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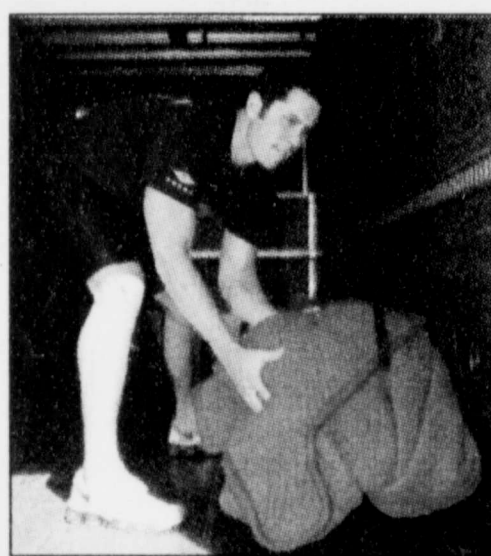
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Meathead Movers hires Cal Poly students like Brooks Rehkopf (above).

Heavy lifting pays off for Poly athletes

Justin Fassino
MUSTANG DAILY

The gym is not the only place Cal Poly athletes train for their competitions. Many Cal Poly and Cuesta College players take jobs during the off-season to stay in shape for peak performance, and one local company is the place to go.

Meathead Movers, the San Luis Obispo-based business that provides moving services all over California, hires almost exclusively young men who take part in sports as their main workforce.

It's a trend that Meathead Movers CEO Aaron Steed is proud of.

"We're the largest student employer in San Luis Obispo outside of Cal Poly," he said.

If the name seems familiar, that's because the company is a sponsor of Cal Poly athletics. They make posters for various teams around campus, and

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Engineering, meet liberal arts Liberal arts, meet engineering

The Academic Senate is starting to look at a new major, which would be geared toward engineering students who want to transfer out of the college.

Giana Magnoli
MUSTANG DAILY

A new major has been proposed as a five-year pilot program. The Bachelor of Arts in liberal arts and engineering studies has yet to be approved, but would be Cal Poly's first interdisciplinary major, offered jointly by the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Engineering.

"We'll see how it works. We're proposing several new aspects that other majors at the university don't typically have," said Debra Valencia-Laver, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and one of the proposal's drafters. "There's the interdisciplinary aspect — the CLA and CENG working together to offer courses and coordinate the program."

Initially, the program is for internal transfers only — more specifically, sophomores transferring out of engineering.

An advantage of accepting students in the spring of their sophomore year is that they've already cleared the hurdle of most math and engineering courses and have a good probability of graduating, College of Liberal Arts Dean Linda Halisky said.

"The program creates for them the possibility of using more of their engineering units toward their new major," Valencia-Laver said.

The 180-unit Bachelor of Arts program includes general education courses, an engineering concentration, a liberal arts concentration and study abroad or global perspectives courses.

The proposal also includes four new courses, including a project-based learning course, an online collaborative global part-

nership course, senior project and a capstone senior seminar in which students refine their senior projects.

Keeping with the program's interdisciplinary nature, the courses are presumably going to be team taught, Valencia-Laver said.

"(The courses) are there to first of all give students an identity as a major — having them interact," she said. "The goal of the major is to have a strong project-based aspect, and part of working on projects is working with other people."

The curriculum is heavy in engineering and math early on, but it needs to be, Halisky said.

"They tried very hard to make it balanced," said David Hannings, chair of the Academic Senate curriculum committee and professor of horticulture and crop science.

There is a problem of students in engineering who don't like it and drop out, and this is an opportunity to retain some of them, Provost William Durgin said.

According to a study done by Cal Poly Institutional Planning and Analysis regarding the 1999 freshmen cohort, 143 engineering students transferred out of their college. This is the most recent, complete data, Valencia-Laver said.

Though not sure of how many CENG students transfer to the CLA, the CLA and Orfalea College of Business are the most common destinations for internal transfers, said College of Liberal Arts dean Linda Halisky.

Cal Poly wants to retain its students, but

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BA LIBERAL ARTS AND ENGINEERING STUDIES MAJOR COURSES (128 units)

CHEM 124 Gen Chemistry for Engineers
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LAES 301 Project-Based Learning in LAES
LAES 411 Collaborative Global Partnerships in LAES
LAES 461 Senior Project (or other approved SP course)
LAES 462 Capstone Senior Seminar in LAES
MATH 141, 142 Calculus I, II
MATH 143 Calculus III
MATH 241 Calculus IV
MATH 244 Linear Systems or Advisor Approved Elective
PHYS 141 General Physics IA
PHYS 132, 133 General Physics
Engineering concentration
(minimum 8 units at 300-400 level)
Liberal Arts concentration
(minimum 12 units at 300-400 level)
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B2 Life Science
B3 Physical Science * 4 units in Major
B4 One lab taken with either a B2 or B3 course
B5 (requirement for Liberal Arts students only) * 4 units in Major
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C2 Philosophy
C3 Fine/Performing Arts
C4 Upper-division elective
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D1 The American Experience
D2 Political Economy
D3 Comparative Social Institutions
D4 Self Development (CSU Area E)
D5 Upper-division elective
Area F Technology (upper division)

180 TOTAL UNITS

Souza ready to build on success of past presidents if elected

Isaiah Narciso
MUSTANG DAILY

Agribusiness senior Brandon Souza wants to bring out the "palooza" spirit in his campaign for Associated Students Inc. president.

He feels that ASI should act based on student ideas.

"Student input is my No. 1 priority," Souza said. "I've always been out to make people feel comfortable."

As part of his campaign platform, Souza noted that he wanted to build on the successes of previous ASI presidents. In fact, he has a family connection to this legacy.

"My father was part of the class of 1971," Souza said. "Actually, he was part of the movement of students that passed the funding to

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This is the second installment of a three-part profile on the ASI candidates.

build this University Union. He was an integral part, and I'm glad that I'm able to carry on the legacy."

Souza said that Cal Poly has given a lot to him during his student career, and now he wants to give some of that back to the campus.

"I believe I know Cal Poly students," he said. "Leadership is an action, not a position."

Included on his agenda are a graduation evaluation system, student safety, campus sustainability and issues related to ASI facilities.

He elaborated on how campus security can be improved.

"I want to make sure that those blue emergency lights are seen everywhere on campus," Souza said. "There has to be adequate lighting as well."

As Cal Poly continues to accept more students, the current graduation evaluation system would have more work to process out others. Souza said that he wants to ensure students would graduate on time and be able to cut through the confusion.

"I think that there should be a system where students can log on and have an electronic flow chart relative to their major, their concentration and their minors," Souza

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Campus safety, grade evaluation efficiency and sustainability are some of the main points of Souza's platform.

PATRICK TRAUTFIELD
MUSTANG DAILY

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"this is not for people flunking out of engineering," Hannings said. "It's for people who are good at math and physics but don't want to be engineers."

The application process to transfer includes maintaining a 2.5 grade point average in at least three math classes required in the program, a 2.5 GPA for the GE Area A or equivalent, and a one-page essay describing interest in the program.

"It's not meant to be a sort of last resort for CENG students," Valencia-Laver said. "It's more of, 'how can I marry my strengths and interests in science, technology, engineering and math with an area in the liberal arts?'"

For many jobs, people need both engineering and communication skills, Hannings said. "They can translate engineering to the general public."

The use of "engineering" in the title has been a hot topic for all involved. Graduates of this program could misrepresent themselves and companies may misinterpret the degree, states the memo.

It also states that it is not a rigorous enough engineering program to accomplish some of its objectives.

Mechanical engineering professor Jim LoCascio said it's a difference between "real engineers" and policy writers.

"It's like going to the hospital and talking to the assistant, not the doctor. The physician's assistant knows stuff, but you don't want them to be the ones to talk to you," he said.

The project-based learning and the global perspectives/study abroad portion of this program emphasizes the melding of communication with engineering-based skills.

Studying abroad is "strongly, strongly, strongly encouraged," Valencia-Laver said. However, "we'd probably be ecstatic if we

even have 75 percent of people (go abroad)," she said.

This is meant to coincide with the online collaborative global partnerships course, during which students develop projects with a global technical or design team.

The program and its four new courses will be housed in the provost's office and co-chaired by a faculty member from each college. English professor David Gillette and industrial and manufacturing engineering professor Elizabeth Schlemer have already had conversations with their deans regarding their involvement as co-chairs, Valencia-Laver said.

It is "uncommon" for a program to be housed in the provost's office, Hannings said. This allows for "equal participation from faculty and staff advisers" from both colleges, stated the proposal.

Despite the collaboration of the higher-ups, there is opposition to the proposal, mainly within the CENG.

