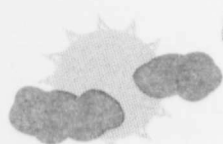


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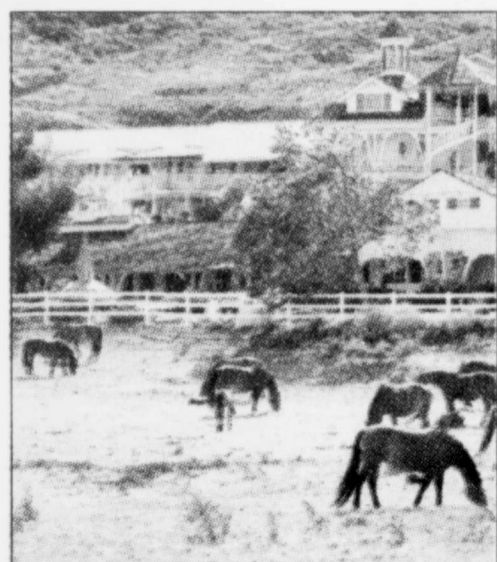
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Quarter horses graze in their corral next to the Madonna Inn, which is adding a swimming pool.

Madonna Inn gets in the swim

Christopher Reynolds
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Nobody in the hotel business ever tried harder to make a splash than Alex Madonna. So what did he have against swimming pools?

Over a span of 46 years, this builder-rancher-hotelier crafted his Madonna Inn, turning it into one of California's best-known roadside institutions. It beckons newlyweds and road trippers with its garish pink sign, its boulders, its stained glass, its clear contempt for anything resembling restraint and, of course, the storied waterfall in the lobby of the men's room, which may be the site of the most-admired and most-photographed urinal in North America.

And yet from the 1958 opening until his death in 2004, in a locale where 85-degree summer days are common, Madonna never put in a pool.

But now — trumpet fanfare, please — the digging has begun. Led by Madonna's widow, Phyllis, the inn's management aims to unveil a 90-foot-long whopper, fed by a 25-foot waterfall, by the end of August. At the shallow end will be a 30-foot-wide beach. A new spa complex and fitness center are expected to be completed by the end of August.

"It's like trying to keep a museum relevant," says Clint Pearce, the Madonnas' son-in-law and real estate manager for Madonna Enterprises.

This development may not put San Luis Obispo in competition with the extravaganzas of Las Vegas, but it probably will get the attention of many families with young children who have traditionally bypassed the inn for the swim-friendly amenities

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SHEILA SOBCHIK MUSTANG DAILY

Once Poly Canyon Village is completed, Cal Poly will be able to house 6,200 students total — the most of any California State University school. Its two parking structures will add about 1,900 spots.

Village on schedule

Daniel Seguin
MUSTANG DAILY

The Poly Canyon Village project is currently running on time and within the budget and is scheduled to open by fall 2009.

The complex will consist of nine buildings and two parking structures, and the project is split into two phases: Phase 1 consists of the first four buildings; Phase 2 will see the construction of the rest.

Scott Bloom, Cal Poly project manager for Facilities Planning and Capital Projects, said that the project is coming along at a good pace.

"We will be completing Phase 1 in June 2008," Bloom said. "The second phase will be completed by June 2009."

Poly Canyon Village will feature many improved features to on-campus housing, including courtyards, a small wading pool, common rooms and computer service.

"Each courtyard and the pool area will have access to Wi-Fi service," Bloom said. "Inside the buildings, there will be hardwire connection in each bedroom." He added that Building A will have a knowledge center with computer-oriented technology.

The overall budget for the project is \$300 million and the contract with the university totaled just under \$240 million.

For more information, including sustainable development, on the Poly Canyon Village Project, visit: <http://polycanyonvillage.calpoly.edu>.

Library to keep doors open later fall quarter

Michelle Norgan
MUSTANG DAILY

The Robert E. Kennedy Library is extending its hours starting fall quarter to give students more time to study, and will be open until 2 a.m. on weekdays.

"We are looking to be more responsive to student needs and more supportive," Dean of library services Michael Miller said.

The library will be reconfigured this summer, so that the reading room can be left open to students while the rest of the library is closed down.

Miller said that one of the major concerns in having the room open until the early morning is the safety of those students using it. He said they will be installing security cameras and panic buttons which will be directly connected to University Police.

"There will also be police patrol checks periodically, because it is important to provide personal security for people in the library," Miller said.

He said that the University Police Department has been involved in these plans throughout and that they have always been quick to respond on the few occasions when there was a problem in the library.

"I think this will be a good idea especially around midterms and finals because students tend to leave everything until the last

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Abortion discussion prompts march

Giana Magnoli
MUSTANG DAILY

Following the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Gonzales v. Carhart* to uphold the Partial Birth Abortion Act of 2003, the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) was introduced into Congress in April.

The FOCA aims "to protect, consistent with *Roe v. Wade*, a woman's freedom to choose to bear a child or terminate a pregnancy, and for other purposes."

"The Freedom of Choice Act affirms that every woman has the fundamental right to choose to bear a child or terminate a pregnancy," said Lois Capps, congressional representative of the 23rd district, in an e-mail. "And that the federal government is prohibited from interfering with a woman's right to exercise those choices."

While the FOCA is some legislators' form of rebuttal against the

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Students marched in silence from Dexter Lawn to the UU Plaza, where they discussed the Freedom of Choice Act on May 22.

COURTESY PHOTO

Abortion

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Gonzales v. Carhart decision, Cal Poly students had their own approach.

On May 22, about 25 students silently marched from Dexter Lawn to the University Union Plaza, where they encouraged discussion of the decision.

They decided to be silent because "this decision effectively silences women and their doctors (regarding second and third trimester abortion)," said Ruth Osorio, English senior and member of Cal Poly Women's Awareness, the student-run club that organized the event.

"We realize that San Luis Obispo is a small town," Osorio said. "We may not enact major social change in Washington, D.C., but we also realize that not many people knew about it ... every person I talked to didn't know what happened."

The group utilized Free Speech Hour, 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays, to draw attention to why they were

marching and hand out information to other students.

Their main goal was to encourage discussion, industrial engineering junior Erica Janoff said. Many people look to other groups on campus to inform them.

"It's difficult on a conservative campus to spread word about more liberal-minded things, but most people appreciated the effort we made," she said.

They got a mixed response, Osorio said. "Most people's response was curiosity, wanting more information."

Cal Poly Women's Awareness club members decided to organize the event about a week after the court decision, Osorio said. The CPWA members made up about a third of the marchers, with a few members of the Cal Poly Democrats and some people who had just heard about it, she said. About one-third of

the participation was male.

Part of the group's motivations came from a "lack of media coverage" due to timing of the decision, Osorio said. The decision was announced two days after the Virginia

others from California; and 18 in the Senate, including California's senators and presidential hopefuls Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. It was introduced by Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.

