halted. Damages from Hurricane Rita are still being assessed as well.

High prices have left consumers looking for other ways to get around. Economics professor Stephen Karlson said he has seen a change in the DeKalb community.

"Drivers have already been making substitutions. I've seen a lot more bikes on campus this fall, and a lot of parents are asking their kids to use the school buses rather than haul them around in minivans," Karlson said.

Karlson gave testimony Wednesday to the House Republican Task Force on Motor Fuel Prices. He stated the reasons for higher prices and what substitutions can be made.

He said the recent hurricanes are only a temporary problem. The damage will be repaired, workers will return and companies will compete once more for customers.

An Exxon Mobile press release reflected that Tuesday.

"Within two weeks, all major import facilities and product

With the rise in gas prices resulting from damage created by the hurricanes in Louisiana and Texas, fears of future supply shortages have started to rise

pipelines were operating at full or only slightly reduced rates. All but about 5 percent of U.S. refining capacity had returned, and all but 15 percent of U.S. oil, and 6 percent of gas production, had been restored," said

Re x Tillerson, president of Exxon Mobile Corporation.

Karlson's main concerns centered around

India's and China's growing need for more oil. As the countries demand more, prices rise.

"The real permanent reason is the economic growth elsewhere, with India and China, in particular, increasing their fuel use of all kinds, as well as replacing coal and wood with petroleum products," Karlson said.

Although the price at the pumps returned to pre-storm levels, consumers worry about larger, more permanent effects.

"The hurricane was just icing on

the cake," junior economics major Terrance White said.

Due to rapid demands in China and India our supply has diminished. Prices have increased, except for the recent drop in price after

the U.S. government released part of the nation's oil reserves. The prices should stay stable for the time being, but the nation needs to find alternative energy sources, and people need to change their driving habits and learn how to conserve fuel, White said.

Asia's demand is likely to increase, which leaves the U.S. the opportunity to discover fuel substitutes.

Illinois has been researching the use of ethanol from corn. However, this incurs other costs such as fertilizer, pesticides, and machinery. Foreign researchers such as those at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot, Israel have also found energy through the extraction of hydrogen from zinc compounds.

U. California delays vote on private funding

Kate McElhinney
THE GUARDIAN (UC-SAN DIEGO)

LA JOLLA, Calif. — A committee of University of California regents met last month and decided to delay discussion on a proposal to use private funding for salaries.

The regents approved a portion of the proposal, which included plans to raise all UC employee salaries to competitive market levels within the next 10 years.

In November, the regents will consider using private donations to supplement the salaries of UC administrators who have been receiving below-market pay, which the university attributes to economic downturn and four years of less-than-sufficient state funding.

"We are facing a massive challenge to maintain quality and pay competitive salaries throughout the university, from service employees to faculty to senior leadership," Regent Judith Hopkinson stated on the university's Web site. "We need to find all available sources of funding to bring salaries up to market."

Using donated funds is relatively common among other universities, and might prove vital in helping to boost pay and entice top administrators to the UC system, according to Noel Van Nyhuis, UC Office of the President spokesman.

"The main initiative is to ensure that all staff and faculty receive market-rate compensation in the next 10 years," Van Nyhuis said. "[But] we don't know where it's going to go yet."

According to research by the

Mercer Human Resource Consulting, the university is above the market median for health and retirement benefits. The research also shows that the university is 15 percent behind comparable market salaries.

By using private funds, the regents hope to bring 42 top administrative positions up to market rates in the next 10 years. The money would be used to augment pay of positions with pay that exceeds \$350,000, according to the proposal. They would include the UC chancellors, deans and president.

By using donated funds, Van Nyhuis said, the university could recruit top candidates, while precious state funds could be used to compensate other university employees.

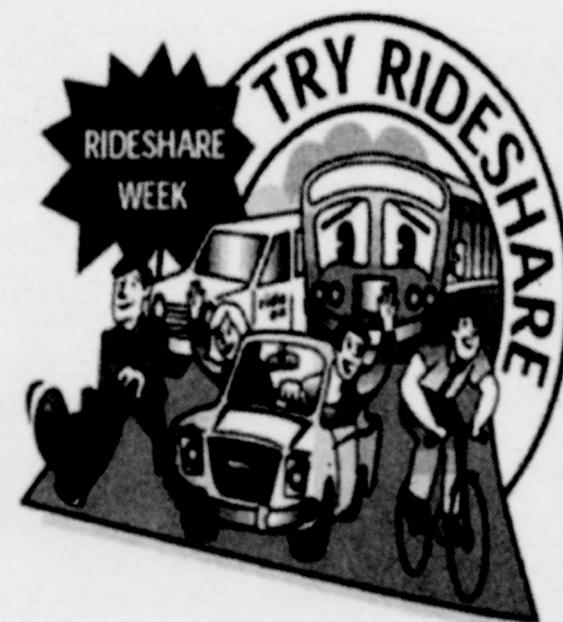
However, the regents' proposal has met opposition from some teachers and students, particularly from University of California-Davis Academic Senate Chair Daniel Simmons, who said that the regents have more important topics to focus on.

"It's an outrageous proposition," said Simmons, who also is a professor at the UC Davis School of Law. "There are higher priorities than higher executive salaries. Raising money for graduate students (should be) much higher on the agenda than extreme funding for executives."

In the UC pay system, employees will continue to compete for higher salaries, according to Simmons.

"Mainly, I can't feel sorry for someone earning \$350,000," Simmons said.