LoCascio cited the program's development and the use of "engineering" in the name as cause for concern.

"The new dean of College of Engineering and the provost were its biggest drivers," he said. Both came from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where such a program was recently implemented.

"I've been here since '81, and this is the first recollection of a program not being developed at the department level," he said.

The proposal has already gone through the curriculum committees of both colleges and the Academic Senate curriculum committee.

The CENG curriculum committee is like the Senate, LoCascio said: There are distorted votes because tiny programs get the same vote as the large ones. Of the 10-3 vote in favor of the proposal, the minority — mechanical engineering, civil engineering and environmental engineering — comprise 40 percent of engineering.

"I've worn a suit on campus four or five times, only when I want to be listened to," LoCascio said. "I wore a suit to kill this program."

A memo from the mechanical engineering department to Fred DePiero,

associate dean and professor of electrical engineering and co-drafter of the proposal, addressed many concerns with the program. These included the use of "engineering" in the title, budget issues, administration of the program, and the implications on future jobs of students in this major.

According to the proposal, it will not be an ABET-Accredited program and the inclusion of "liberal arts" in the title, combined with the fact that it's a Bachelor of Arts program, should prevent confusion.

Programs like this are more common in the East Coast; in fact, the closest university that has a similar major is the University of Arizona, which offers a BA in engineering.

"It could be a showcase for Cal Poly," Halisky said. "It's the first of this kind of pro-

gram in the West Coast."

Previous versions of the proposal never got very far, including an idea for a BA in engineering. The current version was developed by a great deal of people, with some of its biggest supporters including Durgin, Halisky and College of Engineering Dean Mohammad Noori. Valencia-Laver, Gillette and DePiero were the main drafters.

If passed, it would be reviewed every year. Also, if for some reason the program was terminated during its five-year pilot run, all students in the program will be able to complete their degree, Valencia-Laver said.

As for budget, "there are always startup costs," Valencia-Laver said. The provost and two deans are putting in some money and time, but there shouldn't be the need for additional faculty or resources, at least initially, she said.

A big job for the co-chairs will be to look for outside support including grants and scholarships, especially to help make studying abroad a possibility for everyone.

"We're thinking the uniqueness of the program might draw interest and draw support," Valencia-Laver said.

In Tuesday's executive committee meeting of the Academic Senate, members voted unanimously to put it on the agenda of the full senate. On May 8, the proposal will have its first reading in the company of all the "big guns," which includes President Warren Baker, and the two deans, Hannings said. After a second reading, if approved, it will go to Baker for approval. Since it is a pilot program, it does not need approval from CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed.

"We're hopeful that the Academic Senate will let us try it," Halisky said. "If it doesn't work, we don't go forward with the full proposal in five years."

Of the controversy over the program and whether or not it may pass, "You never know what happens in the Senate," Hannings said.

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—Jim LoCascio

Mechanical engineering professor

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Protesters urge Congress to offer residency to illegal immigrants

Peter Prengaman
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LOS ANGELES — Angry over recent raids and frustrated with Congress, thousands of Hispanics and others took to the nation's streets Tuesday to demand a path to citizenship for an estimated 12 million illegal immigrants.

Organizers hoped a strong national showing would prompt Congress to pass immigration reform legislation before lawmakers become engulfed in the looming presidential primaries.

"If we don't act, then both the Democratic and Republican parties can go back to their comfort zones and do nothing," said Angelica Salas, director of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles. "They won't have the courage to resolve a major situation for millions of people."

Marches, meetings and voter registration drives got under way from California to New York, a year after 1 million people flexed their economic muscle in a nationwide boycott on May 1.

Democratic Party Chairman

Howard Dean told immigrant supporters in Miami that a reform bill currently before Congress was "insane" because it would require many illegal immigrants to return home before applying for citizenship.

"This is a government that can't find a 6-foot-4 terrorist. How is it going to find 12 million people?" he told a group of more than 100 party supporters at Miami's Parrot Jungle Island.

Ricardo Chavez, the brother of the late farm labor leader Cesar Chavez, was expected to address crowds in Milwaukee.

About 3,500 people marched in Phoenix and Tucson, waving signs reading "Stop the roundups" and "The sleeping giant woke up forever."

Hours before a march was set to begin in Chicago, several thousand demonstrators began arriving carrying flags, signs and placards, including one that read, "We may not have it all together, but together we can have it all."

"Recent raids have worried me," said Thomas Rodriguez, 38, an illegal immigrant whose been in the country since 1989. "We worry deportations are leaving too many young people without parents."

About 3,500 people gathered in downtown Los Angeles an hour before a march was set to begin. Many were dressed in red, white and blue and waved American and Mexican flags. Los Angeles County is home to about 1 million illegal immigrants, by far the largest concentration in America.

Los Angeles public school teacher David Cid said he came to support his students, many of whom are suffering because of recent raids that have impacted their families.

"They feel terrorized," said Cid, who declined to give more details about where he works to protect his students.

Protesters said that while anger over raids would bring people out, fear would also keep many at home.

Souza

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said. "I'd like to see that university wide."

Souza also believes that Campus Dining plays an important part of student life at Cal Poly. He offered to look at new options for the future of campus food.

"While I have no control over Campus Dining, I hope to be as ASI president an integral part in seeing some improved menus on campus," Souza said. "A lot of our students are into health and fitness."

If elected, Souza also wants to improve the van escort service provided by the University Police Department. He said that he wants to continue the program next year.

As a person born and raised in the Central Valley, Souza felt that he had a passion in leadership. He has been a council member at the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and has participated in the Dale Carnegie Fellowship Program.

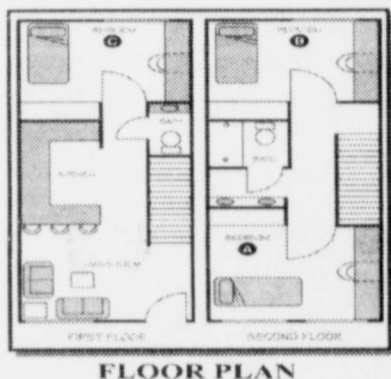
He also wants to ensure that ASI spends its funds in a proper manner. He said that he would know what to do with it because he was an ASI Board of Directors member in his junior year.

He promised to "hit the ground running" if chosen as ASI president.

"Vote for those who would best serve them," Souza said. "Vote for who is going to do the best job for you."

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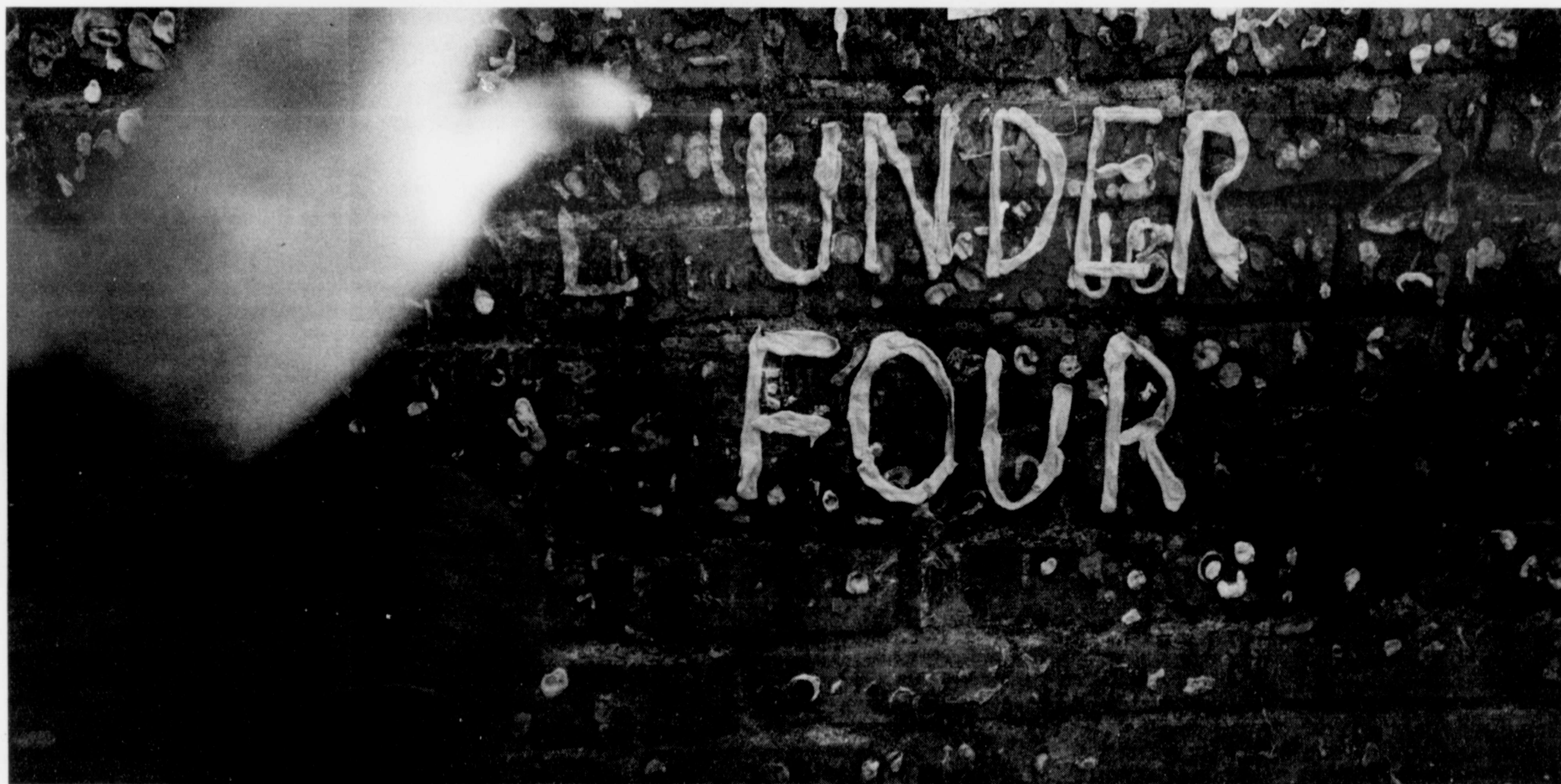
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State

