

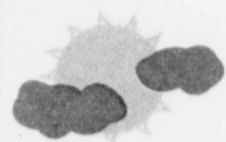
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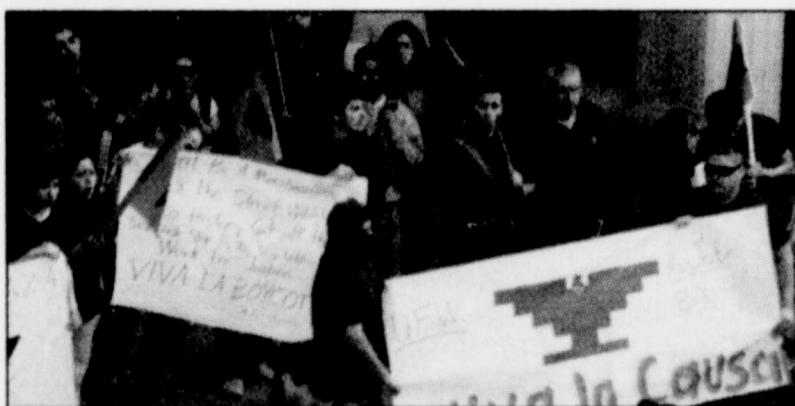
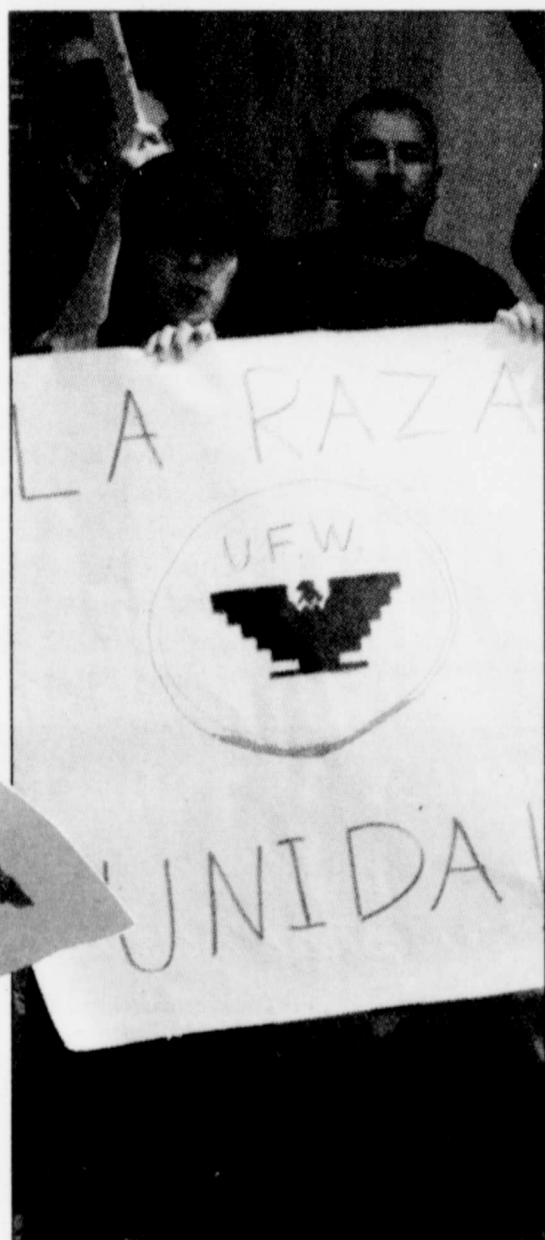
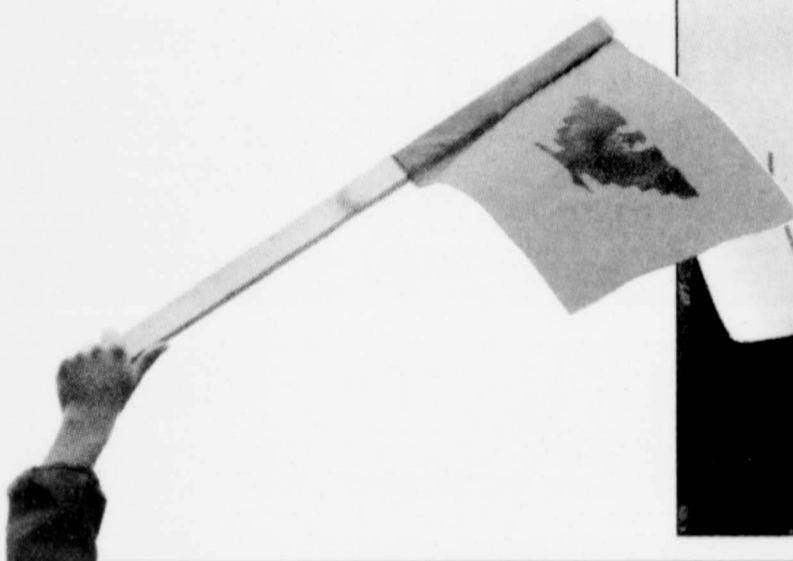
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MEXA marches in memory of Chavez



PATRICK TRAUTFIELD MUSTANG DAILY

To celebrate the Cesar Chavez Honorary March, students from Cal Poly's Movimiento Estudiantil Xicana/o de Aztlan (MEXA) walked from Dexter Lawn to the University Union on Thursday. The marchers held signs and chanted in support of immigration reform and set up a display in the UU.

Scooters, motorcycles a means of saving

Taylor Moore
MUSTANG DAILY

With gas prices now over \$3 per gallon and campus parking lots crowded, many students are now looking at alternate modes of transportation like motorcycles and motor scooters.

Students who ride their motorcycles to campus benefit with closer parking spaces and \$90 annual parking permits as opposed to \$270 for cars.

"Parking is better," said general engineering junior Alan Hsu. "It is cheap and I can park next to buildings."

Cal Poly offers a number of locations for motorcycle riders to park their bikes: by the Alex G. Spanos Stadium, in front of the Performing Arts Center, by the University Police station, by the Robert E. Kennedy Library, next to Campus Market and more.

The readily available parking could be one of the attributing factors to the increase in students using motorcycles and motor scooters as their primary mode of transportation.

Jim Wilmore of Wilmore Auto Works is the only Vespa and Piaggio motor scooter dealer in San Luis Obispo. He said that since November, when he first began selling Piaggios and Vespas, people have purchased over 40 scooters.

"There is definitely an interest from young people. However, older adults as well are coming in looking for Vespas," Wilmore said.

Wilmore is one of the top sellers in the state. He attributes much of this to having the lowest prices in California and living on the Central Coast, where residents tend to be more environmentally and economically conscious.