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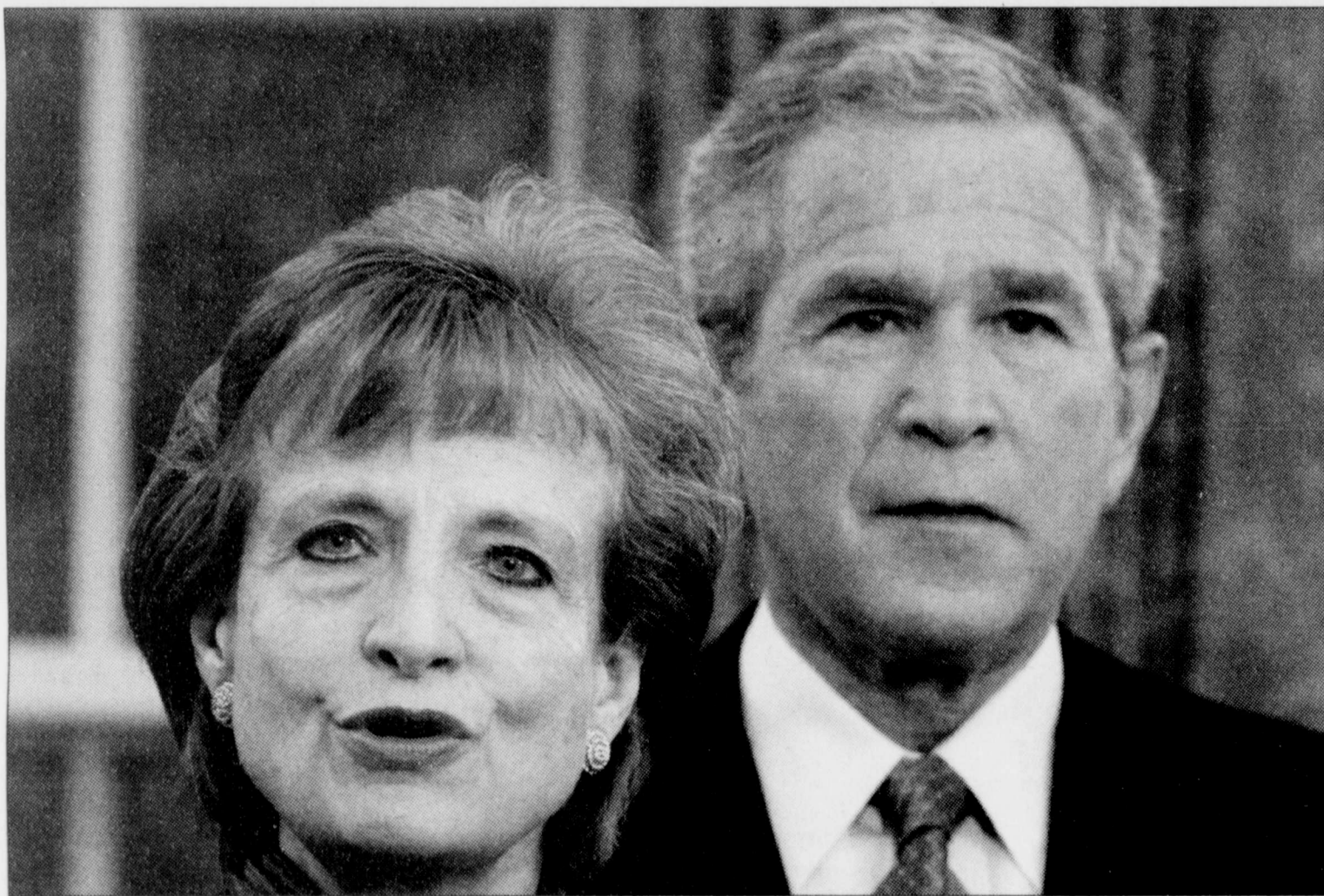
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Harriet Miers speaks after President Bush announced Monday that Miers was his choice to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. This is Bush's second judicial nomination in the past year

Bush nominates Miers for Supreme Court

David Espo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush named White House counsel Harriet Miers to a Supreme Court in transition Monday, turning to a longtime loyalist without experience as a judge or publicly known views on abortion to succeed Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Miers "will strictly interpret our Constitution and laws. She will not legislate from the bench," the president said as the 60-year-old former private attorney and keeper of campaign secrets stood nearby in the Oval Office.

Miers' was Bush's second selection in three months for vacancies on a high court long divided on key issues. The announcement came shortly before the president attended a ceremony marking John Roberts' new tenure as the nation's 17th chief justice.

"The wisdom of those who drafted our Constitution and conceived our nation as functioning with three strong and independent branches has proven truly remarkable," Miers said at the White House before departing for the Capitol and a confirmation campaign already taking shape in the Senate.

Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-

Tenn., said through his spokesman he wanted a confirmation vote by Thanksgiving, a compressed, seven-week timetable by recent historical standards. Sen. Arlen Specter, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, pledged thoroughness.

"There needs to be, obviously, a very thorough inquiry into her background as a lawyer and her activities, people who will know her on the issues of character and integrity, which we will find out," he said.

In conference calls and interviews, the White House worked aggressively during the day to tamp down concern among conservatives determined as Bush has pledged to turn the court in a new direction.

Despite criticism, initial reaction suggested Bush had managed to satisfy many of the conservatives who helped confirm Roberts without inflaming Democrats who repeatedly warned against the selection of an extreme conservative to succeed O'Connor, who has voted to uphold abortion rights and preserve affirmative action.

Several officials familiar with Bush's consultations with Congress said that Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, the Democratic leader, had recommended that he consider

Miers for the vacancy. In a written statement, Reid praised the Dallas native as a "trailblazer for women as managing partner of a major Dallas law firm" and said he would be glad to have a former practicing attorney on the court.

Frist greeted Miers by telling her, "We're so proud of you." Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the second-ranking Republican in the Senate, issued a statement saying he looked "forward to Ms. Miers' confirmation."

Republicans hold a 55-44 majority in the Senate, with one independent. Barring a filibuster, they can confirm Miers on the strength of their votes alone.

Miers has served as an adviser to Bush for more than a decade, in positions as varied as private attorney, chairwoman of the Texas Lottery Commission and in the White House.

When Bush decided to run for governor of Texas in the early 1990s, he turned to Miers to research his own background for information that his opponents might try to use against him. When terrorists struck the United States in 2001, she was with him as staff secretary on what had been a routine trip to Florida.

While her loyalty to Bush is unquestioned, Democrats publicly and Republicans privately wondered about her qualifications for the high court.

"The president has selected a loyal political ally without a judicial record to sit on the highest court in the land," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.

At the same time, several senators, Reid and Specter among them, said they would be pleased to have a justice with no prior judicial experience, and the White House moved to fend off any charge that Bush was merely picking a longtime associate.

The administration released material showing that 10 of the 34 justices appointed since 1933 had worked for the president who picked them. The list included the late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, first tapped for the court by Richard M. Nixon, and Byron White, named by John F. Kennedy.

U.S. offensive continues in Iraq; oil minister survives assassination attempt

Oil Minister Ibrahim Bahr al-Uloum escaped an assassination attempt after his motorcade was hit with a bomb

Mohammed Barakat
ASSOCIATED PRESS

QAIM, Iraq — With snipers on rooftops and helicopters hovering overhead, U.S. forces clashed with insurgent fighters Monday while searching homes in a town near the Syrian border.

In Baghdad, Iraq's oil minister narrowly escaped an assassination attempt when a bomb hit his motorcade.