SOUTH EL MONTE (AP) — A circus performer working without a net plunged 40 feet to his death during a performance, authorities said.

The trapeze artist fell head-first at about 6:40 p.m. Monday during a Circus Hermanos Vazquez performance, said Sgt. Jacqueline Gonzalez of the Los Angeles County Police Department.

Roberto Valenzuela, 35, of Brownsville, Texas, died at the scene east of downtown Los Angeles, authorities said.

County firefighters were on hand to monitor the following act, which was to involve fire. They responded after the man fell but were unable to save him, Gonzalez said.

The circus had traveled from Mexico for the show at the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area, Gonzalez said.

The trapeze artist had been with the circus for four years.

BARSTOW (AP) — Four people were arrested after two tons of illegal fireworks were found in a trailer on Interstate 15.

The fireworks were found Monday at about 3 a.m. in a 14-foot trailer being towed by a truck traveling on the interstate near Lenwood Road, said Steve Hansen of the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

The shipment was being tracked by the Fireworks Interdiction Team made up of fire investigators from several Southern California agencies, including the San Gabriel Valley Arson Task Force, Hansen said.

National

NEW YORK (AP) — It's over for Gisele Bundchen and Victoria's Secret.

"The long and fruitful relationship between Gisele Bundchen and Victoria's Secret has reached a conclusion," the lingerie brand's CEO, Edward Razek, said Tuesday in a statement.

"We wish her all the best and thank her for her extraordinary work. She will continue to be a very visible part of the world's sexiest brand through the remainder of the year."

No further details were provided.

Bundchen, 26, is among the most famous supermodels in the world, strutting international catwalks and appearing in print and TV ads for Victoria's Secret and other fashion labels.

NEW YORK (AP) — The co-founders of the popular video-sharing site YouTube are among the winners of the annual Webby online achievement awards announced Tuesday.

Steve Chen and Chad Hurley were named People of the Year for creating a site credited with transforming the media landscape and reshaping politics, pop culture and more. NBC has used YouTube to promote its shows; political activists have posted clips with spoofs and speeches of candidates.

The site even got the attention of search engine leader Google Inc., which paid \$1.76 billion for it last year.

Lifetime achievement awards went to David Bowie, whose projects blend art and technology, and to the eBay community and its chief executive, Meg Whitman, for changing how people connect and interact worldwide.

International

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's government received reports that the leader of al-Qaida in Iraq had been killed but officials said Tuesday the information had not been confirmed, and an insurgent coalition insisted he was alive. Similar reports in the past proved inaccurate.

U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker told reporters that American authorities in Baghdad were seeking more information.

LONDON (AP) — Hundreds of shoppers lined up in London for a sneak peek at Kate Moss' new collection of jeans, shirts and dresses at British fashion retailer Topshop.

The 33-year-old supermodel posed briefly in a store window in a flowing orange dress to promote the preview only moments before it began. Topshop was to let groups of shoppers browse for 20 minutes at a time Monday to avoid a mad scramble.

Shoppers can choose from 50 designs, including a vest top for \$24 and a cropped leather jacket for \$300.

The collection will be available in the United States at Barneys stores beginning May 9 and on Barneys.com.

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez's government took over Venezuela's last privately run oil fields Tuesday, intensifying a struggle with international oil companies that could slow development of the world's largest known petroleum deposit. Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez declared that the Orinoco River fields reverted to state control just after midnight.

Movers

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in 2004 were given an award from the Orfalea College of Business, which recognized Steed and his brother Evan for their role in the community as emerging entrepreneurs.

Steed said that a lot of his employees come from sports, like football and wrestling, in which strength is of prime importance. Altogether, Meathead Movers has about 110 student movers.

"Athletes typically want to work at Meathead Movers," Steed said. "Meathead is a common ground a lot of our guys share."

Steed equates working at his company to "being on a sports team." Meathead Movers also offers chiropractic treatment if an employee requires it, and even massages.

"You have to be really mentally and physically strong to work here," Steed said. That is a sentiment that Cuesta College student Kody Nelson agreed with.

"It's a nice physical environment," said Nelson, a former wrestler. "Everyone's pretty cool."

The movers usually work in teams of three to five people and are

responsible for handling, loading and unloading the customer's belongings. But their job doesn't end there. Both Steed and Nelson pointed out that customer service is just as important as all the heavy lifting. Acting "professional" and ensuring the moving experience goes as smoothly as possible is something Steed instills in his employees, much to their benefit.

"The tips are usually pretty good," Nelson said.

Outside of work, Meathead Movers throws parties for its employees several times a year. Depending on the amount of broken customer property and the amount of workplace injury, the parties can get very large, and so can the prizes. Steed said that the company will sometimes raffle off flat-screen TVs, tickets to sporting events, or even vacations to Las Vegas.

Meathead Movers is "a mix between a sports team, a frat and a business," Steed said.

If a job requires the company's employees to travel out of town, the company covers hotel and meal expenses. Additionally, Steed said that the company works around the busy schedules of the student athletes it employs.

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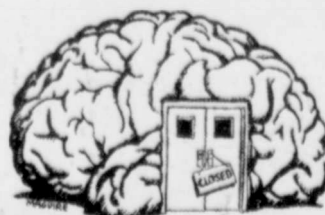
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Wouldn't it be great if you had the power to make all of your dreams come true, just by wishing them into being? What if you could get rich, lose weight, fall in love, and still have enough time to go shopping for a new car? Well, according to "The Secret," by author and teacher Rhonda Byrne, this is not only possible, but easy!

The theory behind "The Secret," which Byrne outlines in the book and also on DVD, rests on the application of the law of attraction to the realm of the mind.

She, as well as many others (including, she says, Albert Einstein and Leonardo da Vinci), believe that whatever a person chooses to focus their mental energy on will eventually find its way to that person, for better or for worse.

According to this belief, whatever your heart desires will soon come to you — but only if you think about it hard enough. The size of your request doesn't matter; in fact, the universe has no concept of size, Byrne says.

For instance, a woman wishing for \$1 million to drop out of the sky has the same chance of realizing success as the guy next door does of landing a date with his hot neighbor.

Byrne says that people have known "The Secret" since the beginning of time, but it hasn't been readily available; the great minds of centuries past wanted to keep it under wraps, so their powerful positions wouldn't be threatened.

Now, though, Byrne has decided that it is her life's mission to share the wonders of the secret with the rest of us. She even credits it with her book's

success, as well as for the millions of dollars in DVD sales she experienced beforehand.

This brings us to another point: "The Secret" may sound a bit strange, but there is no doubt as to its immense popularity. Since its February release, the book has sold 3.75 million copies reached No. 1 on The New York Times bestseller list, and completely sold out on Amazon.com (don't worry, there'll be more soon).

Add to that millions of dollars in DVD sales since March of last year. It seems that everyone, including Oprah, is crazy about it.

So what's the big deal? Could it be the high dose of optimism that's attracting people? Maybe it's the idea of controlling each aspect of one's life that appeals to micromanagers everywhere.

Basically, "The Secret" mixes a bunch of positive thoughts with a



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"The Secret"

little bit of the supernatural. Things start out sounding pretty plausible, but the whole idea becomes harder and harder to believe as the book goes along.