"I believe that my support for this legislation represents both my district and my personal beliefs," Capps said in an e-mail. "I have received tremendous support from my constituents regarding my stance on a woman's right to choose."

"As for personal beliefs, as a health professional, it is imperative that the federal government not get involved in a decision that must be made between a woman and her health care provider."

The 5-4 Gonzales v. Carhart Supreme Court decision states that the Partial Abortion Ban Act's failure to include a provision allowing for a woman's health "does not have the effect of imposing an unconstitutional burden on the abortion right."

"First, the court ignored recom-

mendations from health care professionals and prohibited a procedure that is medically appropriate," Capps said. "Worse, though, is the fact that the decision sets precedence for failing to include exceptions to account for the health of the mother."

Though the decision stated that the act's prohibition would be unconstitutional if it subjected to women to significant health risks, it also stated that evidence presented in trial courts demonstrated that "both sides have medical support for their positions. The court's precedents instruct that the act can survive facial attack when this medical uncertainty persists."

Opponents of the decision feel differently.

"I think that potential effects of this ruling could be the performance of alternative procedures that may in fact be riskier for the health of the woman," Capps said. "It could also force health care professionals into a dangerous position of having to choose between upholding their professional oaths to act in the best interests of their patients' health and breaking federal law."

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—Lois Capps

Congressional representative of the 23rd district

Library

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minute," business sophomore Dhimant Patel said. "Also, a lot of girls end up leaving early or calling friends to walk with them because the library doesn't provide anything, so these new services (safety procedures) will be great."

Miller said that the library is also in the process of a renovation project that would probably be completed around 2013.

"Once that happens then we could do extended access," Miller said.

With the addition of four or five full-time employees, the library could remain open 24 hours, Miller said.

The renovations would also create room to add group study spaces

and a coffee shop.

"We are investigating this now and are hopeful that we may be able to do that even sooner," Miller said.

He said that these changes have been due in large part to the involvement of students involved in the Associated Students Inc. student advisory committee. Through this students are able to give input and help the library to better serve student needs.

Another big part of the extended hours will be student comfort. In addition to giving students an opportunity to have a coffee shop, students are also welcome to bring their own food, Miller said.

"This building is a food-friendly building now, which I don't think many people realize," he said.

"Most people like food and drink when they work and we know this helps students be more productive."

The only part of the building that Miller said is strictly off-limits to food is the Special Collections department, where irreplaceable documents are kept.

Mechanical engineering sophomore Dane Tiemeier said that although he doesn't personally use the library to study in, he can see the benefits it will have. He said that the major complaint he hears from friends is that the library closes so early.

"As long as they assure that safe rides will be available, I think this extra time will bring about the best cramming sessions this school has ever seen," Tiemeier said.

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Republicans gather in New Hampshire for third debate

Glen Johnson
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MANCHESTER, N.H. — Republican divisions over immigration loomed large as the 10 GOP presidential candidates gathered in the early primary state of New Hampshire for their third debate.

Hours before the debate, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., tried to preempt criticism of legislation he helped craft for President Bush, telling an audience in Gilford, N.H.: "Do I think it's perfect? No. I would remind you the Democrats are in majority in both houses now and we have to deal with them to resolve this issue."

McCain stands alone among GOP hopefuls in backing the bipartisan bill. The measure would tighten security on the Mexican border while allowing some of the 12 million illegal immigrants a chance to stay in the United States and eventually become citizens.

He has faced criticism from his rivals who oppose the measure, in particular Mitt Romney and Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., who contends the bill would grant amnesty to illegal aliens.

Also participating in the debate were former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback, former Govs. Mike Huckabee of Arkansas, Jim Gilmore of Virginia and Tommy Thompson

of Wisconsin, and Reps. Duncan Hunter of California and Ron Paul of Texas.

On Tuesday, Tancredo stood outside Republican Sen. Judd Gregg's New Hampshire office and said he would start a petition drive and volunteer network to help voters campaign against senators who support the White House-backed immigration plan.

"For a Republican to be talking about other Republicans, trying to take them on and defeat them in primaries, that's a somewhat injudicious thing for me to do. But this is an issue that surpasses all the niceties that go along with political camaraderie that you develop," Tancredo said.

Gregg has said he won't decide how to vote until he's seen all the details of the bill. He dismissed people who use "a jingoistic and demagogic approach of opposition to immigrants as a way to raise their own political visibility."

Romney has complained that a so-called Z visa included in the immigration legislation would allow the 12 million illegal immigrants already in the country to remain indefinitely, letting them jump ahead of other foreigners seeking to emigrate legally. He has proposed making the visas temporary, forcing recipients to seek permanent immigrant status or leave the country.

State

COLEVILLE (AP) — A wildfire burning on the Sierra's eastern front forced the evacuation of more than 200 people in Mono County on Tuesday and the closure of a 40-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 395 south of the Nevada line.

Fueled by winds gusting up to 60 mph over the ridge tops, the fire tripled in size from an estimated 200 acres to more than 600 acres by late afternoon, said Mark Struble, a spokesman for the Sierra Front Interagency Fire Dispatch Center.

About 50 homes were immediately threatened and another 150 structures were in the area of the fire, he said.

FRESNO (AP) — A revered leader of the Hmong-American community was among 10 men arrested and charged this week with plotting to overthrow the Laotian regime in a case that has shaken the growing immigrant community.

Elders often credit Vang Pao, a former general in the Royal Army of Laos who led Hmong counterinsurgents, with helping them build new lives in the U.S.

Briefs

National

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison Tuesday for lying and obstructing the CIA leak investigation — the probe that showed a White House obsessed with criticism of its decision to go to war.

I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, the highest-ranking White House official sentenced to prison since the Iran-Contra affair, asked for leniency, but a federal judge said he would not reward someone who hindered the investigation into the exposure of a CIA operative.

HAMPTON, Va. (AP) — Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama said Tuesday that the Bush administration has done nothing to defuse a "quiet riot" among blacks that threatens to erupt just as riots in Los Angeles did 15 years ago.

The first-term Illinois senator said that with black people from New Orleans and the Gulf Coast still displaced 20 months after Hurricane Katrina, frustration and resentments are building explosively as they did before the 1992 riots.

International

MUSCAT, Oman (AP) — Thousands of people fled low-lying areas as the strongest cyclone to threaten the Arabian Peninsula in 60 years blasted Oman's eastern coast early Wednesday with strong winds and waves, Civil Defense officials said. Southern Iran and the oil-rich Persian Gulf were next in its path.

Cyclone-force winds of Gonu, which had been churning northwest through the Indian Ocean, reached the Omani coastal towns of Sur and Ra's al-Hadd.

Civil Defense said the storm was dropping heavy rains on the capital, Muscat, and other nearby towns, but it was not known if the storm was causing any damage.

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide car bomber struck a group of tribal chiefs who opposed al-Qaida, killing at least 18 in a market area near Fallujah.

Tuesday's attack underscored the difficulties facing Sunni leaders in trying to wrest control of Anbar province from the terror network.