While U.S. forces pushed ahead with their offensive further west, fighting erupted in the capital of Iraq's Anbar province, with masked militants attacking an Iraqi patrol and sparking a gunbattle in the streets of Ramadi.

Oil Minister Ibrahim Bahr al-Uloum was headed out of the capital to attend the opening of a rebuilt refinery to the north when the roadside bomb hit his seven-car motorcade Monday morning, killing three of his bodyguards, the ministry said. Bahr al-Uloum was unhurt.

The assassination attempt came a week after a car bomb at a checkpoint near the Oil Ministry killed at least three ministry employees and seven policemen.

Iraq has the world's third-largest known oil reserves, but the industry has been crippled by war, sanctions during Saddam Hussein's rule and the anti-U.S. insurgency. Oil production remains limited, curbed by decaying infrastructure and frequent militant attacks on pipelines and refineries.

The violence came less than two weeks before a national referendum on a new constitution. Al-Qaida in Iraq and other groups in the Sunni-led insurgency have launched a wave of violence to wreck the Oct. 15 vote, killing at least 207 people in the past eight days, including 16 U.S. forces.

Bahr al-Uloum vowed that the insurgents would fail and that Iraqis will approve the new constitution. "All Iraqis are looking forward to saying 'yes' to the constitution ... By doing so Iraq will usher in a new stage," he said after the attack.

But leaders of Iraq's Sunni Arab minority have rejected the constitution and are trying to defeat it at the polls, saying it will tear the country apart into Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish fiefdoms with the Sunnis being the weakest.

The U.S. offensive near the western border aims to sweep out al-Qaida in Iraq insurgents who have made the area a stronghold and used it to bring foreign fighters in from Syria.

The sweep, codenamed Operation Iron Fist, began Saturday in the village of Sadah and has spread to Karabilah and Rumana on the banks of the Euphrates River, 180 miles northwest of the capital.

U.S. helicopters fired rockets at targets in Rumana, where a roadside bomb blew up near an American armored vehicle, sending up a plume of black smoke, witnesses said, but no U.S. casualties were reported.

Military death count in Iraq

1,935

As of Monday, Oct. 3, at least 1,935 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

1,796

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,796 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,397 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

-Associated Press

In Karabilah, troops searched house-to-house for militants, apparently meeting stiffer resistance than in Sadah, which most fighters fled before the U.S. troops moved in.

Marine snipers fired from rooftops and U.S. helicopters flew overhead as the advance was slowed for about an hour by insurgent fire, a CNN journalist embedded with the Marines said.

At one point, about 20 Iraqis fled their homes, including one family, a mother, father and their child, who were wounded and bleeding after being hit by flying pieces of concrete, CNN footage showed.

The military said it confirmed at least 21 militants killed, two in fighting Monday and 19 from an airstrike the day before, bringing the three-day total to 57.

No U.S. troops have been killed or seriously injured in the offensive, the military said.

But an American soldier died of wounds suffered from indirect fire Saturday in Ramadi, the military said Monday. The death raised to 1,936 the number of U.S. military members who have died since the Iraq war began in 2003.

The U.S. military also dismissed as "patently false" a claim by al-Qaida in Iraq that its insurgents had captured two U.S. Marines in the fighting, even as the group issued a claim it had killed them.

Al-Qaida in Iraq issued a Web statement Sunday saying a 24-hour deadline it set for U.S. and Iraqi authorities to release female Sunni prisoners had ended and that its fighters "implemented the law of God on the two infidel captives," referring to their execution. Neither the claim of the abduction Sunday nor the latest claim included any details or photos of the alleged captives, which such Web statements usually carry.



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Orfalea to visit campus

Kinko's founder and Cal Poly supporter is slated to speak at Spanos Theatre Wednesday in light of recent book release

Thao Tran
MUSTANG DAILY

He founded Kinko's and he donated more than \$16.2 million to the university. He's even coming out with a new book and his first book signing event will be right here on campus.

Paul Orfalea will give a free presentation to the public at 4:30 p.m. in the Alex and Faye Spanos Theatre on Wednesday.

"It's not often students get to meet someone of his stature," said Director of College and Alumni Relations, Leslie McKinley. "He thinks outside the box."

Orfalea recognized Cal Poly as a prestigious link to learning and experience in 2000, when he favored the university motto, "Learn by doing."

"I think Cal Poly's commitment to small-class size is really cool. That tells me that the school is serious about mentoring students," Orfalea said in a press release.

"I know I would not have been able to succeed in life without a bunch of great teachers. Several of them really helped with my self-confidence and with my dyslexia and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (even though we didn't have either of those words when I

was younger). I just don't see how mentoring can happen in classes of 300 students."

The book includes Orfalea's experience with ADHD, but still successfully manages to expand on his experience in the business industry.

Orfalea's new book, "Copy This!" tells the story of how the entrepreneur triumphed in establishing the first Kinko's, a small copy-shop in Isla Vista, to a successful business chain.

"He has a different way of going about things, and having his book promotion here shows a lot on his part," management information system senior Chelsey Drennan said.

Some students already plan to attend.

"He's a wonderful person to hear speak," Drennan said. "I'm going to take some inspiration out of it."

"He brings in a nontraditional view," Cal Poly alum Jim Erickson said. "I'm hoping to hear about his life and the challenges he faced."

The book "Copy This!" was released Sept. 12 by Workman Publishing.

Orfalea has already begun promoting the book on the East Coast and began a month-long book tour.

The 57-year-old entrepreneur retired from his management position at Kinko's in 2000. He sold his remaining shares of the company two years later and chose to dedicate his time and money to institutions and charitable donations.



COURTESY PHOTO

Paul Orfalea released his book "Copy This!" Sept. 12 and will hold a book signing on campus Wednesday.

Group to make Poly smile, nod and laugh out loud



NICK COURTY MUSTANG DAILY

Smile and Nod, an improv comedy group on campus, will perform Wednesday at the Chumash Auditorium as part of ASI's ImprovFest. Comedy troupes Mission IMPROVable and The Wild Bunch will share the stage.

Nick Courty
MUSTANG DAILY

Instead of the watery eyes normally associated with sleepless nights and the monotonous school week, the students of Cal Poly will have a chance to shed tears of laughter as the comedy group Smile and Nod offers an escape Wednesday night.

Smile and Nod was formed in 1998 by a group of Cal Poly students interested in improv comedy. Originally, there was only one show per quarter, but with combined student interest and the sheer entertainment factor, the group expanded and now performs two shows every Saturday night.

"Around this area you don't get to see a lot of live comedy, and there is something about live comedy that is completely different from comedy you see on television," Smile and Nod co-manager Ben Piper said. "(With live comedy,) you get much more of a sense of that intimate atmosphere."