The first chapter suggests things like thinking good thoughts when you're going to get a haircut and reminding yourself daily that you are capable of being on time, in order to achieve a positive outcome. Statements like this aren't too weird

and don't deviate much from the norms for a typical self-help book.

However, things quickly progress to skeptical proportions. For example, in a later chapter, Byrne tells her readers to rejoice every time they receive a bill in the mail, pretend it's actually a check for an obscene amount of money, and thank the universe for the wonderful gift. That's the point where she might lose a few followers.

Besides Byrne's narrative, which includes stories and example of the secret in her own life, the book also includes the interspersed thoughts of 23 contemporary "teachers," all of whom follow the secret.

This keeps things somewhat interesting, as there is always some of anecdotal distraction from the author's sometimes overbearing eccentricity. Also, its simple prose makes it an easy read.

Still, the book is highly repetitive, and most people will get the point after the first few pages. By the time you finish the first chapter, you'll know whether or not you'll want to continue.



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Online poker: an addiction among Cal Poly students

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Andrew Custer first began playing online poker casually in the summer of 2005. Within a year, his initial investment of \$100 had quadrupled. He was hooked.

Now, the business junior is a professional poker player who sets his own schedule, usually allotting 15 to 20 hours per week to play.

"I don't pit myself to a certain amount of hours a week because otherwise (I'll) burn myself out. It's much better when you play when you want to play, on your own schedule," Custer said.

Although he has made about \$6,000 since last August from playing, money is not the goal.

"In poker, money is just something that shows you have won," Custer said. "I know that I can choose to raise my bet whenever I want."

Ground rules, like no poker while drinking or making sure that he always has 10 times the buy-in amount in his account, help to "give (himself) an edge."

"While I'm playing on my own schedule, it's because I'm not playing for my rent. When you're playing for your rent, it's like, 'I have to win today.' You're not going to make good decision, you're just going to be forcing things."

Custer is not alone, though. In total, about 1.6 million college student play online poker.

Online poker is mostly a male phenomenon, said Mary Peracca, a marriage and family therapist with the Cal Poly Health Center's psychological services.

At Cal Poly, the problem is exacerbated by the university's proximity to Chumash Casino, Peracca said.

That is certainly the case for business administration junior Chris Molnar.

His gambling addiction began after his parents took him to an Indian casino for his 18th birthday; Molnar said gambling is an addiction that runs in his family.

"I hate it. But once I start playing, I can't stop," he said.

One night during the second week of his freshman year, Molnar won first place in a poker tournament at Chumash Casino, only to lose the \$900 prize later that night



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About 1.6 million college students play online poker. And with Chumash Casino nearby, some Cal Poly students play there too.

playing three-card poker.

"It was fun at the time, but the next day, I felt terrible," he said.

An addiction at a real casino can quickly turn into an addiction of the

lose it."

But, as Peracca said, an addiction to online gambling is a vicious cycle.

The root of online gambling addiction — and really any addiction — is social anxiety, Peracca

said. Playing online in particular gives those lacking social skills power and the ability to be whoever they want to be.

"Really, if you look at (all addictive behaviors), it's about not dealing with uncomfortable feelings. It starts out as a fun pastime. But when it becomes addictive, it's merely an escape. This is especially true with

online gambling," Peracca said.

As one of seven therapists at the Health Center, Peracca sees about five students with the addiction a year. These are usually students in serious debt (between \$5,000 and \$10,000) who are unable to break the vicious cycle on their own, she said.

But, like most things in life, moderation — as difficult or cliché as it may seem — is key.

"People fall into (addictions) by doing something for fun. (Online gambling) is designed to be addicting, to lure you in and keep you there. My caution would be to do it minimally. And if you're having problems, ask for help."

Ironically, though, most resources for help are strictly found online, she added.

It was fun at the time, but the next day, I felt terrible.

—Chris Molnar
business administration junior

online variety as well. Social sciences junior Michael Hada began playing poker five years ago.

"(When I came to Cal Poly), it was hard to get good games going, and I could not go to casinos whenever I wanted since I didn't have a car," he said. So he turned to online poker instead.

Though he has cut back from the 30 hours per week he played his freshman and sophomore year to 20 hours per week now, still regrets his decision to begin at all.

"I really don't think people should gamble. Whether it's online or in a casino, it's pretty much the same thing. ... They (shouldn't) lose all their money; it's addicting," he said. "I kind of wish I hadn't started. I think that I was probably too young to start doing it. I didn't have enough money; I couldn't afford to

SLO heads 'Underground' to hip-hop music scene

Rachelle Santucci

MUSTANG DAILY

San Luis Obispo and hip-hop. They might not seem like the usual combination, but SLO Underground is an attempt to make hip-hop a more common part of the music scene in San Luis Obispo.

After the first SLO Underground in March had a big turnout and a positive response from the crowd, Superb Reality, a local promotion and production company, is putting together SLO Underground 1.5 as a preview to SLO Underground 2.

"1.5 is just an in-between show for SLO Underground 2, kind of a smaller version to generate publicity," said Cari Pimentel, a social sciences freshman who is helping to organize the show.

Graphic communication sophomore, Rachel Cherny agreed and said it is a great promotional idea to generate hype for the second installment.

"We had such a great response from SLO Underground 1," she said. "It will be fun and people who missed the first one can come."

Pimentel said people reacted well to the first hip-hop show.

"It's awesome for SLO to have something like that," she said. "People were asking when the next one was going to be."

The show will feature performances by Mental, Dejavoo and D Serna, who are all artists from the Central Coast. It will be co-hosted by Pimentel and WORDUP, an artist from the Bay Area.

"We actually had to turn people down to perform," Cherny said.

One of the main attractions of the night is an emcee battle that anyone can enter.

People can sign up at the door and place a \$5 bet that goes toward a cash prize the winner will receive.

Since 1.5 will be a smaller version of the first SLO Underground, it will be held at a smaller venue; the Steynberg Gallery.

Though the gallery often hosts shows by local bands, this is the first time they have hosted a hip-hop show.

Cherny said that they had a hard time finding a venue because there are not many in San Luis Obispo.

"At first we were like, um, an art gallery? Let's look around a little bit more."

She went on to say that the owner was receptive to the idea of hosting a hip-hop show and sounded excited about it.

Both Pimentel and Cherny worked at the first SLO Underground and were asked to organize this one by Rob Cee, who organized the first show.

"We did a lot of promotional work for that show. We passed out flyers for months beforehand," Cherny said.

Because she isn't musical, Cherny helps out with other aspects of putting together a show like this and makes sure everyone else is ready to perform.

"I like to do whatever makes things run more smoothly and helps take stress off other people," she said.

SLO Underground 1.5 will be held on Thursday at the Steynberg Gallery, 1531 Monterey St. Tickets are \$5 and doors open at 7 p.m.

"We want anyone to come to SLO Underground 1.5; everybody's welcome," said Pimentel. More information on the show is available at Superb Reality's Web site, www.superbrealty.net.

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2002 Real World cast members to reunite

Five years after the drama, hook-ups and fights, the Las Vegas cast is back

Cassie Gaeto
MUSTANG DAILY

The year was 2002 when seven exceptionally dysfunctional strangers made their way to the penthouse suite of The Palms Hotel and Resort in Las Vegas. The 12th season of MTV's show "The Real World" was underway, documenting the lives of Arissa, Irulan, Frank, Steven, Trishelle, Brynn and Alton in the most chaotic and drama-packed season ever.

Now, five years later, the cast is reuniting in the same Palms suite for a first-ever reunion series "Reunited: The Real World." All seven cast members signed on to "stop being polite and start getting real" for three weeks while they tape the six-episode mini series.

Taping for the show began early in April and it is scheduled to air on MTV in late spring.

This is amazing news for everyone. For those of you like me who watched the original series we get to relive the best cast in the history of The Real World, and for those of you who missed it; fear not, God has given you a second chance.

For those out there thinking I may be getting overexcited let me just explain something, I am not a die-hard "Real World" fan. The show has not been without its dark ages, Philadelphia anyone? My love for each season's show depends on the location, cast chemistry and good-looking male participants.

Las Vegas provided me with all of my criteria and so much more. They earned themselves even more points in the cast chemistry category with the friendship between Irulan and Arissa, the feud between Steven and Brynn and the multiple romances.

With that said lets refresh on some of the highlights from Las Vegas and reasons why I believe it was the second highest rated season in real world history (No. 1 was Chicago, no comment).

Las Vegas was full of in-house hook-ups. On one hand we had the endearing romance of Alton and Irulane that slowly developed the stuff of true love over the season.