The typical motor scooter ranges from \$3,000 to

\$6,000 and runs approximately 70 miles to the gallon.

Many used cars can have the same price as a new Vespa, but Wilmore said the typical car only gets 20 miles to the gallon.

"I save roughly \$180 a month on gas using my bike," Cuesta College junior Gene Baik said.

Baik owns both a sport utility vehicle and a motorcycle and drives roughly 200 miles a week for work and school. Using just his SUV, Baik would spend upwards of \$240 a month on gas. Driving his Suzuki, he spends roughly \$60 a month.

Wilmore said motor scooters are also becoming more popular with the college-aged crowd because of their physical appeal. Vespa has marketed much of its products toward this age group by pushing new colors and unique styles of bikes.

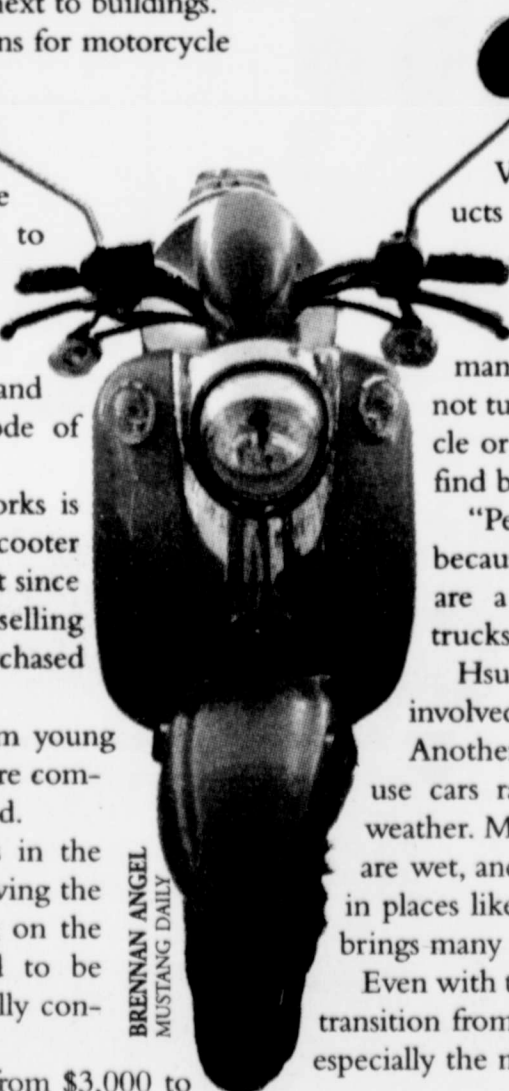
However, there are reasons why many students, and drivers in general, are not turning in their car keys for a motorcycle or motor scooter just yet. Many people find bikes unsafe or unreliable.

"People haven't taken to bikes as much because of the safety risks," Baik said. "They are a lot more dangerous than cars or trucks."

Hsu agreed, saying that he has been involved in an accident on his motorcycle.

Another issue that affects many decisions to use cars rather than motorcycles involves the weather. Motorcycles can be unsafe when roads are wet, and many drivers are wary to use them in places like San Luis Obispo where the climate brings many wet days.

Even with these setbacks, students are making the transition from cars to motorcycles for the benefits, especially the monetary advantages.



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California Senate leader seeks out-of-Iraq voter initiative

Marcus Wohlsein
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERKELEY, Calif. — The state Senate leader on Thursday announced plans for an advisory ballot measure calling for the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq, hoping to prompt debate among presidential candidates campaigning in California.

The Vote Us Out of Iraq measure would appear on California's Feb. 5 presidential primary ballot and is believed to be the first such proposal for a statewide advisory vote in the nation.

"We want every single candidate coming to California to square off on this issue," said Senate President Pro Tem Don Perata, D-Oakland.

The proposal would have to pass the Democrat-controlled Legislature and be signed by Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to make the ballot.

While the advisory measure would carry no authority, Perata said joining it with California's new early presidential primary would help "set the pace" for the 2008 race.

It would give Californians the chance to voice their disapproval

"If nothing else works, then how about the biggest state in the union rising up to give a clear statement?"

—Don Perata

Senate president pro tem (D-Oakland)

of President Bush's "failed policy" in Iraq, said Perata, speaking to reporters from the steps of a city building dedicated to veterans.

"If nothing else works, then how about the biggest state in the union rising up to give a clear statement?" he said.

Perata said he will introduce the measure in the Legislature on Monday.

He announced the legislation the same day the nonpartisan Field Research Corp. released a poll that found that the percentage of California voters who approve of President Bush's performance in office had dropped to 26 percent, the lowest mark

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given any U.S. president in 30 years.

Just 24 percent of the 1,093 registered voters interviewed said they supported Bush's handling of the war in Iraq, and 59 percent said the United States should set a timetable to withdraw its troops.

Perata said he would like to see other states put similar measures on their ballots during primary season to force a "national referendum" on the war.

Several cities around the country have given voters the chance to weigh in on the president's Iraq policies in recent years. The California measure would be the first in the country to put the issue of U.S. troop withdrawal to a statewide vote.

At least 336 troops from California have died in Iraq, more than from any other state.

Schwarzenegger spokesman Aaron McLearn said the governor has not taken a position on Perata's proposal.

He said Schwarzenegger believes the U.S. should "do all we can to be successful in Iraq" but also supports an unspecified timeline for troop withdrawal. McLearn said he didn't believe those positions were contradictory.

The proposal comes as Bush is threatening to veto a war spending bill that sets a timetable for troop withdrawal. Debate on the California measure is expected to be contentious as it works its way through the state Senate and Assembly.

Assembly Minority Leader Mike

Villines, R-Clovis, called Perata's proposal "an ill-advised political stunt that will divide Californians at a time when our troops overseas need our unwavering support now more than ever before."

A spokesman for the California chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars said the organization would oppose the measure.

"We should not set a date and say everybody must leave Iraq by that date. That to me is absolutely the wrong way to go," said William Manes, the chapter's legislative director.

Anne Roesler, who said her son suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder after serving three Army tours in Iraq, spoke during Perata's Berkeley news conference to support the measure.

"The people in this state do care about the troops. And we do want the war to end," said Roesler, a member of Military Families Speak Out, an organization that opposes the war.

She compared the ballot proposal to the push for peace in Vietnam that engulfed Berkeley in the 1960s.

"Many years ago, some of us were standing in these streets fighting against a war that we believed was immoral, unjust, illegal then. We're back here doing it again today," she said. "For some of us, we never thought we'd have to be here again."

The Perata measure is reminiscent of California's Proposition 12 in 1982, an initiative that called for an end to the development of nuclear weapons by the U.S. and Soviet Union. Voters approved it 52.3 percent to 47.7 percent.