Much of the al-Buissa tribe has formed an alliance against al-Qaida in Iraq, which has alienated more moderate Sunnis with its brutality and dependence on foreign fighters.



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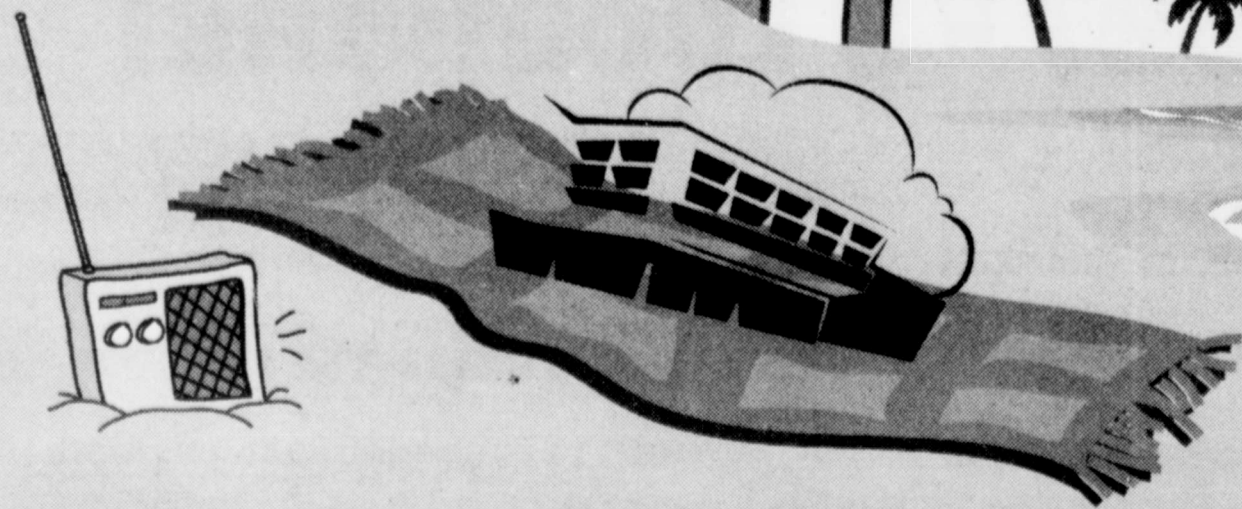
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Madonna designed much of his inn's exterior — three parts Swiss, one part Old West — and took his breakfast, lunch and dinner daily on the premises for decades, running his construction and ranch ventures from the tabletop of his chosen dining-room booth. Table-mate Phyllis han-

"The last thing we want to do is abandon what made us famous," says Clint Pearce, back at the inn. "But at the same time, we want to make sure we still have what it takes."



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Paul McCartney out of steam on new CD 'Memory Almost Full'

John C. Schlotfelt
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I think Paul McCartney has really struck upon something: Our memories have had just about all the McCartney we can handle.

We're inundated with images of Paul (and those three other guys) in suits, mop-topped dos, and Italian boots. Is there any room for more McCartney? Lately: No.

Granted, it's nearly impossible for the former Beatle to string together a poor set of chords or a half-baked melody, on the contrary.

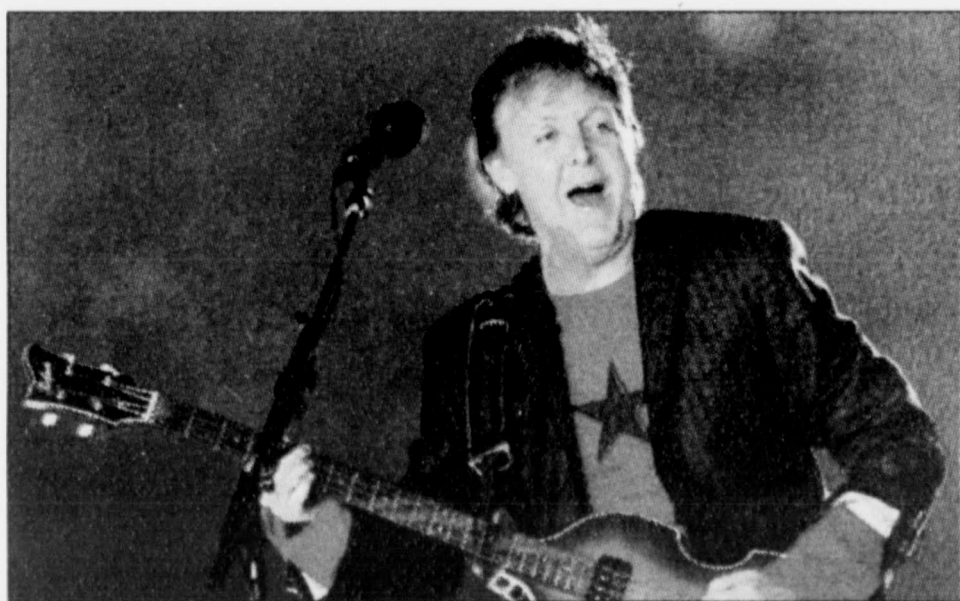
However, the lyrics filling his usual shimmering melodies have been on the decline.

"Everybody gonna dance tonight/ Everybody gonna feel all right" is the kind of "poetry" McCartney's putting forth on "Memory Almost Full."

Ultimately, "Memory Almost Full" wouldn't make any waves at all if the 60-plus gent down the street put it out.

The lyrics reek of nostalgia, but McCartney's genre-jumping smacks of a 20-year-old. If you can ignore the trite rhymes, and Sir Paul's aversion to cohesion, however, this becomes as effortlessly enjoyable as the rest of his recent output. In fact, the less you think about it, the better.

Standouts: "See Your Sunshine," "Mr. Bellamy."



COURTESY PHOTO

Former Beatles rocker Paul McCartney hits some less than stellar notes in his newest album "Memory Almost Full."



BRENNAN ANGEL MUSTANG DAILY

A nacho enthusiast digs into a big pile of cheesy, meaty goodness at Pepe Delgado's, a local Mexican food restaurant. Pepe's nachos were voted third place with an average score of 8.4 out of 15 due to excessive jalapeños.

'Tour de Cheese' continues

MUSTANGDAILY 2-PART SERIES

Tyler Wise
MUSTANG DAILY

And now, the continuation of Mustang Daily's first-person account of Nacho Tour, a Tour de Cheesy Force in downtown San Luis Obispo.

Downtown Brewing Co.: Into the saucy twilight

It was near 8:30 p.m. as we began the long journey into downtown San Luis Obispo. Some of the party decided to peace out early and our numbers dwindled down to about 15 to 20. No bother for the diehards and one enthusiastic reporter; we were hell-bent on completing the Nacho Tour.

After we trickled through Farmers'

Market, we found our way to Downtown Brewing Co. and propped ourselves on a couple of stools in the establishment's plush second-story bar/lounge.

