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Cal Poly supports city in Mardi Gras efforts

Liz Soteris-McNamara
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly students opened their e-mail accounts Monday night and found a message from the university regarding Mardi Gras.

Vice President for Student Affairs Cornel Morton sent out an e-mail informing students that Cal Poly supports the city of San Luis Obispo's campaign for a quiet Mardi Gras weekend.

"Your responsible behavior during the Mardi Gras 2005 showed everyone that Cal Poly students care for this community, and for the safety of their own neighborhoods. We urge you to demonstrate that care, concern and responsible citizenship again this year," Morton said in the e-mail.

Morton commented on the e-mail and said, "The vast majority of students are respectful and want to represent the university positively."

Each year fewer students remember the incident on California and Foothill Boulevards in February 2004.

In the two years since the riot that was broadcasted on CNN, many students who remember the event

have graduated and new students are left wondering what actually happened.

"There was a riot?" asked Shaun Kenville, a business sophomore, when questioned if he had heard anything about Mardi Gras before coming to Cal Poly.

Even 2005's "Poly Gras" has slipped into an ancient past for some students.

Students who remember the riot can understand Cal Poly's endorsement of a Mardi Gras-free weekend.

"I'm in support of controlling Mardi Gras if that is what is best for the city," said Matt Hensch, a graphic communication senior. "I think everyone is over it. Instead of partying with 3,000 people they party with 10 instead," Hensch said.

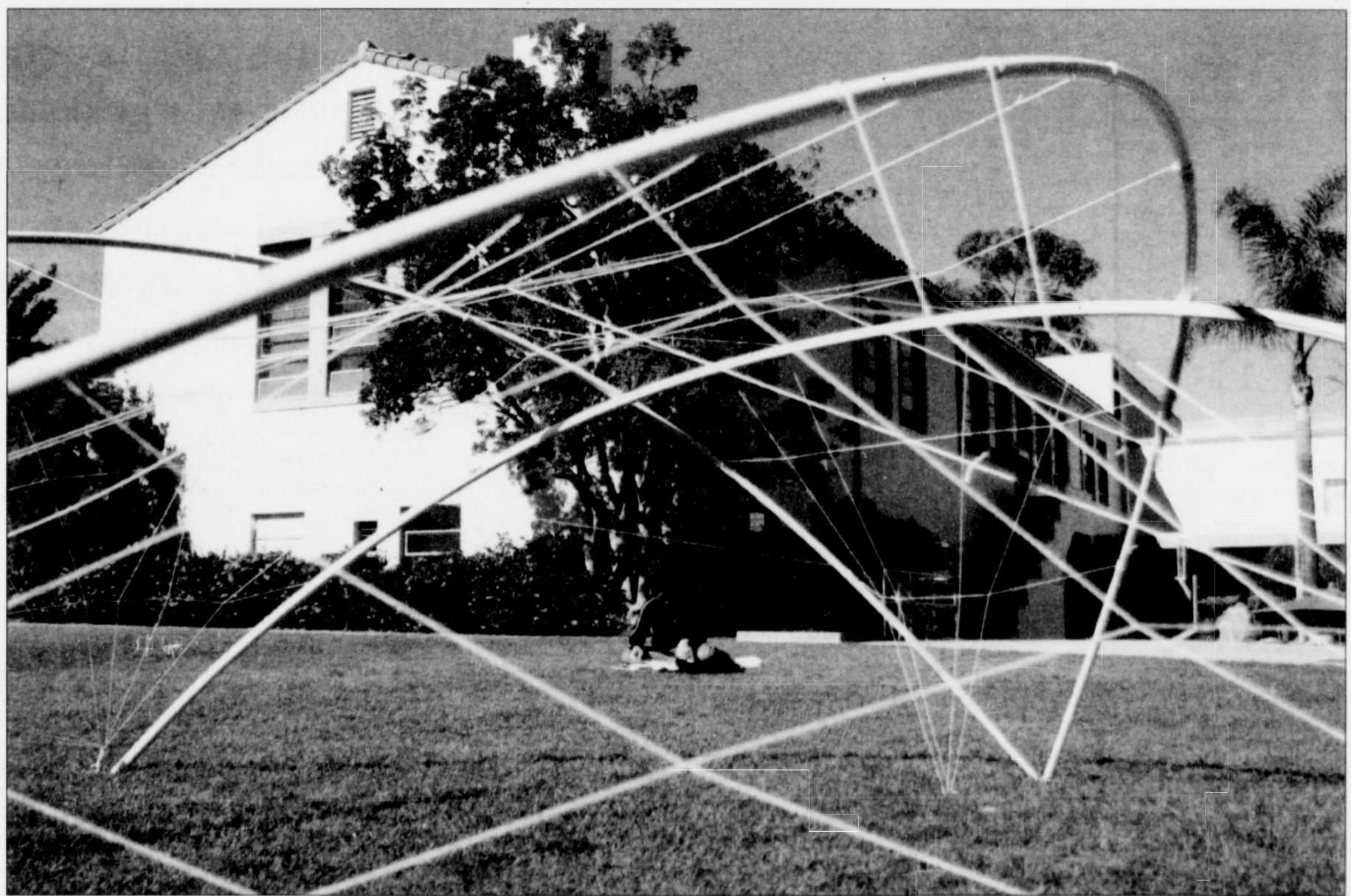
Morton said that the e-mail "is not intended to sound like Big Brother." And although his name is attached to it, all four university vice presidents and president Warren Baker endorse the position on Mardi Gras.