On the other hand we had Trishelle and Steven, the purely sexual driven fiasco in which all rules and forms of contraception were thrown out the window. Their relationship was an endless source of drama with their remedial communication skills and the infamous pregnancy scare.

Trishelle was at the center of a majority of the storylines and easily became the most well-known and famous from the group. Since airing she has been involved in multiple other MTV appearances and posed for Playboy.

I believe that the world is divided into two groups of people: those who think Trishelle is good-looking and those who are repulsed by her gangly physique and painful

sounding accent. I hope you can tell by that statement which side I am on.

Another huge Vegas controversy was the fight between Steven and Brynn which was culminated in Brynn throwing a fork at him. I will never forget the freeze frame on the fork that MTV aired for the weeks following; it truly was the fork heard round the world.

Another interesting tidbit about this particular season is that at request of The Palms Hotel owner, all cast members were at least 21 years old, a first ever for the production.

I think this made for better cast because they got rid of that 18 year-old typecast, the one who has never lived away from home and spends the day crying in the confessional. Examples include Rachel from "Back to New York" and more recently Svetlana from Key West.

With that highlight review, I hope you see what an amazing opportunity this is. The cast has all these experiences under their belt, plus five years to dwell on it. Alton and Irulan who dated for years but eventually split will be reunited and under the same roof, along with fellow ex-lovers Trishelle and Steven.

We, as the viewing audiences, will be able to thrive on all of these awkward moments all from the comfort of our homes.

Now that we have reminisced through a golden age of "The Real World," later this quarter, when the series airs, don't judge the people who watch it, sit down and judge the seven returning cast mates. Trust me, it never gets old.

Do you think Cal Poly students will watch "The Real World" reunion?



"I could see people watching this; everyone watches 'The Real World' challenge. College students like drama."

- Brittani Hidahl, communications freshman



"I won't watch it, but there are a lot of people really into 'The Real World' who will."

-Camille Thorsen, nutrition junior



"I don't think people will be interested with the old drama anymore. People want to see new people and new drama."

-Ryan Polei, business sophomore



"Yes, I think the drama created is fascinating. It totally sucks you in. I'll watch it."

-Cathie Johnson, English junior



"I think people will watch it. It is the nature of the show; reality television is huge right now."

-Patrick Wyatt, agribusiness senior

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Immigration debate still unsolved

Tuesday was May Day, a day last year when many illegal immigrants decided not to go to work. Last year, more than one million people demonstrated over the great immigration debate. However, according to The Wall Street Journal and other media sources, this year's demonstration will be far (or would be, at time of press) smaller than the year before.

Recently, there has been a renewed attempt by the White House to pass immigration reform before the end of the Bush presidency. It's pretty easy to see that our immigration system is broken and full of contradictions. For instance, the IRS eagerly taxes illegal immigrants, while not cooperating with the department of Homeland Security or law enforcement. In cities like San Francisco, which are "sanctuary cities," Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials find themselves at odds with city officials who oppose them.

In the case of San Francisco, Mayor Gavin Newsom stated that he would not help or allow any of

his department heads to cooperate with recent immigration raids carried out by law enforcement. This is despite the fact that the raid specifically targeted illegal immigrants who had committed crimes and had warrants out for their arrest. (So, if you want to commit a crime, first declare yourself an illegal immigrant and then move to San Francisco.)

Along with these problems, America's southern border is not secure and employers are not held accountable enough for hiring illegal immigrants. Many of these immigrants drive cars without auto insurance and use local emergency rooms as their primary health care provider, and these practices cost ordinary America citizens millions of dollars every year. However, America needs workers willing to work many of the

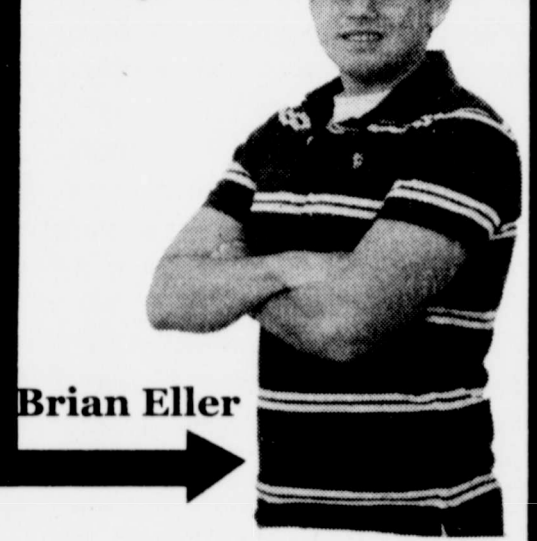
low paying and dirty jobs. Likewise, it would be impossible to deport the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in our country.

The Bush administration is pressuring the Senate to have a bill ready to solve all of these problems by May 14, when there is two weeks of open debate set aside in the Senate.

However, sources at The Wall Street Journal suggest that, at best, the odds of this happening are 50-50. A comprehensive bill would require that Democrats and Republicans, who sharply disagree about the issue, come together. However, with the 2008 elections around the corner, there are many in congress that would rather see a bill fail than pass. Certain Democrats especially want to see the bill fail because the immigration debate will surely get ugly for Republican presidential candidates.

While the immigration debate may get ugly at times, it seems that most Americans are at least aware of the problem and are pressuring Congress to find a solution. Most Americans agree that a border that allows terrorists, criminals, weapons and illegal drugs to infiltrate into America is not the right kind of border. As for the immigrants already here, it's important to realize, in the words of President Bush that, "you see every day the values of hard work, and family and faith that immigrants bring." Americans truly benefit from the work of illegals and many businesses need them to survive. It's important for America to encourage legal immigration and to

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Brian Eller

continue to be a beacon of hope and freedom to the rest of the world. Historically, each wave of immigrants into America have brought new ideas, have started new companies, and have helped this country become a better place. An immigration bill that documents the workers here, strengthens the border, and promotes guest worker programs is an excellent place to start, but a comprehensive bill will require great compromises.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

No more headlines for Virginia Tech tragedy

James Mathews

MASSACHUSETTS DAILY COLLEGIAN (U. MASSACHUSETTS)

Two weeks and one day have passed, and the story of the killings at Virginia Tech has left the headlines. Thirty-two students and teachers were killed — their story is nowhere to be found. It is gone from CNN.com's main page, which 10 days ago was dominated by victim biographies, timelines and tributes. The network news has moved on to developing issues. The New York Times is back to politics. Today, the story is prewar intelligence. Tomorrow, it will be something new.

Two weeks and one day — has anything meaningful been said or done? There have been vigils. There have been speeches. Impromptu memorials have arisen, and Americans across the continent have shown "solidarity." What was once shocking has become a sadly familiar process — first we question, then we mourn, then we bicker and then we move on. Ten years ago, before the Columbine shootings and the Sept. 11 attacks, we did not know this script. Now, when American blood is spilt, we know which movements to make. Countless school and workplace shootings have fine-tuned our response. We have learned the arts of eulogy and remembrance, but we have failed to

honor our dead.

Over and over, we have glorified murder. On the day of the Virginia Tech killings, headlines everywhere proclaimed the "deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history," as if a body count were something to be proud of. All week, self-portraits of the killer appeared in newspapers, and on Web sites and television screens. Online, step-by-step interactive features showed the "unfolding of events" — little blue boxes marked the dead in each classroom. Yet again, we let martyrdom have its way. The face of the shooter is forever in our memory. Its impression on young minds cannot be unmade. Threats of "copycat" attacks have been called in to schools across the country. The cycle has begun again.

We have made a celebrity out of a killer — and why? We are hypnotized by the sight of bloodshed. Our day-to-day lives are mundane — we look to the press for tales of good and evil. When innocent lives are lost, their stories become spectacle. Student or teacher, father or son — none of this matters to the rapt public. We demand heroes and villains. From acts of random violence we forge tales of moral drama. As long as we are fascinated, our hearts and minds are with the victims. Our prayers go out to the families, we say, but these are passing things. Fascination runs its course quickly, and we move on to the next "big thing."

"Moving on," as it were, is not a long-term process. Within hours of the shooting at Virginia Tech, the usual debates had begun. On The New York Times Web site, a thread of more than 300 messages devolved quickly from mournful obituary to no-holds-barred antagonism, with gun control as the central issue. Even in the wake of a mass-murder on a college campus, neither side was ready to surrender any ground. Those who called for gun control were vehement, as were their opponents. The usual idiocies were fired back and forth. A few non-citizens contributed to the discussion, offering a middle-ground point of view: murder is a constant; guns enable the murderous; these things happen much less often where guns are harder to get. Unsurprisingly, such opinions were ignored. At Virginia Tech, the dead had not yet been counted, and doctors were still hard at work, saving what lives they could. In America, the great debate had begun again.