By this point, the company was getting more and more saucy, and there was a steady and increasing flow of beer and cocktails.

"Oh my god, my philosophy teacher drew '69' on the chalkboard and had no idea what it meant," someone in our entourage said. "Oh really? Well, my mom asked me what 'dry humping' was. She had no clue," said another.

"I'm really trying to stay away from Cactus Coolers because I'm kind of a health nut," said a girl at my table, while two guys across from me knocked glasses and yelled, "Living the dream, baby. Oh yeah." Did I mention we were getting nachos?

When the nachos finally arrived, they were truly a sight to behold. Crispy, oven baked tortilla chips, diced onions, olives, black beans, sour cream, salsa, guacamole, freaking loads of jalapeños, and diced carne asada — sheer excellence.

I gave Downtown Brewing Co.'s nachos 13 out of 15 for original ingredients and unmatched taste. My only knock against them was, well, actually, I can't remember, but I had to be a scrupulous perfectionist, so I couldn't possibly give them a perfect score.

Spike's: The mission that never was

To the courteous folks at Spikes: We failed you. Sadly, the Nacho Tour would end that Thursday night at Downtown Brew. It was 10:15 p.m., and the party was sure that the kitchen was closed at Spike's. The Nacho Tour will see you next year.

As for the winner, Agribusiness senior Jessica Wallstrom informed me that Pepe Delgado's came in third with an average score of 8.4, Downtown Brew came in second with an average score of 10.4, and Viarta's took the crown with an average score of 12.

As for myself, I learned a couple of things about nacho critiquing, and made some new friends along the tour. I found the members who joined the adventure to be a fun and inviting lot, worthy of this detailed account of our nacho-munching endeavor.

MUSTANG DAILY CORRECTIONS

The Mustang Daily staff takes pride in publishing a daily newspaper for the Cal Poly campus and the neighboring community. We appreciate your readership and are thankful for your careful reading. Please send your correction suggestions to mustangdaily@gmail.com.

• A Spotlight story published on June 5 incorrectly stated that Nacho Tour is sponsored by Associated Students Inc. and Poly Escapes. In fact, the event has no affiliation with either organization.

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'Knock' yourself out at the movies

Katherine Heigl, Ben Stone get it on in new comedy 'Knocked Up'

Cassie Gaeto
MUSTANG DAILY

Late night clubbing, a drunken sexual encounter, an awkward morning-after followed by a certain stick turning blue eight weeks later is not very funny if it happens to you but it does set the stage for one amazing comedy.



"Knocked Up" is director Judd Apatow's first follow-up to the 2005 surprise hit "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" and he did anything but disappoint.

Through great casting, character development and hilarious dialogue, "Knocked Up" is destined to land a spot next to its predecessor in the comedic hall of fame.

Alison Scott, played by Katherine Heigl of "Grey's Anatomy," and Ben Stone, played by "40 Year-Old Virgin" veteran Seth Rogen, are leading very different lives when they meet scrambling to order at the bar of a crowded club.

Scott is out celebrating her job promotion at E! Entertainment Television while the unemployed Stone kicks it with his crew of slacker buddies.

Two Coronas lead to shots which pave the way for the age old question — want to come to my place?

Ultimately, it is a condom miscommunication in the heat of the moment that lands Scott and Stone in their unplanned

pregnancy nightmare.

After deciding to keep the baby, the leading couple sets out to get to know each other and put forth a real effort to create a relationship.

What follows is a courtship involving trips to the gynecologist, shopping for baby clothes and meeting the whacky friends and family in each others lives.

Rogan is not your typical leading man, sweeping the girl off of her feet, but his endearing clueless behavior makes the movie.

Prior to the one-night stand, Stone's laidback lifestyle wasn't much more than smoking weed, making bets with his friends and working on a celebrity nudity Web site. His journey from deadbeat 20-something to wannabe dad is funny and full of heart.

Although Heigl and Rogan are the lead story line, supporting cast Leslie Mann and Paul Rudd, playing Heigl's sister and brother-in-law, do just as good of a job commanding the audience's attention through their love-hate marriage.

Both actors had roles in "The 40 Year-Old Virgin" and their on-screen comedic chemistry and witty banter are unbeatable.

Both onscreen couples had their ups and downs, Apatow developed the two relationships side by side to show the audience it doesn't matter if you just had a

one night stand or have been married for 10 years, all relationships are about the same things.

Although this film has a strong backbone, it is not without great one-liners and raunchy jokes. Stone's gang of loser friends are constantly involved in a never-ending game of put-downs and name calling as they watch porn and have gladiator-style fights in their backyard.

"Knocked Up" tackles all of the fears and insecurities that go along with commitment and major responsibilities with a lighthearted approach.

The movie's characters, aside from Heigl, are much goofier than they are beautiful, making their personas relatable, not stereotypical.

With a summer line-up chalked full of blockbuster sequels and big studio action adventures, an unassuming film like "Knocked Up" is a great alternative so funny it could have only stemmed from a one-night stand gone awry.



COURTESY PHOTO

Grey's Anatomy star Katherine Heigl takes a break from delivering babies to having them with co-star Seth Rogen in "Knocked Up."

"Knocked Up"



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'It's a Wonderful Lie' gives college grads a look into the future, but it's kind of cloudy

John Mayer sings about it and Zach Braff made a movie about it, but is there really such a thing as a "quarterlife crisis"? The authors of the 26 essays in "It's a Wonderful Lie" prove it exists, with personal testimony about the transition between school and the "real world."

The foreword describes the quarterlife crisis as "the response to reach-

ing the turning point between young adulthood and adulthood; it is the amalgamation of doubt, confusion, and fear that comes with facing an overwhelming set of identity issues and societal expectations at once."

Previous generations got married or embarked on a career right out of college, (one author says, "Had I been born a century or even a decade earlier, my twenties would likely have

been spent trying to get married, or being married and trying to have babies, or raising babies") but today's college graduates are finding themselves in a black hole of sorts.

"It's as if ... we pull over our graduation tassels and suddenly are expected to become equipped emotionally, pragmatically, and financially to make ... major decisions ... " the book complains, "but that's not the way it works."

With graduation fast approaching (or looming, depending on your viewpoint), it's comforting to know everyone doesn't have their life completely planned out at the age of 22, as the anthology's authors reassure their audience. Even those who thought they had their future signed and

sealed along with their diploma found that life often takes a different course.

Each of the essays falls into one of five "lies" about life in your 20s, including "I'll have an amazing apartment and love my job" and "I'll know myself — and what I want." These

essays contradict each expectation, but end with the message that life's unpredictability isn't always negative.