"Please stay safe and avoid large crowds. Discourage friends from other towns from coming here that weekend. Also take interest in the safety of fellow students. You may be in a position to take actions that protect others from harm," the e-mail stated.

Students read the e-mail and few expressed a negative reaction toward the university or Morton.

"I will probably be in town and not doing anything," Manabe said.

DESIGN ON DEXTER



MICHAEL MULLADY MUSTANG DAILY

Passing by Dexter Lawn recently, students may have noticed a variety of interesting structures scattered about. The display, a project the members of Professor Michael Botwin's advanced structural systems class took on, was designed to help students understand the complexity of full-scale buildings by creating smaller unconventional designs using strings. Beejae Visitacion, a graphic communication junior, admired the display as he studied for a midterm next to one of the pieces Wednesday. By understanding the basic tactics for designs that hold strong structural capabilities, students become one step closer in their quest to some day design full-scale buildings.

House vote cuts federal student aid

Tyeesha Dixont
THE DIAMONDBACK (U. MARYLAND)

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — In a 214-212 vote, the U.S. House of Representatives voted Wednesday to pass a bill cutting \$12 billion to the federal student loan program, which means if President Bush signs the bill into law — as he is expected to — university students with federal loans may have to pay more to come to school.

The Budget Reconciliation Bill had already been approved by the Senate. Bush said in a statement he plans to sign the bill into law and will propose in next week's budget to continue the spending cuts.

The cut is the largest in the history of the federal loan programs, which fund student loans among other things, said Luke Swarthout, the higher education associate at the State PIRG for Higher Education.

If the president passes the bill, parents who take out federal student loans for their chil-

dren will have to pay higher interest rates — including a .6 percent interest rate increase for parents.

"As I said last night, keeping America competitive requires us to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars," the president said in a statement on the House's passing of the bill.

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But some think the bill will only feed the pockets of the wealthy because it includes a \$70 billion tax cut.

"We call on President Bush to uphold the commitment to American economic competitiveness that he made in the State of the Union address by vetoing this bill and push-

ing for more affordable student loan policy," Swarthout said.

But the bill would direct some of the loan cut funds back to students through student grants in math, science and foreign language.

The bill would also lower student interest rates over the next five years in an attempt to even out the strain on students who take out loans by implementing a 6.8 percent cap for student interest rates. The current maximum interest rate is 8.25 percent.

Junior education major Michelle Rivas said she thinks the bill will only discourage poor students from going to college.

"I am really angry about this," said Rivas, who currently receives federal student loans. "I think it's stupid that they're implementing No Child Left Behind to improve people's chances of going to college when they can't even afford to go."

Rivas said it is discouraging for students who have no way to pay for college.

"The motivation factor isn't going to be there," Rivas said.

Study finds little difference in success between MBA, undergrad degree

Tali Yahalom

DAILY PENNSYLVANIAN (U. PENN)

PHILADELPHIA — An MBA degree may not provide much of a boost in getting to the top, according to a recent study. The study, conducted at Pace University's Lubin School of Business, indicated that top business executives with an MBA are not necessarily more successful than their colleagues with only an undergraduate degree.

Pace professors Aron Gottesman and Matthew Morey put together a list of companies in the New York Stock Exchange and reviewed their CEOs' academic background. Gottesman and Morey analyzed the companies' performance over two years and found no significant difference in success rates between CEOs with graduate degrees and CEOs without.

And while those who have graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School's undergraduate program earn almost as much money as MBA alumni, Wharton administrators still say that comparing the two programs is like comparing apples and oranges.

"An MBA can be invaluable to a student who wants to improve his (or) her business knowledge, (but) lots of Wharton undergraduate alumni do just fine without ever going on for an MBA," Barbara Hewitt, Wharton's associate director of Career Services said.