Nearly a decade has passed since the killings at Columbine High School. Over 200 Americans have died in school and workplace shootings. How high must the body count be before we come together? Until we do, it will continue to rise. Just as with every major loss of life in America, we call these murders "tragic." We do not know our eloquence. A tragedy, in its strictest sense, is an instance of self-inflicted

suffering. The audience knows the story beforehand, and the main character, unaware, makes his way towards misery and often death. Who will be the next Americans to die? In the tragedy of mass murder, who is the unknowing character? What is his tragic flaw?

When the next round of shots rings out, be sure — the characters are everywhere. Their flaw — our flaw — is the failure to compromise or change. Our attention span is two weeks long. Our minds are made up even before we open our mouths. When the headlines proclaim "tragedy," we must not think of it as an empty phrase. The victims — were they not like you and I? They were Americans, they had their opinions, and fought them out in the age-old debate of guns, rights and lives. Would they trade such petty quarrels for a second chance? Will we?

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he won't slip past consideration for Male Athlete of the Year.

Odds: 4-1

Phillip Reid (Cross country/track and field — Junior distance runner)

Reid didn't sit behind UC Santa Barbara's Mike Chavez in the 1,500-meter run this weekend.

Reid didn't wait for an opening and try to out-kick his opponent to the finish line. His strategy was simple — lead the entire race.

When Chavez tried to close the gap, Reid would simply push his foot on the pedal and put Chavez in his rear-view mirror once more.

Without anybody running alongside him, Reid powered his way through the race. Paced only by the sound of Chavez's footsteps, Reid ran his way to a 3:43, an Olympic "B" standard, qualifying the junior for a chance to run at the U.S. Olympic Trials in 2008.

In the fall, Reid finished No. 21 at the NCAA Cross Country Championships in Terre Haute, Ind., earning the junior All-American honors. Reid's contribution to the team score helped the Mustangs finish No. 13 at the meet, Cal Poly's highest-ranked team this academic year.

How important was Reid's performance toward his team's national ranking? Take Reid out and put in Cal Poly's next-best finisher and the Mustangs drop to No. 29 at the NCAA meet.

No athlete on this campus meant more to their respective team than

Reid.

Odds: 2-1

Kyle Shotwell (Football — Senior linebacker)

As the final seconds disappeared on the Detroit Lions' draft clock during the last pick in this weekend's NFL Draft, I held some hope that Kyle Shotwell's name would be called.

Even if it was the last pick, "Mr. Irrelevant" in draft terms, Shotwell's name belonged on the draft board along with former Mustang teammate Courtney Brown, who went 212th overall to the Dallas Cowboys.

NFL scouts chose to pass on Shotwell, the 2006 Buck Buchanan Award winner. They decided that Justin Durant of Hampton was worthy of a second-round selection. For the record, Durant ran the same 40-yard dash time (4.5 seconds), had a nearly identical build (6-foot-1, 240 pounds) and similar statistics.

The two major differences: Shotwell was voted the top defensive player in Division I-AA and Durant was the top I-AA player taken in the draft.

Shotwell's campaign for the draft was an uphill battle from the start. Despite mopping up the competition in I-AA ranks, he couldn't garner a bid to the NFL Scouting Combine — the snub of the year at Cal Poly.

Most scouts passed on Cal Poly's Pro Day on March 26 and didn't get to see Shotwell's abilities in person, but he will get his chance to prove his worth beginning with the

Oakland Raiders' mini-camp, which starts Friday.

Odds: 4-1

Grant Desme (Baseball — Junior right fielder)

Desme is Cal Poly's version of "The Human Torch" vis-à-vis the Fantastic Four. There's no such thing as a slump for the junior right fielder — he's been on fire since day one.

Desme leads the Mustangs in batting average (.388), home runs (12), RBI (47), slugging percentage (.694), walks (27), stolen bases (10) and total bases (118). These numbers have warranted his addition to the Dick Howser Trophy Watch List, an award given to the top collegiate player.

We won't know whether Desme wins the award before the Night of the Mustang. However, the prestigious national recognition is enough to add Desme to Cal Poly's Male Athlete of the Year watch list.

Odds: 10-1

The pick: Reid

The easy pick is to select a third football player in a row — Jordan Beck, Chris Gocong and now Shotwell. I can already hear the football players grumbling, but Shotwell's not my pick for this award.

Reid is on his way to All-American honors in two sports, has qualified himself for Olympic Trials consideration and led his team to a No. 13 national ranking. Shotwell had a great season, but Reid nudges him out for the 2006-07 Male Athlete of the Year.

Suns look to finish off floundering Lakers tonight

Los Angeles and Phoenix tip off Game 5 at 7:30 tonight on TNT.

Bob Baum

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — The Phoenix Suns repeatedly use one word when describing their breakneck style: energy.

With it, they are an NBA title contender. Without it, they can lose to anybody.

Energized and efficient most of their first-round series, the Suns can finish off the Los Angeles Lakers with a victory at home in Game 5 tonight.

"When you've got a team down 3-1," Suns forward Shawn Marion said, "you don't want to give them no sign of life."

Phoenix should know. The Suns trailed the Lakers 3-1 in a first-round series last year, then won three straight to advance. These Lakers aren't last year's Suns, though, and Los Angeles coach Phil Jackson has tried a bit of everything to make his team competitive.

A disgusted Jackson sent his players home Monday after a brief video session.

"As irritated as I've ever seen him," Kobe Bryant said after the Lakers practiced in California on Tuesday. "He was really upset — frustrated. That was his way of saying, 'You'd better get your butts in the game.'"

A lack of energy stirred Jackson's

ire.

"Hustle makes up for a lot," he said. "They bounced us around, things like that. That's irritating for a coaching staff. You've got to get the first blow in this game."

During the video review, Jackson said, he pointed out to his players how wide open Phoenix's 3-point shooters were.

"I did tell them they have the brain power of slugs or earthworms," he said. "That was just in a moment of irritation."

Jackson called the Suns "whippets" for the way they ran down Los Angeles in a 113-100 victory in Game 4, a contest that was nowhere near as competitive as the final score would indicate.

There were standout performances by Phoenix's "big three." Steve Nash had 23 assists, one shy of the NBA playoff record; Amare Stoudemire 27 points and 21 rebounds, and Marion 22 points and 11 rebounds.

Coach Mike D'Antoni said he didn't know what a whippet was — it's a dog that resembles a small greyhound — but he knows a repeat performance would send the Suns into the Western Conference semifinals.

"They'll throw everything at us that they have, and Kobe won't go down easily," D'Antoni said. "We'll have to come out with the same kind of energy and fire that we had on Sunday."

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A's go to .500 with 10-inning victory at Fenway; Angels win 7-5 at K.C.

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BOSTON — Dan Johnson doubled home the winning run in the 10th inning after Jonathan Papelbon suffered his first blown save in the ninth and the Oakland Athletics stopped the surging Boston Red Sox 5-4 Tuesday night.

The Red Sox had won four of five games and began the day with the best record in baseball but wasted a 4-2 lead and another strong perfor-

mance by Curt Schilling.

Papelbon allowed a tying two-run homer by Travis Buck, who hadn't played above Double-A before this season. Buck's third homer of the year followed a leadoff single by Bobby Crosby.

Oakland scored the winning run off Brendan Donnelly (0-1) on back-to-back doubles by Mike Piazza and Johnson. Justin Duchscherer (2-1) pitched the ninth and Huston Street

worked the 10th for his seventh save in eight chances.

Boston had runners at second and third with two outs in the ninth, but Coco Crisp grounded out to first.

Neither Papelbon nor Donnelly had allowed a run this season before Tuesday.

Papelbon threw 35 pitches in just one inning and allowed three hits after giving up two hits and no runs in his other 9 1/3 innings this season.

He entered the game with a two-run lead after Schilling allowed two runs in seven innings with seven strikeouts and no walks after winning his previous three decisions. Hideki Okajima pitched the eighth, his 12th consecutive scoreless outing.

Oakland won despite having four outfielders on the disabled list, the latest addition coming Tuesday when Bobby Kielty went on it with a calf injury. Nick Swisher also is sidelined, but not on the list.

over the fence in left-center for his fifth grand slam.

Guerrero, whose two-run double in the first inning Monday night led the Angels to a 3-1 win, has driven in 27 runs in 25 games. The Royals walked him intentionally the next two times he came up, each time with a runner in scoring position.

Bartolo Colon (3-0) went five innings and gave up nine hits and five runs, with five strikeouts and one walk. His ERA went from 1.93 to 3.79. Francisco Rodriguez pitched a perfect ninth for his 10th save in 11 chances.