More than 57,000 freshmen offered fall UC admission

Rachel Konrad
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — The University of California system offered fall admission to a record 57,318 high school seniors, and more than one-third of them come from families in which neither parent has a college degree.

According to university-wide statistics released Thursday, fall 2007 admissions increased 3.8 percent from fall 2006.

Admissions officers for the university, which has a combined student body of nearly 200,000 students, said they anticipated the slight decline in exclusivity because the eligibility requirement increased, from a grade-point average of 2.8 to 3.0 this year.

The admitted freshman class has a high school grade-point average of 3.79, and they averaged 590 on each test of the SAT and 25 on the ACT.

Admitted students have until

May 1 to make their fall enrollment decision.

Several campuses increased the number of students who were offered admission, including prestigious UC Berkeley, which added 289 offers for a total of 1,342 offers. Other campuses, including UC Davis and UC San Diego, restricted admissions because they had more acceptances from freshmen last year than they anticipated.

The UC system, which has more than 1 million alumni worldwide, offered admission to all eligible freshman applicants, although students didn't necessarily get their preferred campus or start time. Some were offered winter or spring enrollment.

University officers increased admissions for black and Hispanic students by at least 10 percent. Historically underrepresented students — blacks, American Indians and Latinos — make up nearly 23 percent of fall 2007 admissions.

About 38 percent of admitted

freshmen are from families where neither parent has a four-year degree. About 35 percent come from low-income families, and nearly a fifth come from high schools in the lowest 40 percent of California schools, as ranked by Academic Performance Index score.

UCLA received more than 50,000 applications for fall 2007, more than any university in the country, said UCLA Vice Chancellor Janina Montero. The campus admitted 11,837 and has room for about 4,700.

Montero said UCLA sets a high bar for academic performance, but today's high school students should not be overly consumed with test scores, grade point averages and other statistics.

"They shouldn't be playing to an institution," Montero said. "They should be doing the best they can academically and for their own interests, and that will show."

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AUBURN (AP) — A court hearing about misdemeanor domestic battery charges filed against Sacramento Kings forward Ron Artest was postponed for three weeks Thursday.

Artest did not attend the brief proceeding in Placer County Superior Court.

"Both sides continue to talk and pursue their independent investigations," Artest's attorney, William Portanova, said after the proceeding.

Artest was charged March 21 with battery and corporal injury to a spouse, false imprisonment and dissuading a witness from reporting a crime. Each carries a maximum penalty of a year in county jail. He has pleaded not guilty.

TEMPLE CITY (AP) — A month after a council race was decided by a flip of the coin, the City Council decided another method to break tie votes was needed in citywide elections.

The city currently has no provisions for run-off elections and, in the absence of such rules, state election law calls for picking the winner of a tie vote by a coin toss or drawing lots, City Clerk Mary Flandrick said.

National

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Arctic sea ice this winter just missed setting the record for fewest square miles covered since monitoring by satellite began, according to University of Colorado researchers.

The university's National Snow and Ice Data Center has measured ocean waters covered by at least 15 percent ice since 1979.

On March 31, the last day of the ice-growing season for 2007, ice covered 5.7 million square miles. That's slightly higher than the record low 5.6 million square miles measured last year.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Almost 25 million phone numbers were added to the federal government's Do Not Call list in fiscal 2006, demonstrating that more and more Americans don't want their dinners disturbed by telemarketers.

The national Do Not Call registry had 132 million phone numbers as of September 2006, a 23 percent increase from the previous year, the Federal Trade Commission said in a report released Thursday.

International

ROYAL MARINE BASE CHIVENOR, England (AP) — A Royal Navy crew broke into applause after landing on British soil Thursday, basking in relief shared by a nation after their release from 13 days of captivity in Iran.

Prime Minister Tony Blair welcomed their release and insisted no deals had been for their freedom. He added that "new and interesting lines of communication opened up" in the course of efforts to bring the 15 home — "and it's sensible for us to continue to pursue those." He did not elaborate.

ROME (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI bathed the feet of 12 laymen in a Rome basilica in a Holy Thursday tradition symbolizing humility, as he kept up an intense schedule of public ceremonies that will culminate on Easter.

Bending over, the pope poured water from a golden pitcher of the feet of the men, who wore white robes and were seated in a row. Benedict then used a white cloth to dry the feet of the men, who were drawn from the laity of the Diocese of Rome. As pontiff, Benedict is also bishop of Rome.

Presidential candidate Romney has offer for students

Taylor Templeton
TECHNICIAN (N.C. STATE)

RALEIGH, N.C. — Mitt Romney, a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 2008, has launched a fundraising program aimed at college students. The program offers students a cash incentive to raise funds for the Mitt Romney presidential campaign.

According to www.studentsformitt.com, the official Web site of the program, students who raise more than \$1,000 for the Romney campaign will receive a 10 percent commission on any additional funds raised.

Alex Burgos, a spokesman for the Romney campaign, said he hopes to get young people involved.

"It is an innovative fundraising program, geared toward getting students involved in the political process," Burgos said. "This program is another mechanism through which we can get students involved in campaigning."

Christine DiPietro, co-vice-chair of the College Republicans, said she supports the idea of an incentive-based fundraising program.

"Romney had a good idea," DiPietro said. "Romney was a suc-

cessful businessman and has proven to be a successful fundraiser."

DiPietro pointed to Romney's current fundraising lead among Republican candidates as proof of the strength of online fundraising strategies.

According to CNN.com, Mitt Romney leads the field of Republican presidential candidates with \$23 million raised in the first quarter of campaigning.

College Republican Co-vice-chair Joe Humphries said he also supports the program.

"It will teach valuable skills," Humphries said. "Not everyone can be a politician, but people are needed to get involved and to fundraise."

Burgos said the program is an example of a different way of reaching potential donors and voters.

"In any campaign, you are looking for new ways to reach out," he said.

Burgos cited the 2004 Howard Dean presidential campaign as one that successfully raised money and support through the use of the Internet.

"As conservatives, we have to be innovative campaigning over the Internet" DiPietro said, underlining the importance of online campaigning. "Especially, seeing as how Al Gore invented the Internet."

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Easter — what does it mean to you?

Cal Poly students sound off on society's image of the Christian holiday

Janelle Eastridge
MUSTANG DAILY

Easter — the Christian holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ — is fast approaching. And along with the religious connotations comes the onslaught of primary-colored marshmallow Peeps, crème-filled Cadbury eggs and the search for colorful candy-filled plastic eggs. For Cal Poly students, a celebration of this holiday is related to a number of these themes — or it's not celebrated at all. Whether you celebrate Easter or not, it's not too much of a stretch to see that American society has turned it into another over-commercialized holiday. Here's what some Cal Poly students think:

Do you celebrate Easter and, if so, why?