Hewitt has compiled data that seems to coincide with the Pace study's results. In her most recent

survey, conducted in 1996 and 1997, she found that the average salary of a Wharton undergraduate alumnus was \$93,609 per year. For a graduate with an MBA, it was \$95,132.

In addition, while 30.6 percent of undergraduate alumni went on to earn an MBA, 55.8 percent pursued careers with only a bachelor's degree, Hewitt found.

Wharton undergraduates are offering explanations for the relatively small salary gap.

"Wharton seniors are not competing in the same job market as MBAs for the most part," Wharton and engineering junior Daniel Panzer said. "Undergraduates go for analyst positions and they get on one track of advancement [while] MBAs go for associate positions," he added.

Still, Gottesman and Morey acknowledge that the real variable in determining success is raw business acumen and the amount of natural talent an individual possesses.

Although having an MBA may not be the last word on success in business -- or even be a consideration for an undergraduate seeking a job -- Wharton officials still place a high worth on the school's MBA program.

"I really believe that an MBA adds value above and beyond," said Thomas Caleel, director of MBA Admissions and Financial Aid. "It's important to realize that nobody is saying that getting an MBA is going to make you successful. It's what you do with your MBA that makes you successful."

Study finds university graduates lack basic life skills

John Gunn

DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN (U. MISSISSIPPI)

OXFORD, Miss. — A recent study done by CNN states that a degree from a four-year university doesn't necessarily mean that graduates understand everyday life skills. The study said more than 50 percent of four-year university graduates and at least 75 percent of two-year college graduates don't have the basic knowledge to do things such as compare credit card interest rates or grasp the arguments in newspaper editorials.

"I feel it would be beneficial for students to complete a life skills class where they would learn the key skills needed for everyday life," the assistant to the dean for undergraduate programs at the University of Mississippi, Sue Hodge said.

Pew Charitable Trusts, the first to point out what skills graduating students have acquired during their course of study, funded the study.

According to the study, the results came from three different types of literacy: analyzing news stories and other prose, understanding documents and having the math skills needed for checkbooks or restaurant tips.

Common everyday skills needed for more complex tasks are not being acquired by graduates, causing

them to fall behind. This makes the task of comprehending surveys, graphs or bank statements more difficult than they are designed to be.

Students did the worst on subjects containing math. Close to 20 percent of students who attend four-year colleges were found to have basic quantitative skills.

Basic was defined by the study as being able to do things such as esti-

mate if their car had enough fuel to get to a gas station.

major from Oxford, Miss. The study did say that most students at two- and four-year colleges showed intermediate skills and could complete tasks such as locating places on a map.

Although lower than expected, the average literacy of college students is considerably higher than that of adults across the nation. The college survey was the same test the

government uses to test English literacy among adults. The National Assessment of Adult Literacy was given in 2003 to a sample of 1,827 students at public and private schools.

The survey focused on college students who were close to

completing the requirements for their particular field of study and had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The study can be found on CNN's Web site, <http://www.cnn.com/2006/EDUCATION>.

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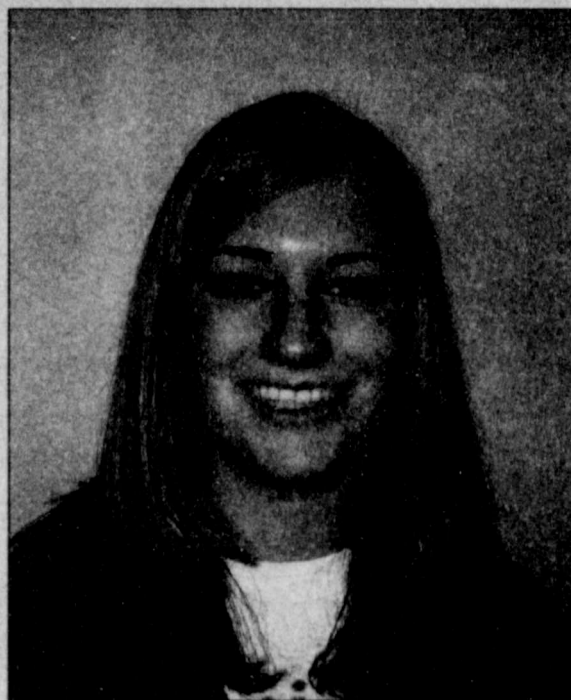
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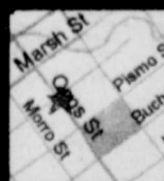


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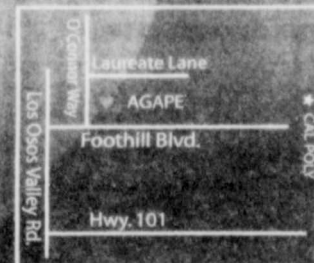
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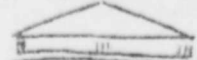
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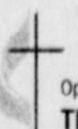
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President to send Congress \$439.3 billion defense budget

Lolita C. Baldor
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush next week will request a \$439.3 billion Defense Department budget for 2007, a nearly 5 percent increase over this year, according to senior Pentagon officials and documents obtained Thursday by The Associated Press.