Leadoff man Gary Matthews Jr. was 4 for 5 and scored three runs for the Angels, who have won 15 of their last 17 in Kauffman Stadium.

Greinke (1-3) gave up six runs on 10 hits in five innings. He struck out three and walked two.

The Royals pulled to within 5-4 on Mark Teahen's three-run home run in the four-run third.

Just ahead of Teahen's homer, Estaban German singled home Tony Pena Jr., who walked leading off the third. It was the seventh consecutive inning the Royals had put their lead-off runner on base, but the first time one had scored.

The Angels went up 5-0 when Matthews tripled and scored on Orlando Cabrera's double. Casey Kotchman, after Guerrero was intentionally walked for the second straight time, hit a sacrifice fly for a 6-4 lead in the fourth.

German's RBI single made it 6-5 in the bottom of the fourth. Reggie Willits had a career-best three hits and singled home the Angels' seventh run in the eighth.

Billy Butler made his major league debut, starting in left field, and drew a big ovation when he singled in his first at-bat. He also singled in the eighth.

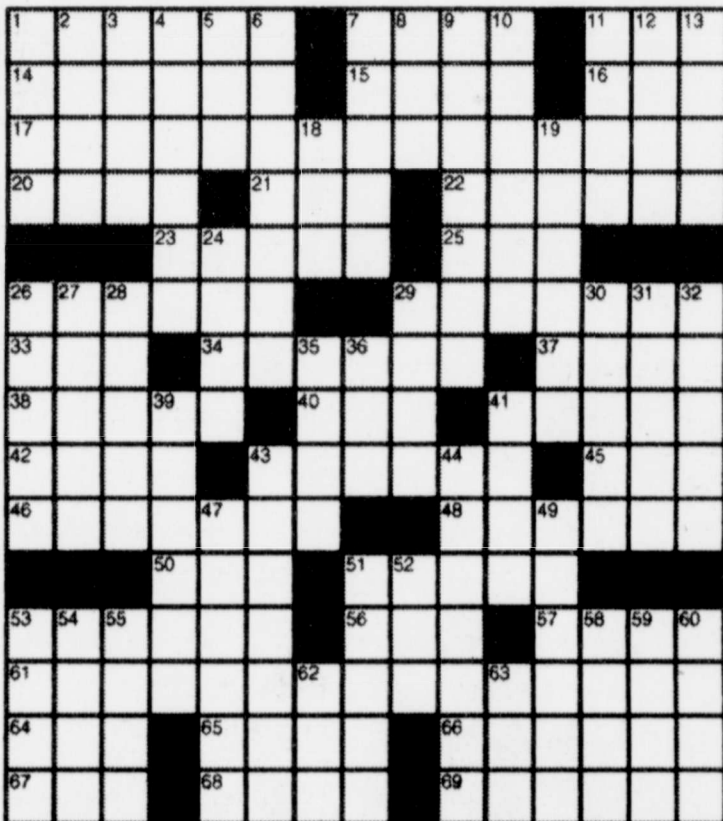
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- 1 Solidarity leader
 - 7 Gremlins, Pacers and others
 - 11 "___ recall ___"
 - 14 Takes to excess
 - 15 Blue matter
 - 16 B & B
 - 17 Start of a quote by 26- and
 - 32-Down
 - 20 Golfer Isao ___
 - 21 Abu Dhabi's fed.
 - 22 Intermision follower
 - 23 Wherewithal
 - 25 Fort Worth inst.
 - 26 Shaped like a plum tomato
 - 29 Relief measure of Elizabethan times
 - 33 ___ Lanka
 - 34 Bill killer
 - 37 Java neighbor
 - 38 Cramped space
 - 40 Quote, part 2
 - 41 Event before vacation, maybe
 - 42 Author Seton
 - 43 Slow-pot
 - 45 Give a boost to
 - 46 Plan for peace, in modern lingo
 - 48 Andy of TV's "Andy's Gang"
 - 50 Water on la Côte d'Azur
 - 51 Musical with the song "On This Night of a Thousand Stars"
 - 53 Go over
 - 56 Tiny bit
 - 57 Kemo ___
 - 61 End of the quote

- DOWN**
- 1 Toddler's cry when thirsty
 - 2 See 29-Down
 - 3 Lie unobserved
 - 4 Nunavut native
 - 5 Twice tre
 - 6 Mollify
 - 7 Grateful?
 - 8 Tussaud's title: Abbr.
 - 9 Exhibition overseer
 - 10 Exterior finish
 - 11 "Is so!" retort
 - 12 Pre-cable woe
 - 13 Stats, e.g.
 - 18 Spank but good
 - 19 Pianist José
 - 24 Green-eyed monster
 - 26 See 17-Across
 - 27 ___ Magli shoes
 - 28 Tripoli's land
 - 29 With 2-Down, toddler's game
 - 30 Maui veranda
 - 31 Actor Delon
 - 32 See 17-Across



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- 35 Sporty car roof
- 36 "Well, whaddya know?!"
- 39 Outlaws
- 41 Feature of some necks
- 43 Heart-related
- 44 They're fit to consume
- 47 Not so bold
- 49 Poughkeepsie college
- 51 Beats (out)
- 52 Oreck, e.g., in brief
- 53 Mystery author Buchanan
- 54 Inside look?
- 55 Smokes
- 58 "The Thin Man" dog
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Angels 7, Royals 5

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Vladimir Guerrero hit a first-inning grand slam and the surging Los Angeles Angels held on to beat the reeling Kansas City Royals 7-5 on Tuesday night for their 10th victory in 12 games.

The Royals, who became the first team ever to finish the month of April 10 games under .500 three straight years, lost for the seventh time in nine games. Their 8-19 record is the worst in the majors.

The first three Angels singled on Zack Greinke's first seven pitches to load the bases. Greinke quickly went to 3-0 on Guerrero. Then after a called strike, the seven-time All-Star sent the next pitch sailing 435 feet



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Mavs rally to win thriller 118-112, force Game 6 in Oakland

MVP candidate Dirk Nowitzki comes to life with 30 points and 12 rebounds to lead a 15-0 game-ending run for Dallas.

Jaime Aron
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Don't count out the Dallas Mavericks just yet, no

matter how tempting they're making it.

After letting a 21-point lead turn into a nine-point deficit in the closing minutes, Dirk Nowitzki came alive with consecutive 3-pointers to start a game-ending 15-0 run that carried the Mavericks past the Golden State Warriors 118-112 Tuesday night.

That guaranteed the NBA's best regular-season team at least one more game in the playoffs.

Golden State led 112-103 on a lunging 3-pointer by Baron Davis with 3:19 left that looked to be the knockout punch for one of the most stunning upsets in NBA history. Yet that's when Nowitzki picked Dallas up off the mat, the

way the league's likely MVP is supposed to do — but something he'd yet to do all series.

Nowitzki scored 12 points the rest of the way, hitting the two 3s and went 6 of 7 from the foul line. The Warriors helped the collapse by missing their final eight shots.

Game 6 in Oakland is Thursday night on TNT.

Blalock named BWC Freshman of the Year

Cal Poly's Brittany Blalock went 21-15 in singles play this season.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

IRVINE — Cal Poly women's tennis player Brittany Blalock was named Big West Conference Freshman of the Year when she helped lead the Mustangs to an appearance in the Big West Tournament title match Sunday.



Brittany Blalock

Blalock is the first Cal Poly women's tennis player in school history to win a Big West major award.

The Palm Desert native posted a 9-11 record playing at the No. 1 and No. 2 singles positions this season. Overall she was 21-15.

She defeated fellow All-Big West First Team selection Becky Bernhard of the No. 1-seeded Anteaters from UC Irvine (ranked No. 32 in the nation) in a semifinal match of the Big West Championships.

Another highlight of Blalock's season was an upset of No. 28-ranked Yasmín Schnack of UCLA on Jan. 23.

Blalock stepped up to the No. 1 position and posted a 5-7 dual-match record after No. 1 Carol Erickson was sidelined with an injury. The first-team selection also posted a 4-4 record while playing at the No. 2 spot.