"It's a joyous celebration. For me, it represents freedom, victory and peace; knowing that Jesus, the person I believe in, was able to conquer death. And (it's) joyful because we were reconciled with God again."

— **Sarah Cutler**, architecture junior

"Yes, because I was raised in a Christian home and we always celebrated Easter."

— **Emily Fiore**, biology senior

"I celebrate Easter because I have found truth and a living hope in Jesus Christ. His victory over death has given me a hope for life and has given me joy that is not found anywhere else. Easter is a true celebration of God's love."

— **Danielle Elsea**, liberal studies junior



"Now I don't, but I did as a kid because I grew up Catholic, but I've kind of strayed from that."

— **Neil McCarthy**, forestry and natural resources senior



"No, I don't celebrate Easter."

— **Chao Yang**, electrical engineering senior

"I used to celebrate Easter because of my family and tradition. Then I moved away from home and that stopped."

— **Samantha Rider**, nutrition senior



"I'm Catholic, but I don't celebrate Easter because I stopped going to Church."

— **Allan Park**, computer science junior



"(I'm) uncertain due to religious reasons because of its ties to pagan traditions."

— **Cory Goral**, mechanical engineering senior

"No, I'm not religious."

— **Brandon Clarke**, computer engineering senior

"Yeah, kind of, just for my nieces and nephews. I'm not really religious, but I take the time to enjoy it with my family."

— **Hermyn Mendez**, computer engineering junior



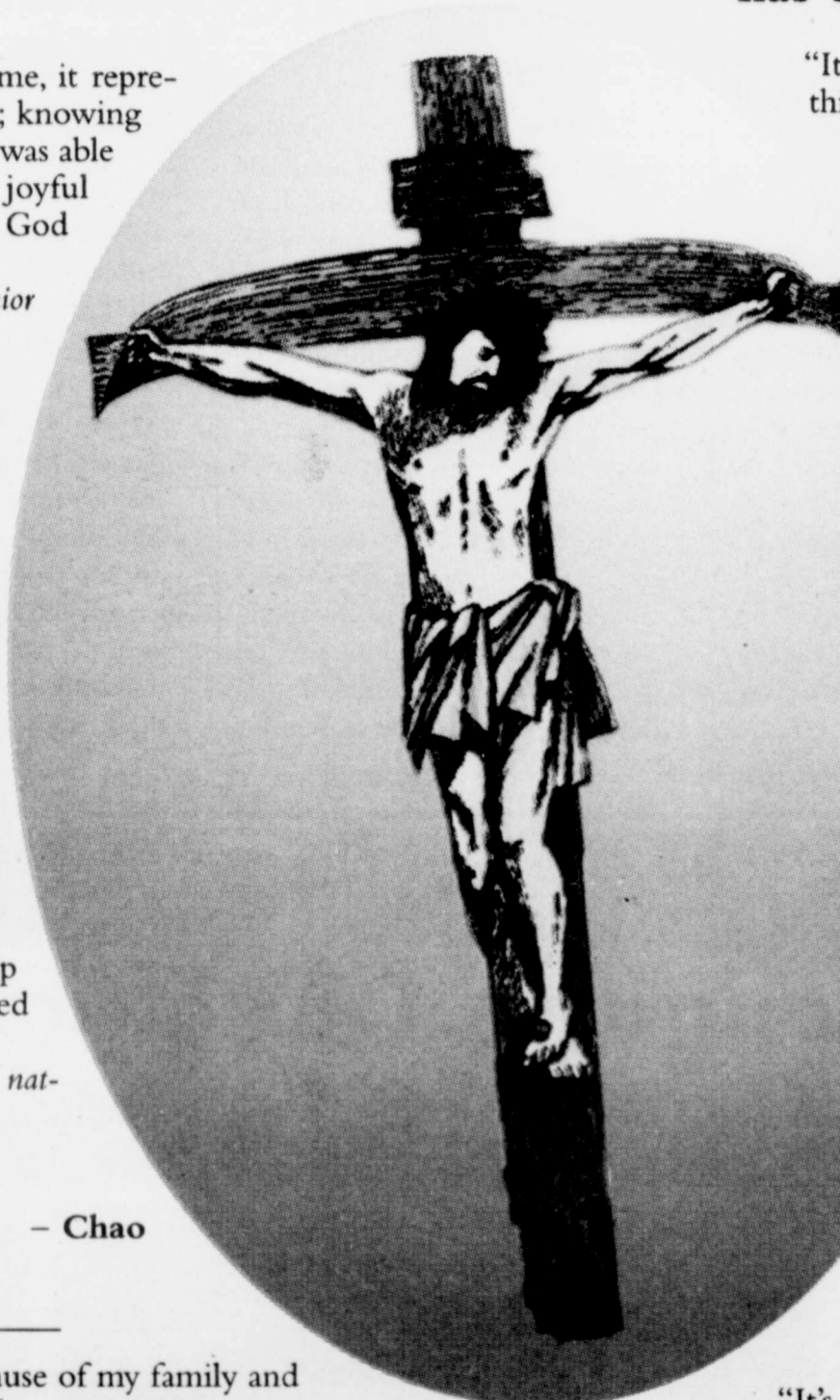
"I kind of celebrate Easter because of the belief system behind it."

— **Jennifer Bello**, architecture junior

"Yes, for religious and family traditions."

— **Jose Aguilera**, computer science senior

Do you think that the meaning of Easter has been lost with commercialization?



"It's become this sentimental day that you are supposed to think is important, but it doesn't always feel like that ... it has been a watered down religious holiday that everyone can celebrate without the religious connotations."

— **Sarah Cutler**, architecture junior

"A little bit; I feel like a lot of people just do Easter baskets, candy and stuff like that."

— **Emily Fiore**, biology senior



"When I finally realized the heart of Easter, that's what captivated my spirit. Plastic eggs are great, but only the cross is life-alternating."

— **Danielle Elsea**, liberal studies junior



"A little bit, but definitely not as much as Christmas."

— **Neil McCarthy**, forestry and natural resources senior

"Yeah, kids are being raised on Easter baskets and egg hunts. I don't think it's as much of a religious holiday as it should be."

— **Chao Yang**, electrical engineering senior



"It's all about the Easter chocolate now. I guess like any other holiday."

— **Samantha Rider**, nutrition senior

"Yes, definitely. Those Cadbury eggs or those marshmallow ducks are all I see when I think of Easter."

— **Allan Park**, computer science junior



"Quite a bit just because of the Easter bunny and candy — all those other things instead of the rebirth of Christ. It also is tied back to the Roman days and pagan traditions."