The spending plan would include \$84.2 billion for weapons programs, a nearly 8 percent increase, including billions of dollars for fighter jets, Navy ships, helicopters and unmanned aircraft. The total includes a substantial increase in weapons spending for the Army, which will get \$16.8 billion in the 2007 budget, compared with \$11 billion this year.

Senior defense officials provided the totals on condition of anonymity because the defense budget will not be publicly released until Monday. The figures did not include spending for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, which the Bush administration said Thursday would total \$120 billion for 2006.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld would not provide any details of the budget Thursday but called it appropriate, adding: "We have been able to fund the important things that are needed. It is a sizable amount of money."

The budget proposal represents the fifth year in a row that spending on weapons has increased, after years of cutbacks during the 1990s.

It also provides funding for 42 Army Brigade Combat Teams as part of the ongoing effort to increase the number of combat units from 33. The expansion would allow soldiers to spend two years at their home station for every year they are deployed to a war front.

Overall, the Army would receive \$111.8 billion, including \$42.6 billion for personnel. The Army National Guard would receive about \$5.25 billion for personnel, and the Army Reserves would receive \$3.4 billion.

The documents say the budget plan will provide the funding needed to win the long war on terror, recruit and retain troops, and continue the transformation to a more

agile fighting force for the 21st century.

The Army's key weapons program, the Future Combat System, will be funded at \$2.2 billion, and there will be \$583 million to buy nearly 3,100 more heavily armored Humvees. The budget also includes nearly \$800 million for 100 Stryker transport vehicles built by General Dynamics Land Systems.

During a speech Thursday, Rumsfeld said the Pentagon is learning to do more with less.

"We are finding ways to operate that department in ways that are considerably more efficient and more respectful of taxpayers' dollars," he said. "We are getting much more for the dollar today than we were five years ago."

In other budget programs, the Air Force will receive about \$2.2 billion for the F-22 fighter — slashing the 2006 total nearly in half. The drop in funding, however, is actually a contract restructuring that would return that money — and more — over the long run by stretching out the program for an additional two years and buying four more planes.

IRAQ



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Local residents gather at the scene of a US military helicopter attack on homes early Thursday in the Sadr City area of Baghdad, Iraq.

U.S. helicopter fires rockets into Baghdad's Sadr City; five U.S. troops killed in attacks

Sinan Salaheddin
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A U.S. helicopter fired rockets into a crowded Shiite neighborhood of eastern Baghdad on Thursday, killing a young woman, after the aircraft was fired on, the U.S. command said. The military also said five U.S. troops died in separate attacks.

A roadside bomb blast killed three U.S. soldiers south of Baghdad on Wednesday, while a fourth soldier died the same day from wounds sustained in a small-arms fire attack in the capital's southwest district, the military said. A U.S. Marine was fatally wounded Wednesday during combat near the western city of Fallujah.

The deaths were the first among U.S. personnel since Jan. 28 and took the total of U.S. military fatalities to 2,247 since the war began in 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

Thursday's early morning attack in the vast eastern Baghdad area of Sadr City damaged several houses and cars, and both residents and Shiite politicians condemned the U.S. attack as reckless and provocative.

The U.S. military said the exchange of fire took place at about 1 a.m. as its troops were pursuing a "known terrorist associated with Ansar al-Sunnah," a Sunni militant group that has claimed responsibility for suicide attacks and beheadings.

"As troops were leaving the area in a U.S. military helicopter, men on a nearby rooftop began firing at the aircraft," said military spokesman Sgt. Stacy Simon. "The helicopter returned fire with guns and rockets."

The military had no details on casualties, but Sadr City resident Abdul-Hussein Shanoof said his 20-year-old daughter, Ikhlas Abdul-Hussein, was killed. Shanoof was also wounded, along with another woman and a 2-year-old child.

Footage showed Shanoof's house with a large hole blasted through his roof and rubble scattered inside.

"At night, the aircraft bombed this and that house. One girl died. The aircraft remained bombing us until morning," a Sadr City resident, who declined to identify himself, told AP Television News.

U.S. soldiers detained two unidentified people before the attack inside Sadr City, the power base of radical

anti-U.S. Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

American forces have been recently holding up the neighborhood as a model of improving relations between the U.S. military and the Iraqi community.