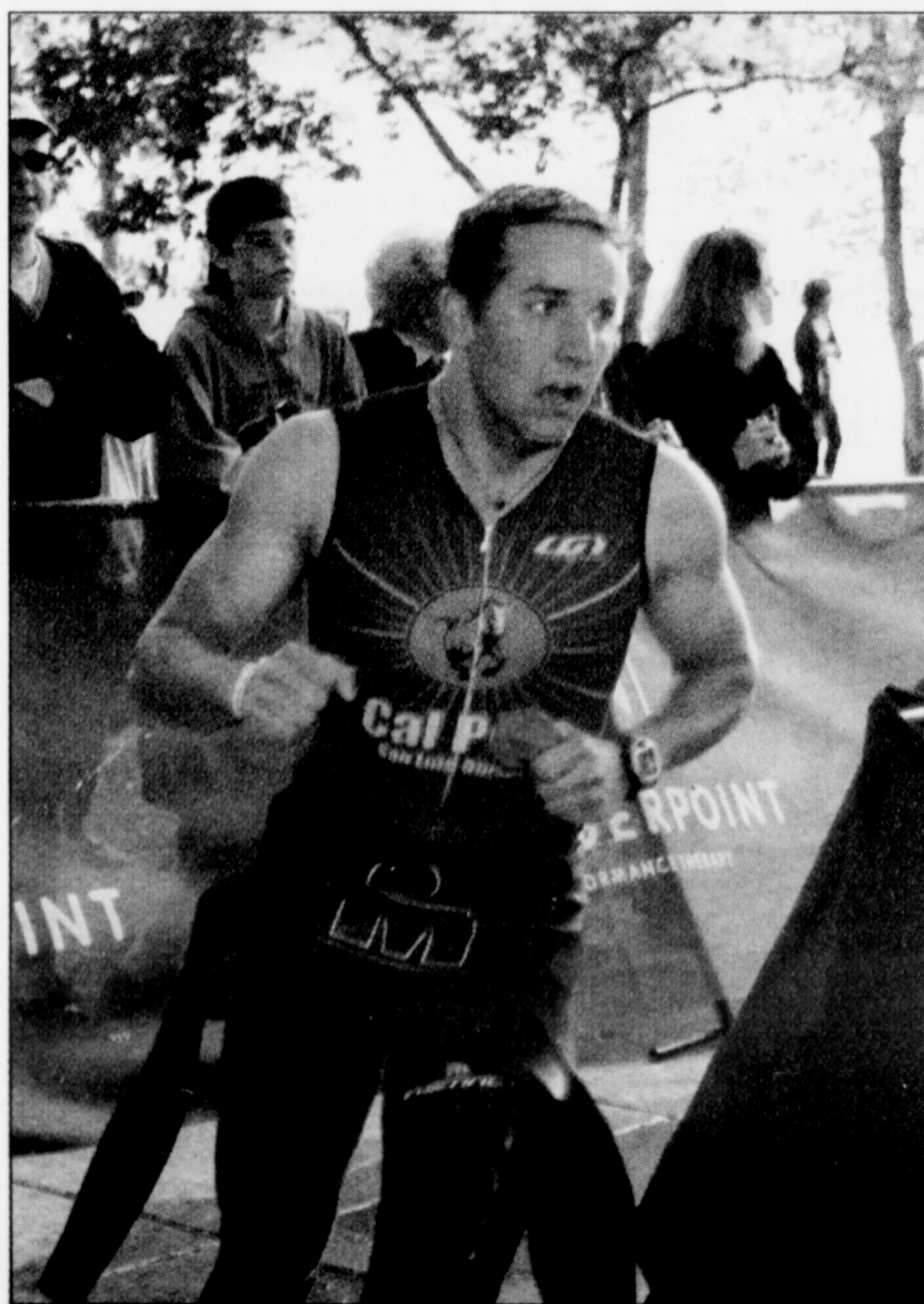
Erickson, a senior, was selected to the All-Big West Second-Team with a 4-7 record in dual matches and 11-14 overall. The San Diego native was 2-6 playing at the No. 1 position and 2-1 at No. 2.

Erickson defeated two nationally ranked players this season and lost a hard-fought, three-set match to defending NCAA champion Susie Babos of Cal. Erickson is also the all-time wins leader in Cal Poly history with a 138-82 record over her four-year career.

The two helped the Mustangs to a 9-12 overall record (3-4 Big West) and final ranking of 65th in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association tennis poll.

Cal Poly faced seven opponents ranked in the top 20, including No. 1-ranked Stanford.

Poly Triathlon Team set for Wildflower



COURTESY PHOTO

Cal Poly Triathlon Team president Rob Small transitions from the swim portion to the bike during the USA Triathlon Collegiate National Championships in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on April 21.

Tri-California expects roughly 400 triathletes in the collegiate field, 3,500 in the Olympic and 3,000 in the long course.

Michelle Norgan
MUSTANG DAILY

On Saturday and Sunday, the annual Wildflower Triathlon will be held at Lake San Antonio, with a large number of Cal Poly students participating.

The triathlon encompasses three separate races: a long course which is the most strenuous event, an Olympic distance which is a medium-length course and a sprint, which is a short race that is less than half the distance of the Olympic.

This year the Cal Poly Triathlon Team has 86 racers, which makes it an exciting end to the school year, said Rob Small, a civil engineering senior and president of the team.

"It's amazing knowing that 7,000

people are there and Cal Poly makes up a huge portion," Small said.

Team vice president Tamara Presser, a civil engineering senior, said that in addition to the huge team Cal Poly will be racing with, there will be hundreds of fans along the course cheering them on.

"It's a blast and the best thing about the race is that there are thousands yelling and most of them supporting Cal Poly," Presser said. "It gives you the chills because it's so different than most of the races we do where we only have each other."

Presser and Small agreed that racing triathlons is a demanding sport that takes a huge commitment to do well.

"It's a challenge to keep your body in shape to race well but not over-do so you stay healthy," Presser said.

The team trains all year with a variety of methods in order to get itself into peak shape for each race. Part of the challenge, she said, is that it has to train in three separate areas

to cover the swim, run and bike portions of the event.

Of the three events, Presser stressed that the swim has the least impact on overall time because it is the shortest section. Despite that, she said that it can be the hardest part to train in because it requires special technique.

"Wildflower is a hilly course, but we live in a mountainous area and we are fortunate because we can train for that," Presser said, referring to the running and biking portions of the triathlon.

Small agreed that the Central Coast provides team members with an advantage as they train for the event.

"Wildflower is sometimes called the Woodstock of triathlons and it is a very challenging course, but it's also the best race we do," Small said.

Over the course of a school year, Small said that team members compete in an average of three triathlons. The team numbers swell around the time of Wildflower, though, as new members join up for the unique experience of the race.

"Triathlons are a full-time commitment (in training) but are also a great reward," Small said.

He said that the team loves taking on new members, and often gets people who were spectators from Wildflower and decide to come out for the team the next year. He emphasized that while there are some members who show up already having raced, they will take on and train anyone who has the interest.

For this weekend, Small said there are a few team members to particularly watch out for. On the women's side, Presser and teammates Melissa Barrett and Shana Strange are set up to do well.

On the men's side, Ryan Johnson, Evan Rudd and Gordon Withers could also help Cal Poly out, Small said.

Both Presser and Small emphasized that the entire team has trained hard for the event and that everyone hopes to accomplish their own goals, whether that is finishing or beating a personal-best time.

"We are all a little bit crazy and the team is not the typical college lifestyle to the extent that we push our bodies and invest a great deal of time," Presser said.

Last year, Cal Poly finished third overall among collegiate teams at Wildflower, behind Cal and Montana.

Frankly Speaking



Forecasting Male Athlete of the Year candidates

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Arguing between Sharon Day, Lisa Modglin or Kylie Atherstone for Cal Poly's Female Athlete of the Year is like trying to decide whether to have ice cream, cookies or cake for dessert — it's all good, but everybody has to make a choice.

Atherstone was last week's choice, and now it's time to forecast the Male Athlete of the Year.

This group has been whittled down to four candidates. Three are All-Americans and the fourth is on his way to becoming one. In no particular order, here are my considerations for Cal Poly's Male Athlete of the Year:

Darrell Vasquez (Wrestling — Senior 133-pounder)

Are you ready to rumble? Forget the Floyd Mayweather-Oscar de la Hoya fight this weekend. Who wants to see Frank Stranzl take on Cal Poly All-American Darrell Vasquez?

I'm not a big guy, but I like to think I could throw down on most 5-foot-6, 133-pound guys. Not so much against Vasquez.

No matter how hard I tried, this was the only scenario my daydream cooked up: I saw myself soaring through the air, my feet floating above my head. It was glorious. Then came pain and lots of it as I landed awkwardly on my back. Next, a piercing scream as Vasquez turned me into a human pretzel.

The rest of the daydream is a bit hazy, but it ends with me motionless on the ground and Vasquez drinking an ice-cold Gatorade as a group of paramedics try to resuscitate me.

Vasquez might not be the biggest wrestler on the team, but he had a huge season for the Mustangs. His season ended with a fifth-place finish in the 133-pound weight class at the NCAA Wrestling Championships and All-American honors.

His performance highlighted Cal Poly's No. 27 finish at the NCAA Championships. Even though he didn't get as much publicity as an All-American deserves,

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