Piper is a fifth-year aerospace engineering student who has been on the team since he was a freshman year at Cal Poly.

Students and performers alike

enjoy the warm and friendly feeling of interacting at shows.

"If you go to a movie, you're just sitting there being very static, whereas here (with Smile and Nod), you get to be a dynamic part of the show by yelling suggestions," Piper said. "I think people enjoy the change of pace."

The change of pace is what helps the team bring together their comedic talents and wit. It also helps that their care and personal enjoyment for improvisational comedy exists.

"We are entirely student-run, so it's a good opportunity to assert your own responsibilities in the group," said Scott Neiman, a third-year double major in landscape architecture and horticulture. "We have perfect attendance just because we enjoy being here, and everybody works hard to collaborate to make it happen."

But why improv? Well, for Smile and Nod cast members, it's a no-brainer.

"There is just something about improv, things being made up on the spot, that you can see the reality and characters and situations (related to life), and see them come out (in performance)," Neiman

said. "There's something exciting in that."

For co-manager Tanner Argon, her interest with improv is more personal.

"(Improv) is the best outlet of expression and creativity. It's a good emotional workout," theater junior Argon said. "Smile and Nod is a student outlook. It's not scripted, it's live, it's of-the-moment and it's pop culture, of our area and our opinions. We represent the student body, and we're here to tell them about it, and give them something to laugh about."

The Smile and Nod improv team will be one of three acts performing at ImprovFest, a free comedy show at Cal Poly on Wednesday.

Along with the Cal Poly team, Mission IMPROVable and The Wild Bunch are scheduled for the laugh-fest.

The performance begins at 8 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium located in the University Union.

They perform every Saturday at 8 and 10 p.m. in building 45, room 212.

For more about the group, visit Smile and Nod's Web site www.smileandnod.org.

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Legalizing Mary Jane

Scott Patterson
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT (U. ARIZONA)

TUCSON, Ariz. — The mere fact that there is no reason to keep the drug illegal is reason enough to legalize it. Just look at the most common arguments put forth by the "marijuana is the devil's harvest" enthusiasts.

First, it is contended that marijuana is a 'gateway drug' that often leads to heroin, cocaine or other, harder drugs. Anti-drug advocates use the fact that most users of heavier drugs have tried marijuana as proof.

Ridiculous. By this logic, the same argument could be made to make alcohol illegal, because a vast majority of heavier-drug users consumed alcohol before moving on to harder drugs.

Second, physical damage done to users that abuse the drug and other dangers would be increased.

Hypocritical. According to the editors of the prestigious British medical journal, The Lancet, 'It would be reasonable to judge cannabis as less of a threat ... than alcohol or tobacco.'

Furthermore, a federally commissioned report by the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine states, 'Except for the harms associated with smoking, the adverse effects of marijuana use are within the range tolerated for other medications.'

Cigarettes are legal in this country, so clearly the effects of the smoke are not enough to justify prohibition.

The strongest case for marijuana legalization, however, is sheer economics. According to the NORML Report on Sixty Years of Marijuana Prohibition in the U.S., the arrest and

prosecution of more than 700,000 people on marijuana charges (close to 90 percent of which for possession alone) cost taxpayers between \$7.5 billion and \$10 billion annually.

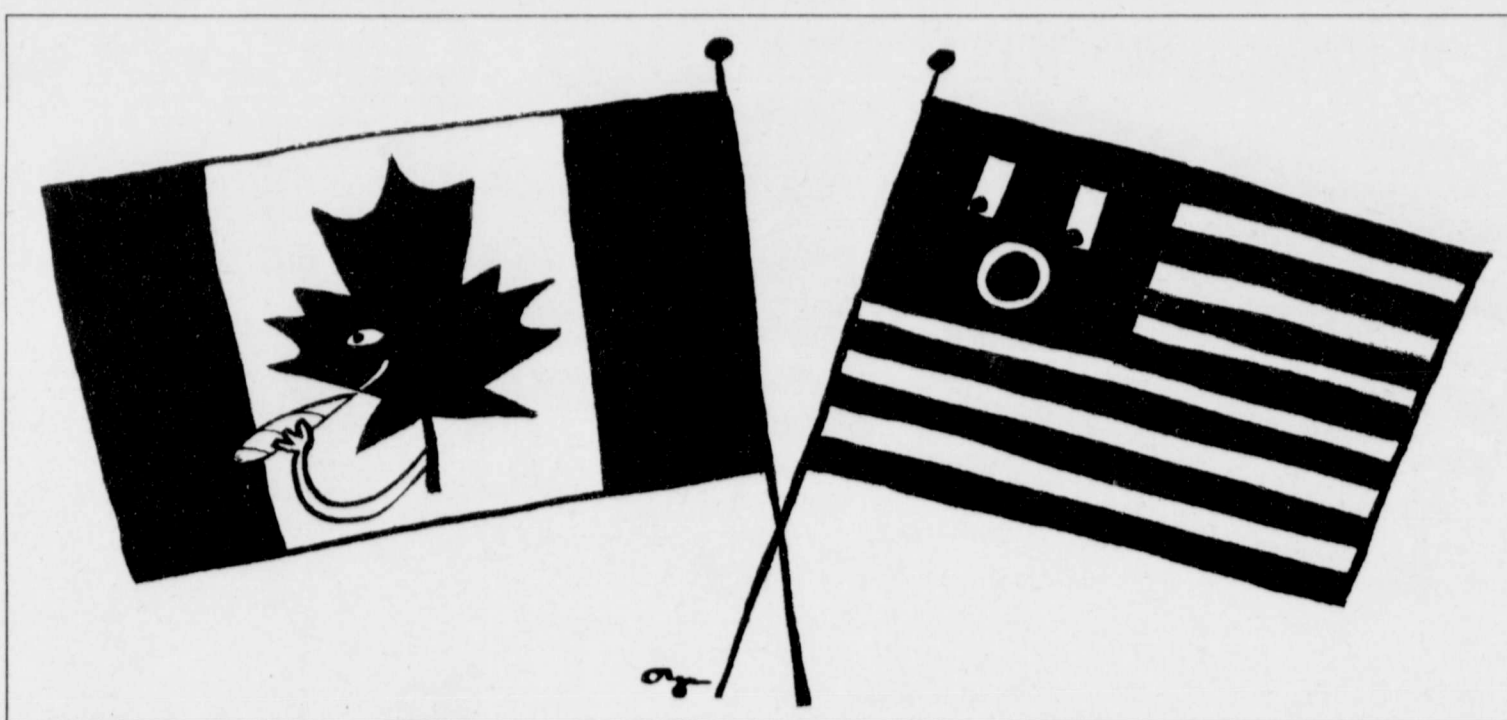
If marijuana were legalized, not only would taxpayers no longer have to pay for such needless processes, but private firms would also spring up, sell marijuana, turn a profit and return tax revenues to the government. Just as cigarettes and alcohol generate enormous tax revenues, marijuana would do the same.