Transport Minister Salam al-Maliki, an al-Sadr supporter, condemned the U.S. attack and demanded compensation for victims.

"These military operations aim at weakening the supporters of the Sadr movement, are considered provocative and represent a clear violation against the security situation in the country," al-Maliki told The Associated Press in the southern city of Basra.

In Baghdad, another Sadr supporter, Shiite lawmaker Falah Hassan Shanshal, accused the U.S. of trying to "draw the Sadr movement into a new fight to affect our participation in the political process."

"The occupation is trying to shake the United Iraqi Alliance after their successful election results," said lawmaker Bahaa al-din al-Araji, another al-Sadr supporter and senior member of the alliance, the major Shiite bloc that fared best in the Dec. 15 parliamentary election.

The attack came as neither Saddam Hussein nor any of his seven co-defendants attended Thursday's session of the trial to protest the new chief judge, Raouf Abdel-Rahman. The eight are being accused of involvement in the 1982 killings of more than 140 Shiite Muslims in Dujail, north of Baghdad. The session lasted just under two hours and was adjourned until Feb. 13.

Saddam's defense team wants Abdel-Rahman to step down after accusing him of having a "personal feud" with the former leader because the judge was born in Halabja, a Kurdish village hit by a poison gas attack allegedly ordered by Saddam in 1988. Some 5,000 Kurds were killed, including several of Abdel-Rahman's relatives.

U.S. and Iraqi authorities had hoped the trial would proceed smoothly and lead to a calming of Iraq's rampant insurgency, which is fanned in the main by loyalists of the former president, Sunni Arab militants and opponents of the U.S.-led military presence.

Iran issue 'reaching a critical phase'

George Jahn
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VIENNA, Austria — Iran threatened to retaliate Thursday in the face of almost certain referral to the U.N. Security Council for its nuclear activities, and the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said the dispute was "reaching a critical phase."

Ahead of a decision by the IAEA's 35-nation board, U.S. and European delegates turned to behind-the-scenes diplomacy to build the broadest possible support for reporting Iran to the council over concerns it is seeking nuclear weapons.

Cuba, Venezuela, Syria and a few other nations at odds with Washington remained opposed. India was said to be leaning toward supporting referral.

Diplomats accredited to the meeting said backing for Iran had shrunk among the U.N. nuclear watchdog's board since Russia and China swung their support behind referral at an overnight meeting with the United States, France and Britain — the other three permanent council members — that started Monday.

"There's a solid majority in favor of reporting," Gregory L. Schulte, the chief U.S. delegate to

the IAEA, told The Associated Press. "There's even a more solid majority after Monday."

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack the number of nations expected to vote against referral were in the "low to single digits."

Iran remained defiant. In a last-minute warning, Tehran's chief nuclear negotiator told IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei that his country would severely curtail agency inspections and resume uranium enrichment if reported to the council.

Ali Larijani, in a letter made available to the AP, said referral would leave Iran no choice but "to suspend all the voluntary measures and extra cooperation" with the IAEA — shorthand for reducing IAEA monitoring to a minimum.

Furthermore, "all the peaceful nuclear activities being under voluntary suspension would be resumed without any restriction," said the letter, suggesting a resumption of work on full-scale uranium enrichment — a possible pathway to nuclear arms.

Iran has made such threats before. What was significant this time, however, was that the warnings were in the form of a formal notification to the head of the IAEA.

As Thursday's meeting adjourned, U.S. and European diplomats intensified efforts to widen support for a European draft resolution calling for Iran to be brought before the council.

ElBaradei said there was a "window of opportunity" to defuse the crisis, stressing that even if the issue is referred, the Security Council would not take up the issue before next month.

"We are reaching a critical phase but it is not a crisis," he said.

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"We need love slaves."

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HUMOR COLUMN

Hometown Buffet: Why are you so good?

We know how this looks, faithful Mustang Daily reader. You think the Two Classy Gents sold out. And while it is true that this column is now sponsored by Hometown Buffet, please understand we would have written this article anyway. In all sincerity, there is no finer dining experience than that grandiose town where everyone knows your name.

When you enter the H-Town, presumably after learning the wait at Tahoe Joe's is at least 45 minutes (ridiculous!), you are greeted by one of the marginally depressed staff members. Doesn't this make you happy that you don't work there? The wage slave will ask what you would like to order, and you really only have one option: the biggest damn buffet this side of Sizzler.

The dining establishment comfortably seats up to 16 of your relatives, or eight of your really fat relatives. Luckily, the H-Town accommodates more than just your physical needs. It's open on holidays such as Thanksgiving, Boxing Day (for you hosers!), and the Winter Solstice. A

holiday means it's your day to do whatever you want, and that includes not cooking for anyone. Besides, it's your hometown and everyone's just like family. Feel free to reveal all your innermost secrets just like you drunkenly would at an actual Thanksgiving.