"It's a Wonderful Lie" often disappoints in substance. It offers a cloud of

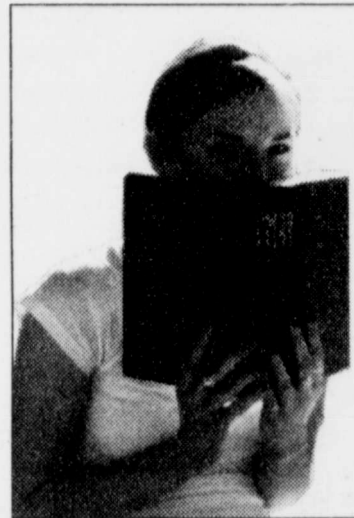
fluffy pink cotton candy — delicious, but unsatisfying. As a reader I found myself hungry for something a bit more meaty — a book with less personal anecdotes and more helpful advice.

Several essays whine about how confusing it was when Daddy stopped paying the credit card bills. Others dangerously border on a "Cathy" comic strip. Luckily if you don't like one essay there are twenty five others you might enjoy or be able to relate to more.

That said, "It's a Wonderful Lie" expresses what the soon-to-be college graduate thinks, but hasn't yet put into words. One sentence in particular hit me hard. "I missed the feeling of popping into a local bar and knowing that there would be familiar faces inside, the assurance that walking down the street would turn up friends in cafes and bookstores." If nothing else, this anthology will certainly make the reader reluctant to graduate into the cold hard world the authors inhabit — where you have no friends, a dead end job, a rat-infested apartment and no money to buy food.

"It's a Wonderful Lie" is in essence 26 warnings about maintaining a practical view of the future. You're probably not going to become a CEO or get a spacious loft in Soho right out of college, but be patient. The authors stress the fact that life takes time, but things eventually work out for the best.

Haley Stocking
is an English senior with a minor in theatre and is a Mustang Daily book reviewer.



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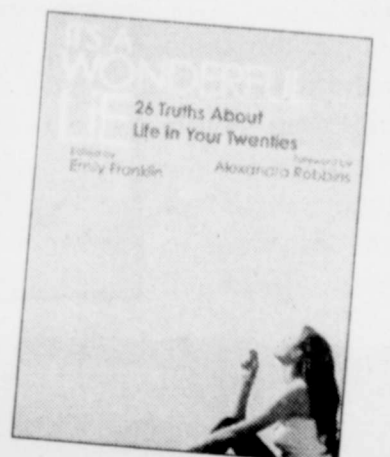
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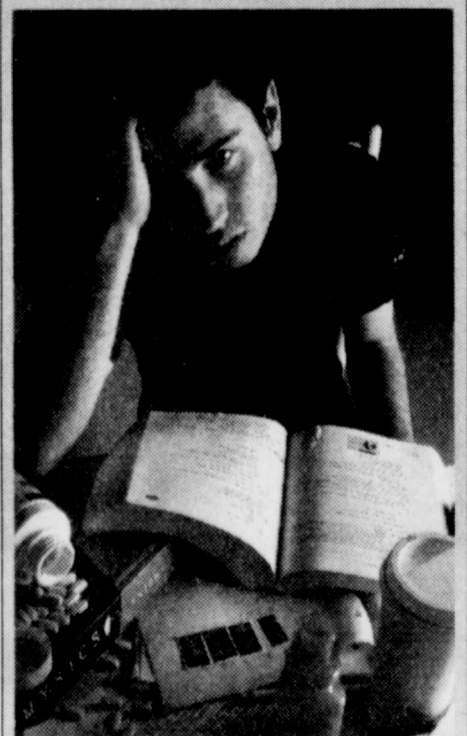
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"It's a beautiful conglomeration of dead trees, ink, sweat, tears, blood and AP newswire."

The critics of George W. Bush will say that as a president, he is a poor decision maker, a bad public speaker, and a stubborn leader that refuses to change his mind. The Bush presidency is not without its faults, but many of these faults are exaggerated. In fact, there have been numerous successes.

Believe it or not, President Bush is not as stubborn as the media portrays him, and he has actually been willing to negotiate and reconsider many things. The recent immigration bill is case in point. Instead of merely succumbing to the pressures of some Republicans that want to deport nearly 12 million illegal immigrants who are working in this country, the president has offered a plan that will actually solve the problem. The plan incorporates concerns for tighter border security and allows for a path to citizenship.

Of course, this plan that tackles the reality of the situation has been under assault from nearly every side of the immigration debate. However, if the bill is successful, history might see Bush as a decent negotiator that helped solve the immigration crisis. While solving the problem will be challenging, he should get credit for trying to tackle the

problem and for addressing so many different points of view.

Perhaps one of the least mentioned (but maybe the most interesting) change in the Bush presidency is his stance on climate change. Contrary to popular belief, Bush actually has a decent environmental record. Since 2001, harmful air pollutants have decreased more than 10 percent.

Through Farm Bill conservation programs, nearly 200 million acres of land have been conserved. Bush also made a commitment to fight climate change by setting as a goal an 18 percent reduction in greenhouse gas intensity (a measurement of greenhouse gas emis-

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sions relative to economic activity) by 2012 compared to 2002.

Last week, the president offered a new plan to combat climate change by gathering the largest carbon emitters by the end of 2008 and to develop climate goals with other countries. This seems like a policy shift for a president that rejected the Kyoto treaty.

throw a temper tantrum at the people crossing the street."

I'm astonished that after four, or maybe even five years in a "real major" you haven't learned to prepare for obvious situations like that. I guess that's something to be learned by those with "non-real majors." Or is it "unreal majors"? Regardless, somehow it rubbed off on me and a lot of other people. They really should quarantine "real majors" from "unreal majors" so crackpot theories like that don't infest our incredibly sophisticated brains.

Regardless, pedestrian congestion is obviously a problem that will not be resolved on an individual basis. Having one in every 10 people stop to let two cars go by doesn't really change anything.

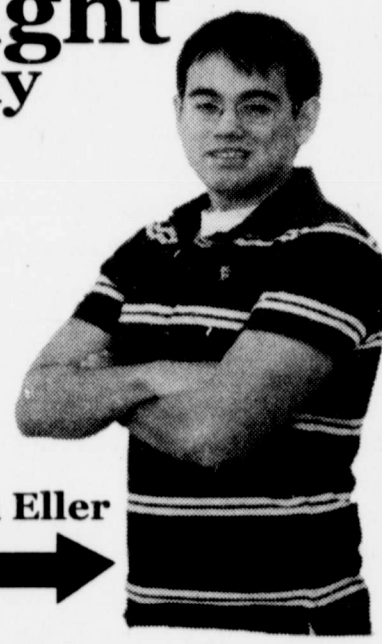
An ounce of awareness by both parties in conjunction with efforts by campus police is an actual solution. Anyway, good

However, it represents a continuing policy that tries to balance environmental protection with economic development. If climate change is as drastic a problem as many believe it to be, the solution must be to develop newer, more effective technologies, which can only come with a growing economy. Likewise, a more prosperous nation can ultimately devote more resources to environmental protection. This president has certainly maintained a healthy economy, which was spurred on by his tax

cuts. Unemployment is low (4.5 percent), the Dow Jones continues to teach new highs (just recently went past 13,000 points) and college graduates can expect more job offers with higher salaries.