— **Cory Goral**, mechanical engineering senior

"Yeah, along with Christmas."

— **Brandon Clarke**, computer engineering senior



"Yeah, what the hell does a bunny have to do with Easter?"

— **Hermyn Mendez**, computer engineering junior



"Absolutely, I think that the whole Easter bunny thing is a joke. There's no symbolism that correlates with the true meaning of Easter."

— **Jennifer Bello**, architecture junior

"Different people celebrate it for different reasons now ... for family or because it is a fun thing to do."

— **Jose Aguilera**, computer science senior

Learn the hidden secrets of DVDs — it's the cool thing to do

Zach Cannon
(FLORIDA STATE U.)

Sometimes, when you buy your favorite films on DVD, you're paying for more than you realize. Tucked away in the main menu, the special features, languages and whatever other sections you can imagine are Easter eggs, a bit of cinematic candy that, after searching for a little while, can provide a few minutes of added entertainment.

Most times, they're more akin to that green egg that was always underneath the wheelbarrow that you didn't find until dad mowed the lawn three weeks later. You have to search the DVD menu, pressing directional buttons in odd sequences until a secret option reveals itself. Easter eggs can be insightful, supplying brief "how did they do that?" documents. On disc two of "Batman Begins" widescreen DVD, you can find a reflection of Batman in a puddle by pressing down, and then left on the main menu, which will lead you to a video of stunt tests of the tank-like Batmobile. In the interactive comic book on the same disc, you can highlight a wall on the second page by pressing down. Press enter to select it and you've just found a secret feature in which cowriter David Goyer talks about scripting the film.

Deleted scenes make innumerable appearances on these digital eggs. On the seventh season of "Seinfeld," you can watch a cut shot from the episode "Engagement" by pressing right and selecting the ring that appears in the Deleted Scenes section on disc two. On the first disc of the set, a lost scene can be found in the episode setup area if you press down twice to highlight Elaine. If you fake that you're going back to the main menu on the "Click" DVD and press right instead, you can find a lightning bolt icon which will show you what wound up on the floor of the editing room.

You can often find little extras that give you

a closer look at a part of a film. The moving paintings from "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" are the subject of a video buried in Sir Cadogan's Quest under The Great Hall

option on the second disc. If you press left during the intro to the knight's journey, you'll be treated to a tour of Hogwart's paintings. Others add something extra just for the DVD that's not in the film. Jim Carrey's character from "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," Joel, supplies a short cartoon that can be found when you press up on "Inside the Mind of Michel Gondry." A tiny menu will pop up on the bottom of the screen and you can press enter on it to see the animation. Some even help you see the movie completely differently. On disc two of the limited edition of "Memento," a feature allows you to watch the film in chronological order. To unlock this though, you have to do a complicated test, but you can solve this puzzle easily by taking the clock path on question six and putting the pictures in order from fourth to first. Then the film's credits should roll backward and the film will play from start to finish.

Then there are those eggs that weren't hard-boiled at all, but are plastic and filled with a thousand colorful jelly beans rather than a bad tasting yolk. Dr. Evil gets his own secret section on "Austin Powers: The Spy

On the DVD for "Borat," you'll find an option to watch the film in Hebrew ... if you click on the option, a red flashing warning screen will appear and announce that "the Jew" has been trapped.

Who Shagged Me." Clicking on the Special Features option on the main menu will bring about some normal extras at first, but then if you wait about a minute, Dr. Evil's spaceship will fly by and drop off his symbol. If you press enter on that symbol, another "special features" area entirely dedicated to the hairless mastermind will appear.

Sometimes they're not very hidden at all, like the eggs your parents used to leave on the patio table in plain sight. If you mosey over to the languages menu on the "Borat" DVD you'll find an option to watch the film in Hebrew. However, if you click on the option, a red flashing warning screen will appear and announce that "the Jew" has been trapped. On the widescreen edition of "Billy Madison," if you go to Adam Sandler's filmography under the Cast and Crew section, you can find trailers unadvertised but not particularly concealed for "Bulletproof" and "Happy Gilmore."

Remember those few times when your grandparents hosted the Easter egg hunts in their backyards? Well, DVD Easter eggs repre-

sent elderly movies as well. The "Special Features" on the "Citizen Kane" menu allow you to access a hidden interview if you press right and highlight a sled while on any item that's on the left of the screen. You can watch a montage of "Plan 6" from Stanley Kubrick's "Dr. Strangelove" or "How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" if you press down on the main menu until the double globe on the bottom of the screen illuminates. On the disc for the Charlie Chaplin classic "The Gold Rush," a short clip on the scoring of the film can be accessed by pressing right when your cursor is on the option to view the original film and clicking the music note that lights up.

You can scour your DVDs for these features, pressing random directions until something lights up, or you can cheat and use the Internet. The Internet Movie Database (www.imdb.com) often offers Easter eggs in the Trivia section of a movie's details. The most comprehensive Web site though, and the easiest to search, is www.movieweb.com/DVD/eggs. It provides alphabetically organized listings for hundreds of films, even ones that all the DVD extras in the world wouldn't make entertaining. So this April 8, if you feel like having a movie day but miss your childhood Easter egg hunts, get out your DVDs and find some of these bells and whistles that come with them.