Let's get this out in the open: the cornbread is amazing. We don't know what they put in it (black tar heroin?) and we're a little scared to find out, but we'll do whatever it takes (fight fatties) to get our piece of that golden bread.

The open bar is outstanding as well. Take your pick from such favorites as Coors, Natural Ice or

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By far, one of the most pleasurable portions of the dining experience is the outstanding music. Here's how it works. Representatives from the H-Town break into your room prior to your dining experience and upload your entire iTunes library onto the store's database. Some might find this move creepy, we find it reassuring

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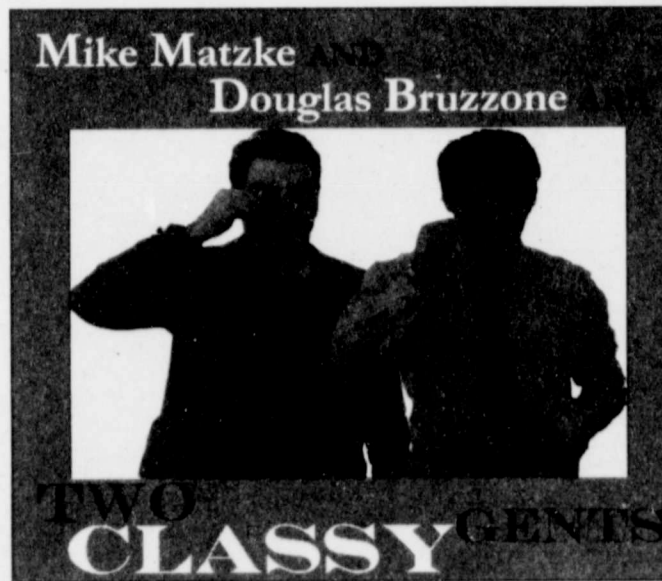
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COMMENTARY

Racism alive under veneer of diversity

Mieko Beyer

WASHINGTON SQUARE NEWS (NYU)

NEWYORK — Ah, diversity. The average observations about the racial climate on campus hardly ever look at the largest racial group, whites. A quick look through any area with a concentration of students actually reveals predominantly all-white cliques. Yet, most of the time, comments about the self-segregation are concerned with those gosh darn cliquey Asians and unfriendly black kids. The implication being that non-minorities, or those who do not "act black," "act Asian," et cetera — that is, non-cliquey students of color — are not responsible for the lack of intermixing. Rather, it's the typical non-white students who are putting a cramp in the non-racist style.

In this line of thinking, the perfect solution might be having all the non-white cliques break apart and finally join hands to sing kumbaya with the enlightened students. Malcolm X said adding white milk to dark black coffee makes it weak, but those hostile recipe-metaphor days are long gone. Just a week ago, New Orleans Mayor C. Ray Nagin said we could all mix together to make a delicious drink. Perhaps, though, these drink metaphors are overly simplistic.

Students who do overcome boundaries and have a diverse social group are not automatically less racist or more culturally aware or concerned about race relations. Similarly, there are interracial couples who have merged two different cultures, bridged gaps and all that Disney Channel shit.

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Yet there are also interracial couples who make sincerely racist comments about their partner's group or are fetishizing their partner. Interracial friendships and romances are great, and that no one is getting lynched for kissing someone of another race is definitely progress — but it is not

evidence in itself of racial harmony. Such relations are not inherently healing ethnic, racial and cultural wounds, nor should they have to be to validate the gift of "diversity."

One commonality between all races and racial attitudes for students is the popularity of racial comedy. Race jokes and the prevalent self-deprecation of white students ("Haha, I'm so white!") seem to be part of the new politically incorrect pop culture. This humor unabashedly addresses racism, stereotypes, social attitudes and such, but it also acts to deflect them. Race issues have become so complicated and sensitive that the only way to deal with them is through humor. There are benefits to its popularity, like the serious insights that are worked into it

by comedians like Chris Rock, Dave Chappelle and others.

Ultimately, though, Americans sidestep the issue of the social context and embrace only the fun of it. It's a pitfall Chappelle himself cited when he took a leave from his hit show, commenting that he was sick of "shuffling," alluding to being trite entertainment as blacks were and are used as white entertainment — tapdancing, shuffling and the like. As college students in the midst of this trend, we can pretend to be aware of race by getting the jokes and making them ourselves, all while never actually making any real connections to changing the basis for the humor about troubled race relations in the country we seek to build and run.