And for those concerned profits are going back to drug lords in Colombia, don't be. As it stands, marijuana bought today already drives demand that supports Latin American terrorist organizations such as FARC, but legalized marijuana will curtail this demand.

Think of legalized marijuana in terms of the oil trade. Currently, the United States is heavily dependent on Middle Eastern oil, which is widely seen as a huge problem. But had the Middle East been, say, Canada, no such problem would exist, and instead of constantly seeking to diversify, America would have been satisfied in dealing with its laid back neighbor to the north.

The same goes for marijuana. As new companies emerge, of course they will look first to Latin America, but the political consequences of such an action will soon catch up to them.

The result: A massive search to diversify, which, unlike oil, is accomplished much easier in the field of marijuana. Then, over time, marijuana will be produced domestically, and the power of the Latin American drug cartels will diminish.



JOHN OVERMYER NEWSART

Don't mix religion and cursing

Andrew Heaton
OKLAHOMA DAILY (U. OKLAHOMA)

NORMAN, Okla. — When exactly did the name of my God become a socially acceptable alternative to the "f-word"?

We all know people who enjoy getting righteously indignant on a regular basis via curse words, politically incorrect phrases or art museums. They go out of their way to get offended and tend to write me very eloquent letters.

I am not such a person. I endeavor to take contrary opinions with stride, but I am not out of order in asserting that the use of a religious figure as an explicative is impolite.

If I started blurting out "Buddha" or "Muhammad" in place of "damn" or "hell," it would be in poor taste. I would be using another person's spiritual figure as a curse word and would likely offend. If you bark out the name of my God because you're frightened of dropping the f-bomb in polite company, you aren't doing me any favors.

I believe it is acceptable to say "Jesus" within the following contexts: 1) In reference to a specific

historic and/or religious figure, 2) In appeal for divine mercy, such as when you get attacked by Wolverines or are slipping into bankruptcy, 3) In reference to your Mexican friend with the same name if you refuse to pronounce anything in Spanish.

There are others, but I think I'm getting my idea across. Conversely, any scenario you can imagine where "Christ" or "God" takes on the attributes of profanity is offensive, simply because they're being used as

I might want to, but it would make my Hindu chums feel uncomfortable, and that would be uncouth. Thus, even though I don't subscribe to the same religion as my Indian chums, I withhold my brutality in public.

I do not think atheists are to blame. Several of my closest friends are atheists, and they are uniformly more tolerant and friendly of my peculiar religious inclinations than I am of theirs. It has been my experience that atheists are quite polite and civil about religion, and often surprisingly appreciative of legitimate spiritual zeal.

No, the people primarily at fault for this common faux-pas are Christians and un-Christians. I'll come to Christians momentarily. An

"un-Christian" does not denote someone who has intellectually rejected Christianity or converted to something else. It's someone who grew up in church and then shed the experience like a pair of outgrown trousers when he or she got to college.

Many of these people are a lot more smug and condescending than an atheist could ever be. (Atheists are preferable to un-Christians; they've at least replaced their missing pants.)

I don't think I've ever been chatting with a Hindu on the South Oval, seen a cow wander by and just kicked it in the groin...

profanity. (Of course, the word "God" isn't specific to any particular religion, but in the interest of brevity this column will be.)

A good parallel here is that I'm very good about not hitting cows in the presence of Hindus. I don't think I've ever been chatting with a Hindu on the South Oval, seen a cow wander by, and just kicked it in the groin for the hell of it or to illustrate some point in conversation.

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"I don't want to be that half-hamster guy."

Volleyball

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Gilliam tacked onto her conference lead with another 22 kills. Mulder and Atherstone had 19 and 12 kills, respectively.

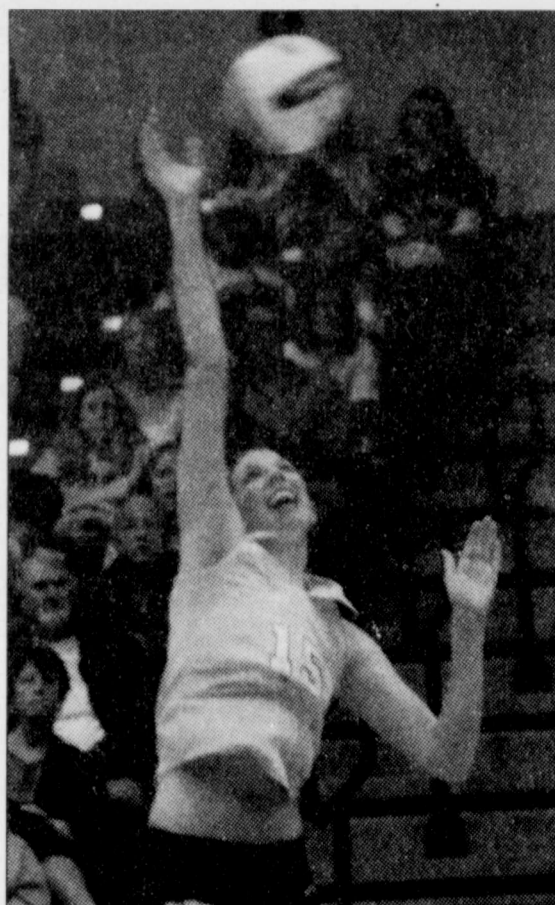
Jackson again led the way in digs with 20. Mulder finished with 14 digs and Gilliam had 12.

Cal Poly's setter Chelsea Hayes compiled 12 digs to go along with her 50 assists.

Hayes grew up in Atascadero and played under current Cal Poly head coach Jon Stevenson at Saint Mary's before transferring to Cal Poly this year.

Amanda Vasquez led the Anteaters with 20 kills. Keegan Featherston had a team high 19 digs.

Cal Poly plays its next two games on the road. The Mustangs play at UC Riverside on Friday and at Cal State Fullerton the next day.



SHEILA SOBCHIK MUSTANG DAILY
Left, Kayla Mulder spikes the ball to Long Beach State's side. Mulder had 19 kills in the game against the 49ers.