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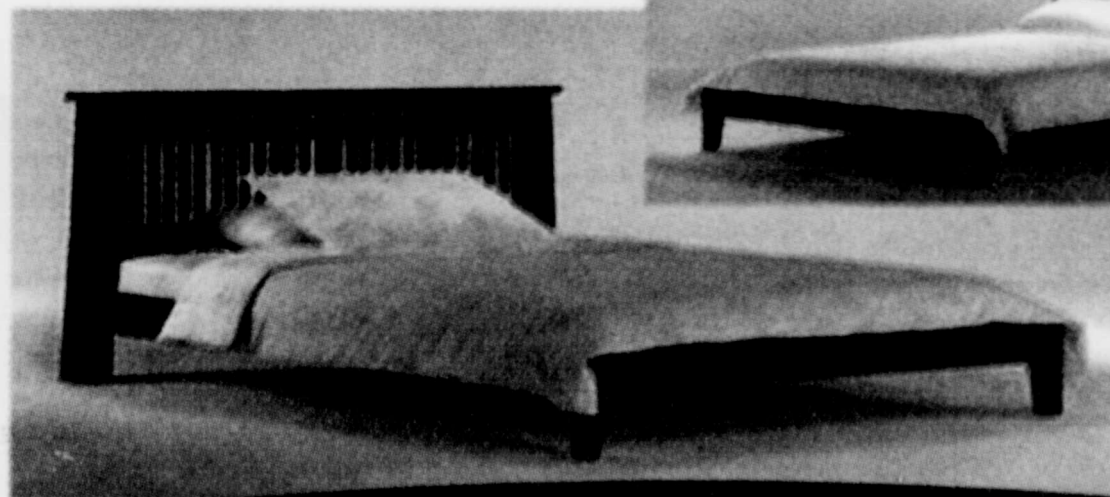
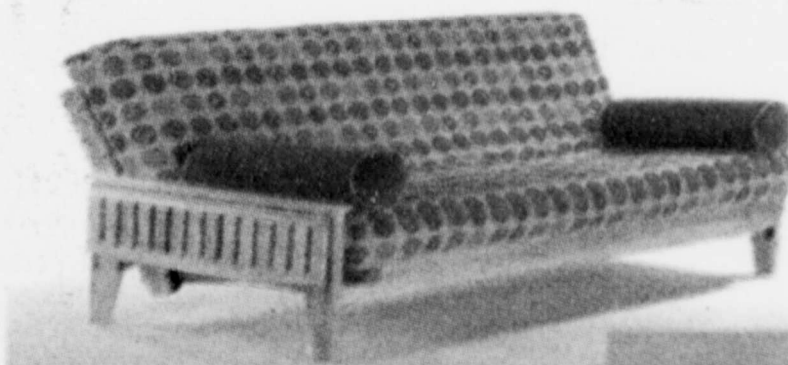
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GUEST COMMENTARY

Anti-terrorism dolphins trained to serve country



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Stephanie Bryce

THE DAILY AZTEC (SAN DIEGO STATE U.)

San Diego, you can feel safe at last. Lower that terror level to green because the San Diego Bay is home to an elite team of anti-terrorism dolphins.

Yes, dolphins. No joke, no pun.

The United States Navy trains dolphins and sea lions for military maneuvers in the bay and has been doing so since the 1950s. Today the dolphins and sea lions are trained at a research base off Point Loma where civilian scientists and the Navy work with the animals. These marine soldiers are not just for show; according to the U.S. Navy Marine Mammal Program's Web site, almost every one is a veteran of war. Dolphins were deployed in Vietnam, the Persian Gulf War, Operation "Enduring Freedom" and even patrolled the San Diego Bay during the 1996 National Republican Convention.

The project became declassified in the 1990s, though rumors abounded about the military-trained "killer dolphins" long before the program became public. According to the Navy's mammal program Web site, the Navy declassified the project in part to combat the protests of animal abuse and ethics violations. The Navy denies claims of

dolphins and sea lions killing enemy divers and destroying underwater mines, writing on its Web site: "A number of charges and claims by animal rights organizations have resulted in theories and sometimes actual beliefs that Navy dolphins are assigned attack missions. This is absolutely false. Since dolphins cannot discern the difference between enemy and friendly vessels or enemy and friendly divers and swimmers, it would not be wise to give that kind of decision authority to an animal."

The Navy claims the dolphins are mainly trained to identify sea mines, using a sonar method called echolocation, and tag them for retrieval. The sea lions are trained to fetch hard-to-see or deep objects that divers would have difficulty locating. They have at times been called on to retrieve expensive lost equipment for other branches of the military, which would be costly to replace and even costlier to retrieve by other non-animal methods.

Using animals as tools of war, offensively or defensively, will always be a controversial issue. The military is currently trying to develop robots to replicate the functions the marine animals perform. Until then, the military will continue deploying dolphins and sea lions and will train them in the San Diego Bay.

GUEST COMMENTARY

My sister, the felon

Chris Holt

THE STANFORD DAILY (STANFORD)

So, I have two younger sisters. We are comically different. While the youngest is down in LA with so much stardust in her eyes she's dangerous behind the wheel, my other sister is in upstate New York doing things I don't understand. I don't understand because I'm not as cool as she is.

I've never been as cool. I mean, I'm a pretty righteous dude. In high school, every girl thought I was sweet and pure and thought of me like a brother. My sister though, she was prom queen. That means she was so cool that people thought she was hot. Social slang is a mixture of weather descriptions I haven't fully mastered. All I know is, she's cool and apparently hot, and I've been described as "balmy" or "milder in the afternoon."

In high school, our social lives were pretty different but we had a typical sibling rivalry and constantly tried to be cooler than each other. When she got the summer fun Barbie, I had to get the cheerleader Barbie. She could beat my friends at Beirut, I could beat them at Tekken 5. Always, she had a cooler answer for my actions.

I thought I caught up to her in college. I upgraded the social groups I'd previously run with by joining the newspaper staff and by playing in the marching band. In response, she joined the rugby team and used phrases like "expand one's mind" to describe her behavior. Well, if it was an arms race of coolness she wanted, I was going to give it to her. I began buying T-shirts with clever sayings on them and I wore scarves a lot, even though the weather never really demanded it. Cool people ignore the weather. They are above the weather.

But just this past month, she found a way to beat me again. I don't know how I'll ever top it. She was arrested. That's like the nuclear bomb of coolness. If you have a record, you're like the most badass person on the block.

Imagine being in a party. In one corner, you have me with my obscure T-shirts and witty banter related to Japanese film. I'm sweet and nice but vaguely mysterious — not in a Humphrey Bogart kind of way, but more of a Tobey Maguire kind of way. I guess what. However, she will always trump me. She wears hooded sweatshirts artfully torn down the middle — mine lack the tears. I can't pull off the tears. It just further adds to the idea that she is dangerous and possibly criminal

while she passes out copies of her mugshot as party favors.

My attempts to defuse her coolness have only been frustrated. At first, I thought we were arguing semantics. I mean, I got pulled over once. I had a run in with the law. I listen to controversial music and don't have mainstream political beliefs on domestic or international issues.

But then I found out my sister was arrested under the Patriot Act. Dammit. She's so dangerous, so edgy, she's a terrorist! Just give me dork glasses right now, because I'm never going to be as cool as that.

She's so dangerous, so edgy, she's a terrorist! Just give me dork glasses right now, because I'm never going to be as cool as that.

booze, you could find yourself in violation of a law meant to stop terrorism. Meanwhile, my sister is a felon. I'm so jealous I could kill her! And I guess then I'd be fighting terrorism.