The functional purpose of segregation has historically been to maintain power dynamics in a racialized hierarchy, but the reverse, a false sense of harmony, could conceal its continued existence. On a daily visceral basis, racist thoughts probably don't compel

many students to discriminate or attack anyone, thus seeming to prove that we are without racial bias. But a 2003 psychological study, titled the "Race Implicit Association Test," produced clear results that "empirical racial attitudes" existed in the vast majority of test-takers, regardless of their race. And no, the test takers were not recruited from the Ku Klux Klan. If

you'd like to try it for yourself, it's available online at <https://implicit.harvard.edu>.

Self-segregation in itself may not be a foe of equality and understanding, just as interracial relations may not purely be our salvation. A valid concern, however, is how easily self-segregation facilitates labeling, misunderstanding and distancing ourselves from each other. "Asian Sternies," for example, can be defended as a fair term, but I know when I dub people as such, I see them in that moment of categorization as only that. To go around all the time with such labels reduces the university to a zoo-like campus where we can all glimpse into each other's cages, aware of one another's exotic existence but unable to make a normal connection as human beings. Boundaries can be maintained, strengthened, weakened, crossed and melded together, but the balance of how to do so seems to be at the heart of continuing difficulties in diversity.

Got something to say?



Coach

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knocked out of the game in the first half and they had to win without him. Both teams deserve to be in this game. Both teams have played like champs.

Seattle offense vs. Blitzburgh

This year's David comes in with a rather large stone to cast at Goliath with Shaun Alexander "The Great" in the backfield – keeping him out of the end zone is easier said than done. Alexander comes in as the league MVP and a league-leading 28 touchdowns while the Steelers boast one of the toughest defenses in the league. In the class of the Titans, look for Seattle to keep Alexander in the game early and often with the play action pass game being used to get through the Steelers' secondary. For the Steelers vaunted 3-defense, expect them to keep a blitzing and hard-hitting attack throughout the game. Blitzberg is back. This battle-front favors the Steelers.

Steeler offense vs. Seattle defense

Who would believe a second-year quarterback could have his team in the Super Bowl? The Steelers come in with a well-balanced attack. The key is Roethlisberger. His ability to throw will come in handy versus a Seattle secondary that comes in relinquishing on average 224.4 yards in the air. Along with the Steelers' ability to run the ball, it should be a long day for Seattle. Seahawks' rookie line-backer Lofa Tatupu comes in leading his team in tackles. Expect him to be all over the field. The key for the Seahawks will be to hold the Steelers from getting ahead by more than 11 points. This side of the battle also favors the Steelers.

Coach K predicts: If the Seahawks can keep the game close in the fourth and cause some turnovers they should be able to pull off the upset. However, I don't see them able to slow down "The Bus" and the rest of the gang. Final score: 28-24 Steelers.

Basketball

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Dooley and Courtney Cameron, make a solid senior contribution.

"They're huge to the team. They help us so much in our ability to stretch defenses with their three point shooting and they are team leaders," Mimnaugh said.

This year, Henke has averaged over four points, three rebounds and three assists a game in twelve starts. In their biggest win of the year, Henke went off. She scored a career-high 21 points and added three assists with four steals. This win ended a seven-game home-winning streak for the Gauchos and was only the second time the women's team has won in Santa Barbara in the past 22 years.

Playing in all 17 games, Dooley has only one start and relies on her ability to make changes off the bench. With her limited time she still managed to rank sixth in

the league in three-pointers made, and leads the Mustangs in three-point percentage.

Cameron suffered a stress fracture in the beginning of the season and that forced her to miss almost half the season. But she has come back strong. In just 10 games this year, she is averaging six points a game with two rebounds.

Possibly the player with the most impact this year has been junior guard Jessica Eggleston. Averaging close to 13 points, five rebounds, two assists and two steals a game, she is having an all-conference year. She ranks sixth in the league in scoring and rebounding and accounts for a lot of second-chance points because of her two offensive rebounds per game.

Mimnaugh hopes the team will continue its success in the second half of conference play and end on a high note before the Big West tournament. If the team stays aggressive on both ends of the floor, the Mustangs could sweep the Gauchos this season. The game tips off at 2 p.m. in Mott Gym with the men's game to follow.