SHEILA SOBCHIK MUSTANG DAILY
Right, Becky Glasgow sets the ball during the Mustangs' match against Long Beach St. Saturday.

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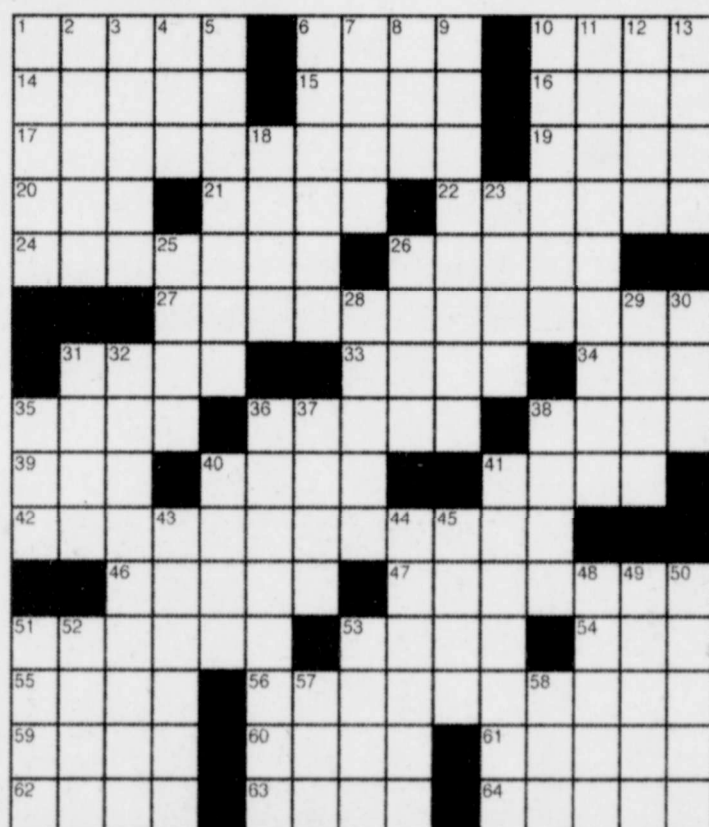
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6 Drivers' aids
10 Captain of the Pequod
14 Debussy contemporary Erik
15 Cart part
16 "Damn Yankees" vamp
17 Document shown at border patrol
19 Writer Harte
20 Prefix with duct
21 Yeats or Keats
22 Cape Canaveral event
24 California observatory
26 Salon jobs
27 Fixation indication
31 Meager
33 Served up a whopper

DOWN

- 34 Magic org.
35 Feathery scarves
36 Very humble home
38 Score for a 34-Across player
39 Satisfied sighs
40 1952 Hope/Crosby "Road" destination
41 Pool part?
42 Rubberneck at the Ritz, perhaps
46 Fuss with feathers
47 Zilch
51 Celestial Seasonings alternative
53 Gin flavorer
54 "So there you are!"
55 Long stretches
56 Part of a suit of armor

DOWN

- 1 Shutterbug's setting
2 Caterpillar, for one
3 Internet commerce
4 Opposite of military: Abbr.
5 Button one's lips
6 Pub
7 Off-ramp
8 Raised railroads
9 Denver is way above it
10 Philatelists' books
11 Interrupts
12 Knighted Guinness
13 The Wife of (Chaucer story teller)
18 Credit union offering
23 Like the Kalahari
25 Elevator pioneer Elisha
26 Ballerina's bend
28 The King (subject of four sightings elsewhere in this puzzle)
29 Cousin of an English horn



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- 30 Catch a few Z's
31 Arty Manhattan district
32 The cellar
35 "Balderdash!"
36 Participate in decision-making
37 Lena of "Chocolat"
38 Sister and wife of Zeus
40 Ran in the wash
41 Settled a score
43 Rubbed out or off
44 Estuaries
45 Labor saver
48 More despicable
49 Steam items
50 Abrupt
51 Lowly laborer
52 Asia's fast-shrinking Sea
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Football ranked No. 9

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

It will be No. 9 Cal Poly against No. 12 North Dakota State in a Great West Football Conference at Mustang Stadium on Saturday.

Cal Poly climbed one more position to No. 9 in the two NCAA Division I-AA polls following its 31-14 victory at Northern Colorado on Saturday. North Dakota State fell one spot in the ESPN/USA Today poll and climbed one position in The Sports Network poll after defeating Nicholls State 26-13.

The Mustangs were ranked 17th in both preseason polls. After a 38-

10 win over then-No. 11 Montana State on Sept. 17, Cal Poly climbed to No. 12. The Mustangs opened defense of their Great West Football Conference title with a 24-16 victory at South Dakota State on Sept. 24 and jumped to No. 10 in the polls.

Cal Poly was ranked as high as No. 5 in the 2004 polls, winning its first seven games before suffering back-to-back losses to UC Davis and Eastern Washington.

Besides No. 12 North Dakota State, other Cal Poly opponents in the rankings this week include No. 4 Montana, No. 11 Montana State, No. 15 Eastern Washington and No. 25 Idaho State.

ESPN/USA Today Division I-AA Top 25 Poll

The ESPN/USA Today Division I-AA Top 25 college football coaches poll, with number of first-place votes, record in parentheses, total points and last week's ranking (records through October 1, 2005):

TEAM	PTS	PVS
1. NEW HAMPSHIRE (34) (4-0)	1,256	1
2. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (7) (3-1)	1,190	2
3. WESTERN KENTUCKY (3) (3-1)	1,160	3
4. MONTANA (6) (3-1)	1,148	4
5. JAMES MADISON (3-1)	1,029	7
6. NORTHERN IOWA (3-1)	975	8
7. FURMAN (4-1)	943	6
8. HAMPTON (1) (5-0)	914	9
9. CAL POLY (1) (4-1)	898	10
10. MONTANA STATE (3-2)	727	12
11. LEHIGH (3-1)	704	14
12. NORTH DAKOTA STATE (4-1)	696	11
13. DELAWARE (3-1)	654	5
14. TEXAS STATE (3-1)	623	16
15. EASTERN WASHINGTON (2-2)	608	13
16. APPALACHIAN STATE (3-1)	556	20
17. WILLIAM & MARY (2-2)	425	17
18. MASSACHUSETTS (3-1)	384	22
19. COASTAL CAROLINA (4-1)	310	NR
20. HARVARD (2-1)	229	15
21. NORTHWESTERN STATE (1-2)	176	25
22. YOUNGSTOWN STATE (4-1)	173	NR
23. GEORGIA SOUTHERN (3-2)	161	NR
24. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (3-1)	117	18
25. IDAHO STATE (3-2)	105	23

Dropped Out: No. 19 WESTERN CAROLINA, No. 21 WOFFORD, No. 24 HOFSTRA.