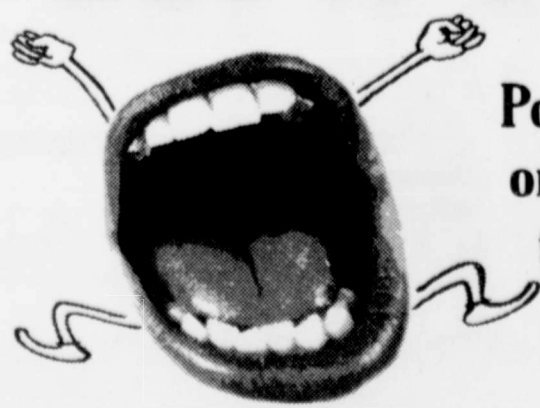
Her reaction was just adding further insult to injury. She played it off, all chill like it was nothing. They handcuffed her, they took her mugshots (so jealous), and probably sent her off to some maximum security prison, like Abu Jersey. Me, I was getting angry and writing about how if a 20-year-old blond college girl can be classified as a national security threat and lumped in with terrorists, there is something seriously wrong with the Patriot Act, our government and the current state of this country. This was a totally uncool response.

She began to show off, in my opinion, when she dropped the fact, nonchalantly, that the cop asked for her phone number and out to dinner afterwards. At first, I was like, come on, the cop needs your phone number for identification purposes. But no, he wanted to ask her out. She goes to the police station, gets a date.

So now I'm trying to figure out how exactly I'm going to beat her. She's got this whole "I'm a potential terrorist" thing going for her (even though the charges were dropped, she gets away with everything), and her popularity and intrigue levels have just soared in her upstate New York college. I guess I'm going to have to rob a bank now or kidnap one of Jack Bauer's daughters on "24." Sigh. You'd think sibling rivalry would dissipate when you get older.

Well, I'm off to buy a ski mask.

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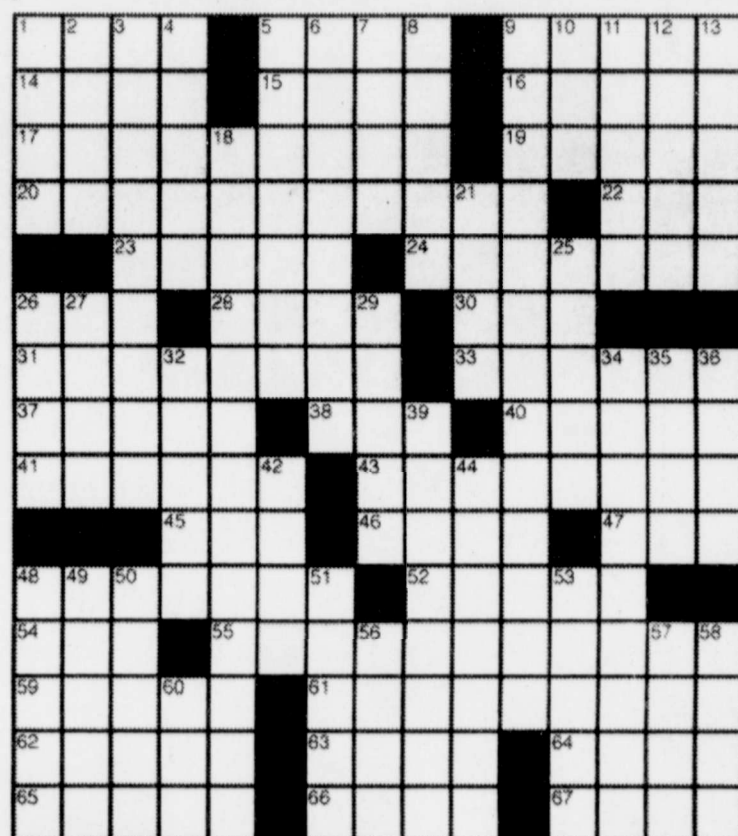
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- 1 Kind of blocker
 - 5 Clay defeater
 - 9 Standard jacket feature
 - 14 Conference intro
 - 15 26 on a table
 - 16 Girl's name meaning "born again"
 - 17 Dangerously
 - 19 8 1/2-pound statue
 - 20 Comment of abandon
 - 22 ___ Bad Wolf of comic books
 - 23 Cement layer
 - 24 "Hey, just a second!"
 - 26 W. Coast airport
 - 28 ___ horn
 - 30 It works as a translator
 - 31 Tragic figure of literature
 - 33 Splash guard
 - 37 1960's TV dog

- DOWN**
- 38 Head
 - 40 Like some myths
 - 41 "No more"
 - 43 High-waisted to the extreme
 - 45 Psych 101 topic
 - 46 Poet/cartoonist Silverstein
 - 47 Affliction
 - 48 "Who knows?"
 - 52 Pioneering 1940's computer
 - 54 Business card abbr.
 - 55 Modern phone display
 - 59 ___-Car
 - 61 Event souvenirs
 - 62 Island shared by two countries
 - 63 Eastern queen
 - 64 Study of figures: Abbr.
 - 65 Spirited
 - 66 Partner of letters

DOWN

- 1 Lay up
- 2 Phnom ___
- 3 ___ Springs, Fla.
- 4 Former Los Angeles and New York Philharmonic conductor
- 5 It admits very little light
- 6 Like the Mikado and Nanki-Poo
- 7 Shetland Islands sight
- 8 They're often found under desks
- 9 Difficult means of communication
- 10 Article in a French magazine
- 11 Poseidon, to Athena
- 12 Show over
- 13 Star of "Always Leave Them Laughing," 1949
- 18 "Too much to go into now"
- 21 Early "What's My Line?" panelist
- 25 Red River city
- 26 Game in which jacks are the highest trumps
- 27 Seek at random, with "for"



Puzzle by Patrick Merrell

- 29 Grad student's hurdle
- 32 Welcome
- 34 Star of a former self-titled sitcom
- 35 Onetime distributor of free maps
- 36 Nerve network
- 39 Very strong
- 42 Hemisphere
- 44 Creation
- 48 Common sugar source
- 49 No longer working for the Company
- 50 Smithereens
- 51 Part of a crowd, maybe
- 53 "It's ___" ("Maybe it's meant to be")
- 56 Do 80, say
- 57 Sporty cars
- 58 Salinger dedicatee
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Donovan will stay at Florida, but to lose 4 star juniors to NBA Draft process

Joakim Noah, Al Horford and Corey Brewer are all widely projected as lottery picks.

Mark Long
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GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Billy Donovan wanted to stay.

His star players knew it was time to go.

Donovan spurned a chance to return to Kentucky and take over the tradition-rich program, saying Thursday he hopes to build the same in Gainesville.

He'll have to do it without Corey Brewer, Taurean Green, Al Horford and Joakim Noah. The four juniors will enter the NBA draft, saying they have accomplished all they could at Florida.

"I'm happy and I'm sad," Donovan said. "Happy because I've never seen a group of kids grow the way these guys have grown, and sad that I'm not going to have a chance to coach them anymore. ... I do not expect any of them back here next year. Their commitment, their focus, is trying to further their careers in the game of basketball."