However, despite any success on domestic issues for Bush, his legacy will ultimately be linked to the war in Iraq and the larger war on terror. Sixty-three years ago today, American troops began to liberate Europe from a terrible evil. On this day alone, over 6,000 American soldiers died in Normandy in the name of democracy and freedom. Today's war in Iraq has cost the lives of over 3,500 American soldiers.

The Right Way



Brian Eller

While there was an eventual victory in World War II, the war in Iraq and the war on terror may continue for years to come. However, the objectives are ultimately the same. While Iraq may not be a great success story, America has continued to pursue freedom and democracy. Likewise, the president has made commitments to prevent any future attacks against America, and since Sept. 11, there have been no major terrorist attacks on this country. Although "no terrorist attack today" doesn't get very many headlines, it may actually be the greatest success of this administration.

Brian Eller is a materials engineering junior and Mustang Daily political columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Actual solution needed for pedestrian problem

In response to Damien Micallef's letter ("Pedestrians begging to be run over on campus," June 4), you do make a good point. People do "cross the street blabbing on their cell phones or listening to their iPods." Actually, I'm one of them.

See, the thing is, perhaps in that whole mess of people crossing the street, there may just be people with "real majors" also trying to get to class on time. And maybe, just maybe, they're thinking to themselves, "Boy, I'm glad I left five minutes earlier than usual at this busy time of the day so that I can be sure to get to class on time and not

luck with that holier than thou attitude.

Stephen McDaniel
Mechanical engineering senior

Don't drive or walk; ride your bike

It's funny how dependent we've become on automobiles. I broke my collar bone and had to drive to school for the first time in my four years here at Poly. It takes me 10 to 15 minutes to ride my bike whereas it takes me a good half-hour to drive when taking parking and walking across campus into account. Biking is a pleasant and fun activity. It is very different from driving, which is rather irritating as it can be seen in the "Pedestrians begging to be run over" commentary by Damien Micallef.

Here are some ideas for healthy change:

1) Raise parking fees, and invest them in bike-oriented programs. UCSC charges about \$230 a quarter and consequently

has an excellent public transportation system since many depend on it.

2) We need bike paths away from cars which will avoid bicycle-automobile collisions. A path along the railroad track is waiting to happen.

We need to realize that bikes are a great investment. People spend thousands of dollars buying a car, insurance, parking fees, gas, etc. But when it comes to bikes, they hold tight to "that dough," maybe spending \$50 on a poorly assembled "junkie" from Costco with shitty parts. Those cheapos fall apart quickly and end up costing more in the long run, or stored in a garage permanently.

Invest in a good bike, keep the tires pumped and chain lubed, bring it to the shop once or twice a year for tune-ups, and the machine will serve you for the rest of your life.

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Hurkos

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ming since they were 2 years old.

"We needed to burn off extra energy I guess when we were little, so our parents just threw us in the water," Chris said.

Milich is not surprised to see triplets on the Mustangs.

"In general, swimming runs in families," he said.

Although the triplets have practiced and competed together for the duration of their swimming careers, Chris, Andrew and Stephen are three different swimmers, Milich said.

Andrew competes in the backstroke and IM for Cal Poly, while Chris swims the butterfly and IM. Stephen competes in freestyle and butterfly.

The triplets were involved in both swimming and soccer growing up, but ultimately chose swimming when they entered high school.

"On a hot day, I'd rather be in a pool than on a field," Andrew said.

Andrew was captain of the swim team from 2003-04 at Leigh High in San Jose, the brothers' hometown. Chris is a former six-time all-league event winner, and Stephen earned all-league honors in the 200 freestyle and 200 free relay.

Swimming serves as a fun, competitive hobby and as a stress reliever for the Hurkos.

"I like that when I'm in the water, I don't think about class, I don't think about if I have a midterm. I just clear my mind,"

Andrew said.

Even if Chris has had a bad day, swimming turns it around.

"Once I'm done with practice, I feel better," he said. "I have no energy, but I somehow feel better, like I've accomplished something."

Although the Hurkos sometimes dread attending hard practices, especially distance-day Mondays, they know the harder practices will make them faster, better, stronger.

To break up the monotony of the longer, more boring distance-

day workouts,

Stephen sings songs and tries to remember arbitrary pieces of information as he swims.

"It's fun because when you're tired and you're oxygen-deprived you can't recall much," he said.

During the Monday practice

after the Sunday NFL Draft in April, Stephen focused his attention on trying to remember the first 32 picks. He got to pick seven.

As members of the men's swimming and diving team, the Hurkos spend a lot of their time balancing swim training with homework and a social life.

"I think we'll always fit in the social life," Andrew said. "It's just a matter of fitting in the school and the swimming."

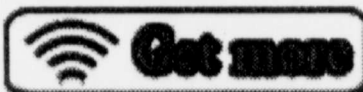
Stephen feels being involved in competitive sports helps him manage his time.

"When we were in our offseason

for two weeks, I just didn't get anything done," he said. "I had no structure in my life."

Chris said that swimming, school and a social life all fits together well, "it's just sometimes you think about how much better other things would fit in if you didn't have swimming."

Despite some difficulties in having a busy schedule, none of the brothers feel they've missed out on anything by swimming competitively.



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Stephen considered joining a fraternity his freshman year. Instead, they feel like they've gained friends by being a part of a close-knit team.

"Everyone's a good friend, everyone gets along really well," Stephen said.

The brothers have

as much fun as they can during an intense practice session.

"You have to think of really good jokes because you only have a 10-second window to say them," Stephen said, describing the exchange of one-liners between sets.

Milich said he expects Andrew, Chris and Stephen to continue to work and improve as swimmers on the men's swimming and diving team in future years.

The triplets agree, planning to stay with the team.

"This is probably as much fun as I could be having," Chris said.

Ducks can make history tonight at home

Anaheim faces off with Ottawa at the Honda Center at 5 tonight on NBC.

Ira Podell
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ANAHEIM — Now that the Anaheim Ducks have that elusive road win, they are ready to do what they do best: close things out at home.

Twice the Ducks have reached the Stanley Cup Finals and both times they were perfect on home ice and inept in enemy territory. That all changed in Canada's capital city on Monday and set up an NHL-style beach party.

Anaheim leads the Ottawa Senators 3-1 in the best-of-seven series and can capture the Stanley Cup for the first time tonight. The Ducks are 5-0 in the finals at the place formerly known as the Pond and 7-0 there when they have a chance to finish off a series.

"We learned a lot of lessons the last two years," said captain Scott Niedermayer, a three-time Cup champion with New Jersey — including in 2003 over Anaheim. "All those past situations, we'll be able to go back and those will help."

Anaheim snapped a five-game road losing streak in the finals by beating the Senators 3-2, and did it without key defenseman Chris Pronger, who served a one-game suspension for elbowing Ottawa's Dean McAmmond in the head during the third period of Game 3.