Others Receiving Votes: UC DAVIS 99, MCNEESE STATE 98, STEPHEN F AUSTIN 85, GRAMBLING 71, WESTERN CAROLINA 55, PORTLAND STATE 52, ALABAMA STATE 48, HOFSTRA 44, WOFFORD 28, LAFAYETTE 25, PRINCETON 23, BETHUNE COOKMAN 19, PENN 16, NICHOLLS STATE 15, CHATTANOOGA 11, BROWN 11, SAM HOUSTON STATE 9, ILLINOIS STATE 8

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No. 25 Long Beach too much for Mustangs

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly dropped a tightly contested match against No. 25 Long Beach State on Saturday 3-2.

Though the 49ers finished the Mustangs off in four games, the final score didn't tell the complete story.

The Mustangs lost the first game 30-27 followed by a 30-28 defeat in game two. The Mustangs had the serve down 29-28 after Vanessa Gilliam connected for a clutch kill.

Gilliam then served the ball into the net, giving the 49ers the game two win.

Cal Poly led the entire way during the third game. Gilliam had seven kills during the game.

The 49ers got a quick start on the Mustang in the fourth game.

Long Beach led 16-7 before the Mustangs rallied to within two, 19-17.

But the 49ers proved their No. 25 national ranking and won the game 30-24.

Despite the setback in game two, Gilliam led all players with 22 kills. Kylie Atherstone and Kayla Mulder each had 12 for the Mustangs. Libero Kristin Jackson had a team-

Quick Recap

Cal Poly defeated UC Irvine (30-18, 30-19, 28-30, 28-30, 15-13)

Leaders:

Kills: Gilliam 22, Mulder 19, Atherstone 12

Digs: Jackson 20, Gilliam 12, Mulder 12

Cal Poly lost to No. 25 Long Beach State (27-30, 28-30, 30-24, 24-30)

Leaders:

Kills: Gilliam 22, Atherstone 12, Mulder 12

Digs: Jackson 26, Mulder 14, Hayes 12, Gilliam 12

Record: 9-4

Next Home Game: Oct. 14 at Mott Gym, 7 p.m. vs. Pacific.

high 26 digs.

Rosie Lewis led Long Beach with 20 kills. Ali Daley and Alexis Crimes chipped in with 14 apiece. Heather Laudato led all players with 28 digs.

Cal Poly fell to 9-4 overall, 2-2 in Big West play while the 49ers improved to 11-4 overall, 1-1 in conference. Long Beach traveled to UC Santa Barbara for its first Big West match this season and got dominated. The Gauchos, coming off their upset loss to the Mustangs, disposed of the 49ers in three

games.

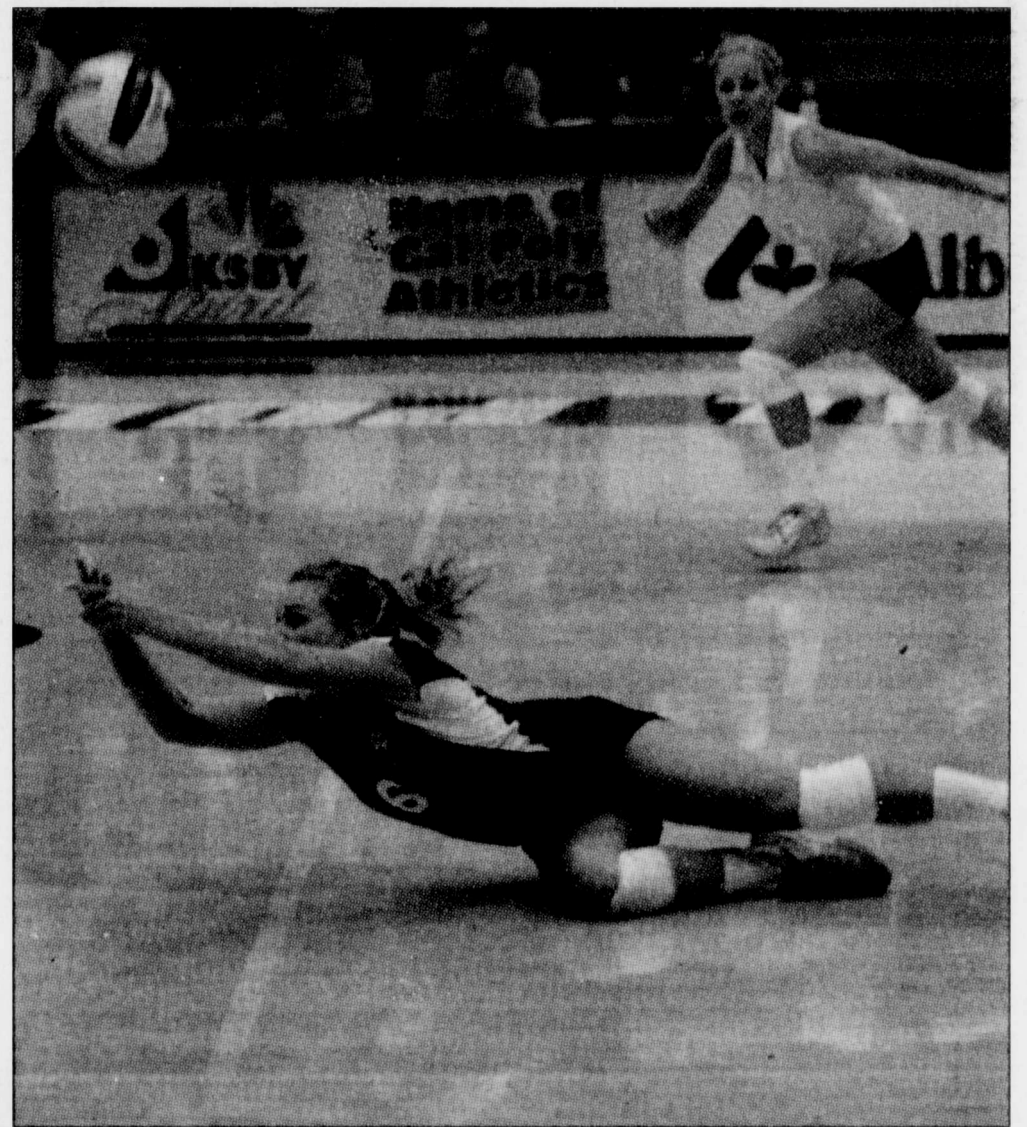
Cal Poly tops UC Irvine

Cal Poly defeated the UC Irvine Anteaters at Mott Gym Friday in five games. Though the Mustangs dominated the first two games, winning 30-18 and 30-19, the Anteaters refused to quit.