"When they put their minds to something they're usually very, very successful at doing it."

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Surging Poly softball team to host LBSU

The Mustangs open their three-game Big West Conference series against the 49ers with a doubleheader at noon today before the two teams wrap it up at noon Saturday.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Following a Big West Conference-opening sweep of UC Riverside, the conference-leading Cal Poly softball team returns to Bob Janssen Field to host Long Beach State.

The series gets underway at noon Friday with a doubleheader before finishing with a single game at noon Saturday.

Cal Poly (27-9, 3-0) has won 15 of its last 18 games overall. Long Beach State is 18-17 and 2-1.

The Mustangs, off to just the program's second 3-0 start since joining the Big West in 1997, ensured a third-consecutive winning season and equaled last year's victory total with the sweep of UCR. Cal Poly, 3-7 all-time in Big West home openers, has never won a season series from Long Beach State. A sweep of Saturday's doubleheader, however, will move Cal Poly 20 games over .500 for the first time since ending the 1997 season 37-17.

Though they're just three wins into their Big West slate, the 2007 Mustangs trail only the 2005 squad for the best start to a conference season. The 2005 Mustangs started 7-0 and posted a 15-6 mark to finish second in the Big West standings.

A sweep of UC Riverside helped Cal Poly equal last season's win total (27). With at least 15 games remaining in the campaign, Cal Poly has an excellent look at establishing new single-season program records in three categories: most victories, fewest losses and winning percentage. The 1997 Mustangs hold the single-season victories mark with a 37-17 record and the 2005 Cal Poly squad established totals for fewest losses (16) and winning percentage (.686). Finally, Cal Poly trails only the 1997 Mustangs (29-7) for the best start in program history after 36 games.

As Cal Poly embarks on its Big West home schedule, the Mustangs will look to improve upon last season's program-record 6-3 finish at Bob Janssen Field. Just four times in the program's 10-year affiliation with the Big West has Cal Poly finished with a home conference winning percentage above .500 (although the Mustangs ended three seasons with a 6-6 mark). All-time, Cal Poly is 61-65 (.484) at home against Big West foes.

Prior to head coach Jenny Condon's arrival, the Mustangs' best conference showing and lone winning campaign came during their inaugural 1997 season, when Cal Poly went 18-14.

6 errors plague Mustangs in wild 8-7 loss to Matadors



GRAIG MANTLE MUSTANG DAILY

Above, Cal Poly starter Eric Massingham delivers in the first inning of the Mustangs' 8-7 loss to visiting Cal State Northridge in Big West Conference action Thursday night at Baggett Stadium.

The sophomore right-hander gave up four runs (three unearned) on four hits in 1 2/3 innings.

At right, Cal Poly junior Pat Pezet awaits the throw to second base.

Kyle Smith was 3 for 5 for the Mustangs (16-17, 3-1), who outlit the Matadors 13-11 in a game that lasted 3 hours, 53 minutes.

The two teams continue their three-game series at 6 tonight.



Study: New digs for Niners would bring \$249 million per year to Santa Clara

The proposed year, however, in which the 49ers would begin playing in Santa Clara is 2012.

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SANTA CLARA — A new stadium for the 49ers would create more than 2,200 jobs and generate \$249 million each year in new economic activity in Santa Clara County, according to an economic impact study commissioned by the team.

The 49ers called the numbers a "conservative" view of the boost that a 68,000-seat stadium would give to the city of Santa Clara, about 45 miles south of San Francisco, and the surrounding areas.

The report released Wednesday was prepared by the consulting firm Conventions, Sports &

Leisure International in Wayzata, Minn. It comes as the 49ers are expected to ask the Santa Clara city council this month to invest about \$180 million in public money to help pay for the new facility.

But some economists cautioned the city against expecting a windfall from a new stadium, saying that sports stadium supporters often overestimate the benefits of such an endeavor while underestimating the costs. They also said the report was lacking in key details, including local costs such as road wear and car accidents, and information on how many of the jobs would be full- or part-time.

"I would be cautious or wary of any economic study that claims to bring great wealth to any city that builds a stadium for a pro-sports franchise," said Leo Kahane, a pro-

fessor at California State University, East Bay who edits the Journal of Sports Economics.

The 49ers are considering a move from their aging current stadium — Monster Park at Candlestick Point — in San Francisco. Team officials have balked at Mayor Gavin Newsom's proposal to build the new facility on the former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, a Superfund toxic waste site. They doubt the site can be cleaned up in time to meet the goal of having a new stadium by the start of the 2012 football season.

The San Jose Mercury News reported that rising construction costs have driven the price of the new stadium to more than \$950 million, which would make it the most expensive open-air NFL stadium ever built.

National alternate team selects Poly volleyball star Atherstone

Cal Poly sophomore outside hitter Kylie Atherstone was named Big West Conference Co-Player of the Year this past season.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly sophomore and reigning Big West Conference Co-Player of the Year Kylie Atherstone was one of 20 collegiate players named to the United States Women's National A2 Team when the squad was revealed March 23. Atherstone was at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., practicing with the A2 squad, a unit that serves as the elite training group below the women's national team.

Atherstone was one of 45 attendees at the first A2 tryout, held Dec. 16 to 17 in conjunction with the NCAA Championships in Omaha, Neb. The second session, hosted Feb. 23 to 25 in Colorado Springs, drew approximately 250 collegiate players. From that pool, Atherstone was one of 20 collegians and just two hitters selected to the A2 team, which will train until April 1 in preparation for the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships from May 26 to June 2 in Austin, Texas.

"This is a tremendous honor for Kylie, our program, the Cal Poly Athletic Department and the school," Mustangs head coach Jon Stevenson said. "To have Kylie selected to what is, essentially, a group that features the top 20 collegiate players in the country is remarkable."

BY THE NUMBERS

Atherstone led the Big West in kills per game (4.51), total kills (505) and placed third in aces per game (0.35). A two-time Big West Player of the Week honoree (Aug. 28, Oct. 22) and an

American Volleyball Coaches Association / Sports Imports National Player of the Week (Oct. 22) selection last season, Atherstone averaged 4.61 kills per game against Big West competition and finished just outside of the conference's top-10 table with 1.09 blocks per game. During the 2006 season, Atherstone totaled 10 matches of 20-plus kills, 18 of 15-plus and reached double-digits in kills in each of Cal Poly's 29 matches. Her kills-per-game average ranks third in single-season program history and her total kills mark is eighth.

Atherstone was the only Big West player selected to the A2 team.

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Service aces in 2006 for Kylie Atherstone

220

Digs in 2006 for Atherstone

505

Kills in 2006 for Atherstone