The Norris Trophy finalist will be back in the lineup tonight in what surely will be a raucous arena ready to celebrate.

Both sides are well aware the Cup will be in the building.

"We can't change the way we want to play just because of the implications of the game," Pronger said. "We've got to come out and compete and make sure that this is our best game of the series."

Track

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she is working hard to accomplish in the near future.

"I want to keep training so that I can go to the trials," Day said. "My goal is to try and make the Olympic team next summer."

Of Reid's Olympic prospects, Conover said: "I think he has the tal-

ent, the ability, the training behind him and more training in the future to seriously succeed. He can be the real deal and a big-time player in the Olympics."

But first, Conover and Co. hope this weekend goes well.

"These three that are going to the NCAAAs are real quality athletes," Conover said. "I have confidence they will all do well."

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Frankly

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men's tennis players piled in with body paint, signs were strewn throughout the crowd and the Mustang Marching Band rocked out to no end. Before the match began, a

group of my track teammates and I started a "Let's go Poly" chant that spread across Mott as the teams took the court.

I will always remember the only sold-out crowd I witnessed in Mott Gym as a student — Cal Poly's volleyball team on Dec. 1, 2006.

That game was my favorite memo-

ry as a Cal Poly student-fan, but it isn't without company. Watching Cal Poly's football squad post an 18-14 comeback win over Southern Utah last September gave me chills as the Mustangs posted 15 points in the fourth quarter in front of a capacity crowd.

I also had the privilege of watching

both of the men's basketball team's wins over UC Santa Barbara this year. I joined the Mustang Maniacs at both games and did my best to contribute to their madness.

At times it was difficult doubling as a journalist and an athlete. On a few occasions I had to write less-than-flattering articles about people I saw in the weight room every morning at 7 a.m.

There are still athletes who give me dirty looks when I'm walking around Mott Gym.

Let's make this clear: I rooted for every team on this campus — I made it to wrestling and tennis matches, to women's and men's basketball games, to futbol Americano and soccer contests; when the time came, I put the reporter's cap on and went to work. I understood the commitment I had to both Cal Poly athletics and the news-

paper and had to respect both sides. Hopefully the followers of this column had as much fun reading as I had writing. Each Wednesday I tried to top what was written the previous week. From references to "Borat" to random ramblings about playing tennis with Carol Erickson or wrestling with Darrell Vasquez, I weaved whatever came to mind into these stories in an effort to entertain and inform.

To close this column, I'd like to give a shout out to all the Cal Poly athletes for putting up with my attempts to weigh in on Cal Poly sports. I also want to thank Tristan Aird, this year's sports editor, for giving me a chance to continue writing the column. And, finally, a big shout out to roommates Greg, Dustin and Mike for putting up with my constant jabs in the column.

Thanks for reading, Cal Poly.

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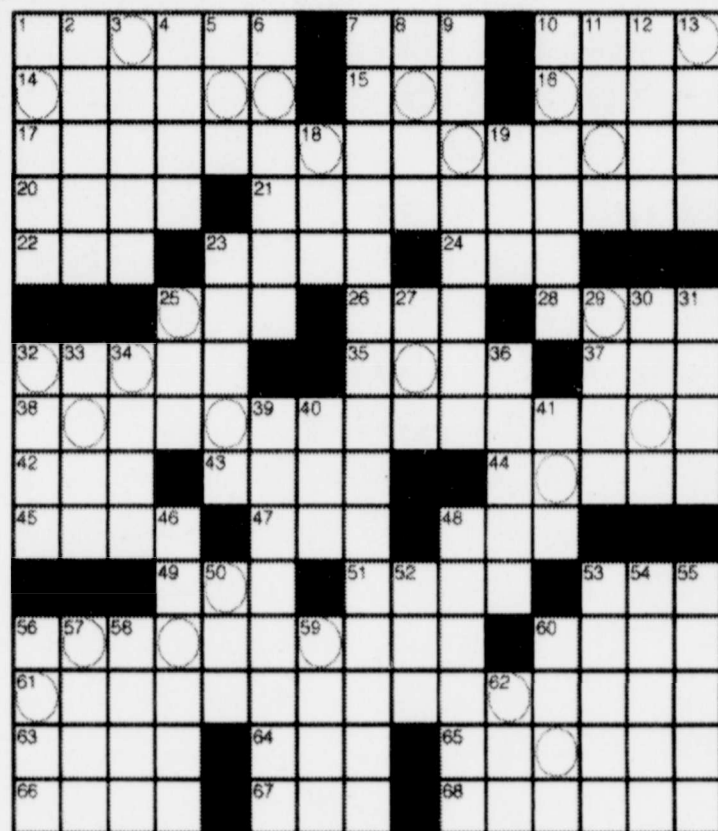
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 - Word on a Mexican stop sign
 - Bugged
 - French flower
 - 1/100 of a euro
 - Vainglory
 - On the side of
 - Part of the verb "to be," to Popeye
 - Overlook
 - "September 1, 1939" poet
 - Old Asian ruler

- 37 Jaffa's land: Abbr.
- 38 Figuring something out
- 42 A hallucinogen
- 43 Hanging ____ a thread
- 44 August 15, 1945
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- 48 Carrier with the in-flight magazine
- 49 Actress Gardner
- 51 Cries during a paso doble
- 53 "It's not TV. It's ____"

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- Sony co-founder Morita
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- Use 7-Down
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- On
- MS. enclosure
- Argued (for)
- 10th anniversary gift
- Scandal sheet
- Neighbor of Gabon
- Quagmire
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- Pirate captain of legend
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- U.S. ally in W.W. II



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NBA Finals

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Conference Finals against Detroit.

Since then, James' offensive prowess has dominated most talk about the finals. But Bowen isn't necessarily buying into it, especially not when the finals start Thursday in San Antonio.

"I think Michael Jordan's 60-something points in Boston was

incredible. Now do I think it got this much media coverage? No. Did it deserve it? You could say it did," Bowen said. "Magic Johnson, his rookie year in the NBA, the show he put on in Philly. That is huge. But it goes to show you that if you're not playing anymore, it's, 'OK, well, we're looking for the next best thing.'"

"I think it was impressive what he did and going through my mind, it's nothing, because I'm not there, I'm not a Detroit Piston, I'm just watching the game as an avid fan," Bowen added.

But don't get Bowen wrong. It's not as if he hasn't taken notice of James' skills.

"It's a matter of him being their foundation, their go-to guy, and he's going to do that night-in and night-out and it's important for us to come with our hard hats and be ready to play," Bowen said.

Bowen is used to the position he'll be in for the next couple weeks.

"Everyone has an opinion. And I can't allow other's opinions to affect who I am or what I do," Bowen said.

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Swimming bonds Hurko triplets

Brooke Robertson
MUSTANG DAILY

The Hurko brothers are accustomed to being stared at.

Sophomores at Cal Poly, the brothers are all on the Mustang men's swimming and diving team and share classes, extracurricular activities, an apartment and a face.