BIG WEST CONFERENCE

STANDINGS

Men's Basketball

	Big West	Overall
UC Irvine	8-0	12-8
Pacific	4-2	14-6
Long Beach State	4-3	9-9
Cal Poly	4-3	6-12
Cal State Fullerton	3-5	10-8
Cal State Northridge	2-4	8-9
UC Riverside	2-5	2-16
UC Santa Barbara	1-6	7-11

Women's Basketball

	Big West	Overall
Long Beach State	7-0	14-5
Cal Poly	5-2	10-7
UC Santa Barbara	5-2	10-8
Cal State Fullerton	3-4	6-13
UC Riverside	2-5	6-12
Cal State Northridge	2-5	5-14
Pacific	2-5	5-14
UC Irvine	2-5	4-15

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37 Outstanding issues
38 Modern pentathlon event
39 "Easy as pie!"
41 Dress shirt feature
42 Some wedding arrangements
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57 Acclaim
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20 Part of an aura
23 Parade pattern
25 Foul-mouthed
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29 See 57-Down
30 Fantastic notions
31 How to shoot ducks at a shooting gallery
32 One destined to pass the bar
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Senior leadership shines through

Matt Norton
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

With the strong play of its seniors, the emergence of Sparkle Anderson and Jessica Eggleston and a new fast-paced offense, the women's basketball team looks to assume sole possession of second place in the Big West with another win against rival UC Santa Barbara on Saturday.

"I love being able to coach a group of players that can push the ball on offense and never give up on defense," coach Faith Minnaugh said.

The Mustang women are definitely going out to get the ball this year. They are forcing a conference-high 14 steals per game, which correlates on the offensive end with over 15 assists each game. Junior point guard Sparkle Anderson has a lot to do with that newfound success.

"In my opinion she (Anderson) is the best point guard in the league," Minnaugh said.

Anderson is second on the team in steals with two a game, and tops the Big West in assists at over six a game. Leading the offense, Anderson has helped Cal Poly become the No. 1 scoring offense in the league. With only two players averaging over nine points a game, this revamped offense has seen contributions from almost all of its players.

"We found a style that works for us," senior forward Sarah Grieve said.

A major part of that style is their intimidating interior defense. Grieve is sixth in the league in blocks with one and a half per game. She has already doubled her block average from last year, but do not let her unassuming height fool you. At six-foot-two-inches, Grieve recognized herself as being undersized.

"I may not be as tall as other centers in the league, but I try and make guards think twice about coming into the paint," she said.

Grieve, along with Michelle Henke, Jennifer see Basketball, page 7



BRENNAN ANGEL MUSTANG DAILY

Senior forward Sarah Grieve is one of the post-enforcers that has helped Cal Poly to a tie for second place in the Big West. Grieve leads the team in blocked shots with 15.

The men's basketball team will look to rebound on Saturday from a 13-point loss earlier this season at UC Davis

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Tyler McGinn will see if he can keep the hot hand for the Mustangs as Cal Poly takes on UC Davis in a non-conference game on Saturday.

McGinn, fresh off a career-high 28 points in a blowout 73-54 victory over Cal State Northridge, earned Big West player of the week honors. McGinn struggled against Pacific while being closely guarded by Big West player of the year candidate Christian Maraker, but managed to hit a clutch three-pointer in a near-upset bid by the Mustangs.

The Aggies surprised the Mustangs in the team's previous meeting with a 65-52 home win. Rommel Marentez led UC Davis with 16 points. Derek Stockalper was Cal Poly's leading scorer with 14.

In the last meeting, Cal Poly went cold from three-point range, hitting just two of their 13 attempts and shot a meager 31.1 percent from the field. Turnovers were also an issue as the Mustangs chalked up 18 to Davis' 10.

The Aggies relied on a big second half effort, shooting 50 percent in the second half.

Following the non-conference game with the Aggies, Cal Poly will return to conference play on the road with games at Long Beach State and UC Irvine. The Mustangs will remain on the road the following week with a single conference game on Feb. 15 at UC Santa Barbara, followed by an "ebay Bracket Buster" game at Saint Mary's on Feb. 18.

COACH



SUPER BOWL XL: SEATTLE VS. PITTSBURGH

Coach "K" is a former Cal Poly football player who has turned in his pads for a pen and paper as a Mustang Daily football analyst. This week's guest commentary gives Coach "K" a chance to offer his expert advice for the biggest game of the year, the Super Bowl.

In the world of football there is no bigger stage than the Super Bowl. This year, some people would like to compare this game to the traditional David vs. Goliath, and nobody is giving Seattle a fighting chance. But both teams had to go through some tough competition to get there. Many would've called Indianapolis Goliath, had they made it to the Super Bowl, and this year's David knocked Peyton Manning and the Colts off their pedestal earlier this season. Imagine if Jerome Bettis' fumble was picked up and run back for a touchdown, or the Denver Broncos actually showed up for the AFC title game — we wouldn't even be thinking of the Steelers as Goliath as they would be sitting at home and watching the game on TV.

The Seattle Seahawks have not without a few big playoff games themselves. Going into the NFC championship game, they had the task of stopping the high-powered offense of Jack Delhomme and Steve Smith of the Carolina Panthers. Snap back to a week prior when the league's MVP was

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