Irvine battled to 30-28 wins in games three and four to force a final game.

The Mustangs bounced back to win 15-13 in the final game.

see Volleyball, page 7



SHEILA SOBCHIK MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's libero Kristin Jackson records another dig in Cal Poly's loss against No. 25 Long Beach State on Saturday. Jackson had 20 in the game.

Mustangs doused by Cal State Northridge

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly men's soccer team lost 3-1 to host Cal State Northridge on Sunday.

The Mustangs extended their stay down south because Saturday's match against the Matadors was postponed, a result of the wildfires burning in the Topanga and Chatsworth areas, according to the Big West Conference Web site.

Cal Poly falls to 4-6-0 on the season with the loss.

Cal Poly's lone goal was scored in the first half on a give-and-go exchange from Jason Hadley to Nikhil Erlebach and back to Hadley, who made good on a shot from 12 yards out. It was the freshman's first collegiate goal.

Northridge's Daniel Paladini scored the first and third goals for the Matador's with an assist from Sean

Franklin.

Paladini's first goal came early in the first half from 25 yards out. Paladini scored again near the end of the game off a Mustang turnover, connecting from 30 yards deep.

Matador forward Willie Sims accounted for Northridge's other goal. It was the eighth goal for Sims this season.

The Mustangs were whistled for twice as many fouls as the Matadors, receiving 12 fouls to the Matadors' six.

Cal Poly also received a pair of yellow cards during the match.

Northridge improved to 6-2-1 on the season.

The Mustangs are now 0-2 in Big West play. The Mustangs dropped their conference opener at Mustang Stadium against UC Santa Barbara last Wednesday, 3-1.

The Mustangs return to action Wednesday at Mustang Stadium.

BIG WEST CONFERENCE

MEN'S SOCCER

	W	L	T
Cal State Northridge	2	0	0
UC Santa Barbara	2	0	0
UC Irvine	1	0	0
Cal State Fullerton	0	0	0
Cal Poly	0	2	0
UC Riverside	0	3	0

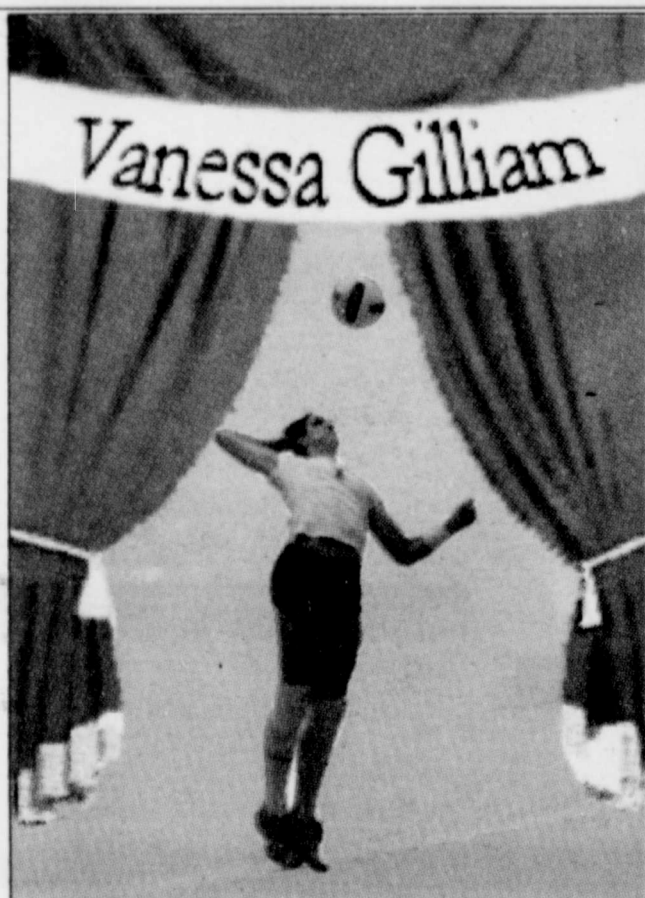


WOMEN'S SOCCER

	W	L	T
Cal State Northridge	2	0	0
UC Riverside	1	0	0
Long Beach State	1	1	0
Cal Poly	0	0	0
UC Santa Barbara	0	0	0
Cal State Fullerton	0	1	0
Pacific	0	1	0
UC Irvine	0	1	0



*Conference games only



Player spotlight: Vanessa Gilliam, outside hitter, volleyball

James Mellor
MUSTANG DAILY

Senior outside hitter Vanessa Gilliam has been killing it, literally.

Gilliam leads the Cal Poly women's volleyball team in kills with 242, which is second in the Big West Conference. Her kill count of nearly five per game coupled with her hitting percentage of .274 has been leaving opponents diving to stop her offensive onslaught.

From behind the baseline, Gilliam leads the team with 23 serving aces. Defensively, she is second on the team in both digs (113) and total blocks (45).

"It's very clear she's a productive player," coach Jon Stevenson said. "As far as her ability to attack, it's very impressive. Vanessa is near the top of the conference in some impressive categories. There's no question

her offensive production has been very successful."

The volleyball team is off to a 9-4 start with Gilliam, which is a drastic change from last season's results.

In early September, the Mustangs knocked off Texas Christian, Maryland-Baltimore County, Seton Hall and George Mason on their way to the championships at the Patriot Invitational in Fairfax, VA. Cal Poly again claimed the championship the following weekend at home during the Best Western Royal Oak Invitational with wins over Portland, Loyola (Maryland) and San Jose State.

Gilliam received Most Valuable Player honors for her play in both tournaments, and her performance at the Patriot Invitational earned her the accolade of Big West women's volleyball player of the weekend.

Despite her high achievements on the scorecard, coach Stevenson sees more room for her total development.

"She's never been in the situation to be a go-to player," Stevenson said. "I hope she's a big part of the technical issues that go beyond the scope of a stat sheet... She really has the opportunity to challenge what's under the surface."

After leaving the team last season due to conflicts with the former coach, Gilliam has been given the opportunity to revitalize her career this season.

"I didn't realize how important volleyball was to me until I left," Gilliam said. "It's always been a part of my life."

"I want to see us play our best every single game. We've been letting down lately and it's frustrating when you know you can be a good team."