Andrew Hurko

Identical triplets Chris, Andrew and Stephen Hurko receive "a lot of a w k w a r d stares," Stephen said.

Putting a bewildered look on his face, Stephen turned his head three times and stared, shocked at the supposed image of he and his brothers walking the same route to the same class a few minutes apart from each other.



Chris Hurko



Stephen Hurko

"It's like triple déjà vu," he said.

Business majors Chris and Stephen share some classes with Andrew, an agricultural business major, and the three are often in the same area of campus, if not in the same classroom.

To avoid being grouped and looked at as a unit, the three are very competitive with each other, in and out of the water.

"If we know we're compared to each other we always try to do better," Stephen said. "We end up doing better overall, even though one may be slightly better."

Cal Poly head coach Tom Milich said he sometimes has trouble telling the triplets apart. He described them as consistent swimmers who are dedicated to practice.

Milich described the triplets as competitive, but also supportive of one another.

On the Cal Poly swimming and diving team, the triplets usually take on an "us versus them" mentality, Andrew said, but not always.

"In races, sometimes when it comes down to the end, it's more satisfying beating a brother than an actual opponent on the other team," Andrew said. "Then you have bragging rights until the next race, which could be a while."

The Hurkos have been swim-
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Cal Poly junior high jumper Sharon Day clears the bar on her way to a winning mark of 6 feet, 1/2 inch at the NCAA West Regional Meet at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore., on May 25.

Poly opens NCAAs today

The NCAA Championships start at 10 a.m. today at Sacramento State.

Daniel Seguin
MUSTANG DAILY

Javelin throwing, high jumping and distance running.

These are the three events in which Cal Poly track and field team members Aris Borjas, Sharon Day and Phillip Reid will compete at the NCAA Championships, which run today through Saturday at Sacramento State.

Borjas (men's javelin), Day (women's high jump) and Reid (men's 1,500-meter run) clinched spots at NCAAs with their respective performances at the NCAA West Regional Meet in Eugene, Ore., from May 25 to 26.

With a personal-best throw of 236 feet, 5 inches at regionals, Borjas, a senior, said he is happy with his rate of improvement.

"Last year I improved by about 8 feet," Borjas said. "This year I improved by between 12 to 15 feet."

He said he hopes to do well at NCAAs, but knows that nothing is guaranteed.

"Right now, I'm ranked eighth

going into the nationals," Borjas said, "and there are 26 other competitors in my group. We'll just have to wait and see what happens."

Day, a junior, said she is satisfied with her wins at both the Big West Conference and regional meets. She is looking forward to competing at nationals and possibly breaking her record.

Day won the NCAA outdoor title two years ago at 6-4 before suffering a foot injury last season, in which she redshirted.

"My personal-best right now (this season) is 6 feet, 3/4 inches," Day said. "I will give it my best because I want to do well."

Cal Poly distance-running coach Mark Conover said he is impressed with the work Reid has done. The junior, who was named Cal Poly's Male Athlete of the Year on May 15, won the 1,500 at the Big West Championships at Cal State Northridge on May 12 in 3 minutes, 42.54 seconds.

That mark broke the record previously held by Steve Scott — a former UC Irvine runner who went on to compete in three Olympics — since 1978 by more than a second.

"Phillip has done really well in cross country and the 1,500-meter,"

Conover said. "He did what he needed to do to get through to the NCAA Championships."

Borjas spoke of the team bonding that is present between himself and the others.

"Although we come from different event groups, I think our camaraderie is very strong," Borjas said. "Our team has a really good kind of cohesion and we get along really well. That is very important."

Conover agreed that there is a genuine bond between the three athletes.

"They are a great group of people," Conover said. "Their spirits are high and they're a real tight-knit group of people."

And just where does the dream of Olympic gold sit in the plans of the trio?

Borjas said that he would like to accomplish that goal, but he would first like to continue working on his skills.

"Of course I would love to be there," Borjas said, "but I have some more things to improve on before I get there. If and when it comes to that point, I will do my best to represent my country."

Day said the Olympics are a goal

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Frankly Speaking



One final column

Frank Stranzl
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

I remember three years ago when I first arrived in San Luis Obispo. "This is it?" I asked my road-trip buddy when we reached the Monterey Street off ramp on southbound U.S. Highway 101.

Before checking out Cal Poly, I had already seen Texas and UCLA. Cal Poly was far different from either of these campuses, but something about the laid-back atmosphere and the homely feel caught my attention. I loved the campus and the town and made my decision: I was going to Cal Poly — and all the better because I signed the papers to enroll one month prior to the visit.

Now I'm one-and-a-half weeks from graduation and wishing I had a few more "SLO" days to live. Oh wait, I'll be back next year working for Cal Poly's sports information department — OK, so this farewell address isn't an end-all moment for me, but it is the final frontier for Frankly Speaking.

This column began as space filler last year. As the sports editor, I had the duty of filling the sports section with meaningful information on a daily basis. One Wednesday in October, I found myself short on material and said, "Hey, I know what to do ... I'll write a column!"

It was that simple.

Over the last two years, I've witnessed some of the biggest moments in Cal Poly sports. Amid the many amazing contests I watched, one stood out as a defining moment for me as a Cal Poly sports fan — the volleyball team's win over Michigan at Mott Gym in the NCAA Tournament.

I'm a die-hard college basketball fan and football is a close second in my spectator sports rankings, but there was something magical about that night in Mott. Growing up, I envied Stanford's "Sixth Men" and Duke's "Cameron Crazies." I saw those sold-out games and rowdy student fans and wanted nothing more than to experience that type of college sports environment.

When I first arrived on campus as a junior transfer student, I didn't know the first thing about college volleyball and I certainly didn't expect to get my ultimate fan experience from a women's volleyball match. More than 3,000 fans packed into Mott Gym and many were standing for the duration of that Friday night match. A group of

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Bowen not scared to 'D' up against LeBron

Game 1 of the NBA Finals between the Cavaliers and Spurs tips off at 6 p.m. Thursday on ABC.

Elizabeth White
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — In his more than 10 years in the league, San Antonio's Bruce Bowen has seen plenty of impressive players and breakout performances — most of them just a few inches from his face.

So when his matchup with LeBron James of the Cleveland Cavaliers is billed as the top con-

frontation to watch in the upcoming NBA Finals, Bowen is neither fazed nor impressed.

"The No. 1 assignment in the league?" Bowen repeated back when asked about guarding James. "That's your opinion, that's your opinion. ... There's a lot of other scorers in this league, too."

The Spurs' Bowen, who turns 36 on June 14, has been voted to the NBA All-

Defensive team the last seven years and was selected for the first team the last four. He's been runner-up for Defensive Player of the Year the last three seasons.

The 6-foot-7, 200-pound Bowen will likely get much of the time against the 6-8, 240-pound James, who scored a career playoff-high 48 points in Game 5 of the Eastern

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