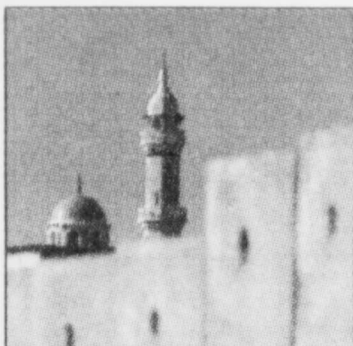


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Students fight to freeze tuition rates with new ballot initiative

Cassandra Carlson
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly tuition rates rose 7 percent for all majors this year from 2006-07. Over the past six years at UC and CSU campuses, tuition has nearly doubled.

With the looming tuition crisis falling upon California, action has spurred among college students to file the first student-led ballot initiative with the California attorney general and, if qualified, it will be put on the November 2008 ballot.

The initiative calls for a five-year tuition freeze for resident undergraduates in both UC and CSU systems. After the fifth year, future tuition increases would have to follow along with inflation index.

The group Students and Families for Tuition Relief Now started the process for the initiative a year ago with students in the Bay Area.

"This last summer the movement truly crystallized as a clear organization," said Jeremy Bearer-Friend, one of the group's lead organizers.

"This campaign is unlike any other — we are not paying for sig-

natures; we are showing students coordinating and being organized. Really, the goal is for students to flex their muscles."

The group is leading the proposition along with organizing on many public campuses across the state to push its proposal. They are hoping to collect 434,000 signatures from early January through April while encouraging young voters to make it to the polls in November 2008.

"Students at each campus in California are getting involved and we want more students," campaign director Chris Vaeth said.

"We have a lot of signatures to accomplish but there are 650,000 students on UC and Cal State campuses that can sign and also parents, faculty and any registered California voters."

Students and Families for Tuition Relief Now has infrastructure support from Greenlining Action, a nonprofit public policy organization impacting low-income communities. The organization took on this initiative because it felt college students need this freeze.

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especially with textbook, credit cards, and student loan companies taking advantage of them," Vaeth said. "We want to stop attacks on affordability."

"There is a need for an educated workforce. Silicon Valley is in San Jose because of the education of graduates who enter the field but it may be any day now where there will be less and less college graduates due to the lack of affordabil-

ity."

Another factor in the proposed law will create new revenue specifically for the cost of educating UC and CSU students through a 1-percent tax on individuals who make more than \$1 million.

Administrators from both systems would be accountable by law to report to a citizens' panel of students

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Writers, producers agree to resume negotiation talks

Kate Stanhope
DAILY BRUIN (UCLA)

Monday marked a new chapter in the Writers Guild of America strike as the WGA and Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers resumed negotiations.

If negotiations succeed, television writers would finally be able to get back to work and salvage their daytime and primetime series before they run out of new episodes.

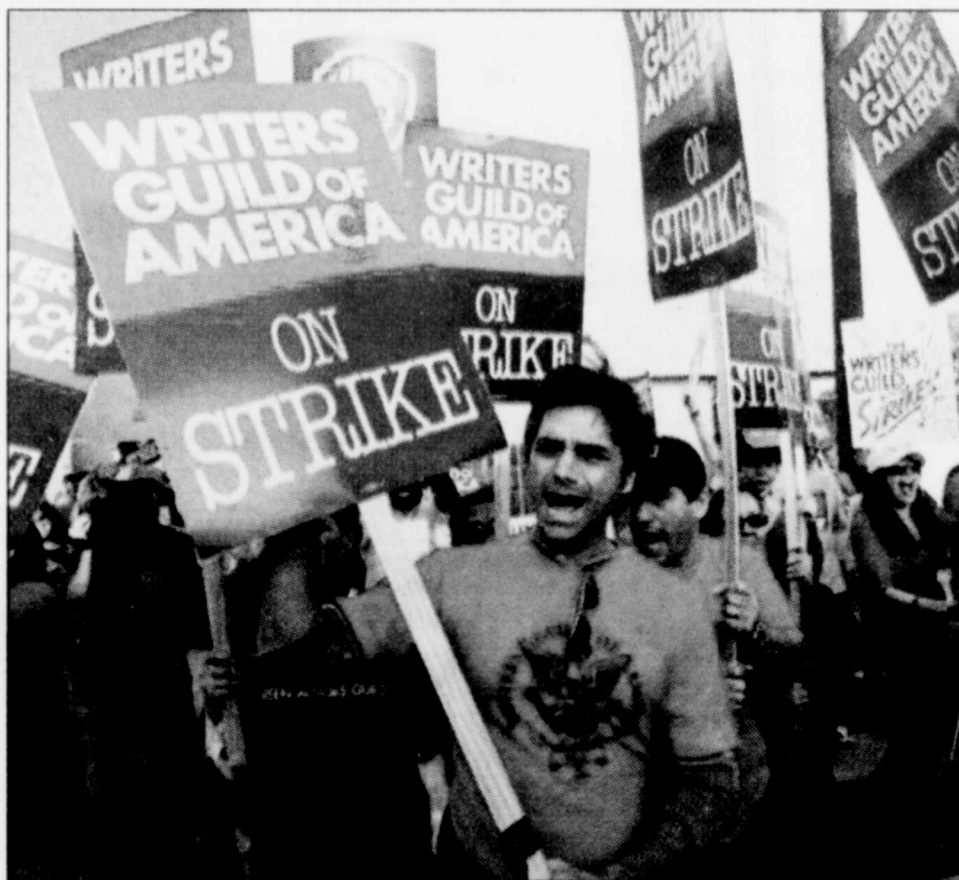
Several shows, such as "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," have been in repeats and have suffered ad revenue losses since the strike began. While it would take some time, new episodes of such late night shows would air as soon as their writers were able to put together enough material.

Also, nonwriting staff members of television shows, such as stagehands and make-up and hair staff, would be able to return to work before losing their jobs that they could otherwise lose as soon as Nov. 30.

With the strike going into its fourth week, many in the entertainment industry are hoping this will also mark the final chapter of this coast-to-coast saga.

Twelve-thousand film and television writers in both Los Angeles and New York City have been picketing outside some of Hollywood's biggest studios and networks in hopes of receiving larger compensation for Internet viewings and DVD sales.

Currently, writers receive four cents per DVD sale and no residuals



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Actor John Stamos, center, and other cast members from "ER" support members of the Writers Guild of America as they strike outside the Warner Bros. Television Studios in Los Angeles on Nov. 6.

from iTunes sales or advertising-supported free rebroadcasts on Web sites such as abc.com.

It seems that now that production on television shows has shut down due to the strike, both writers and producers are leaning closer to ending the strike rather than letting it play out for months as many within Hollywood had predicted earlier.

"I suspect that there is enough pressure on both sides. We've pound-

ed the table; let's get serious here, and the producers alliance will end up giving the writers something. It won't be as much as writers wanted ... they'll end up compromising," said Howard Suber, professor emeritus at UCLA's School of Theater, Film and Television.

Richard Walter, professor of screenwriting and lifetime WGA member,

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Prostitution bust in SLO sends 5 to jail

Coral Snyder
MUSTANG DAILY

In an undercover sting operation, police arrested five suspects from the Central Coast from Nov. 9 to Nov. 15 for allegedly soliciting or agreeing to engage in prostitution.

Investigations began about a year ago when complaints of robberies were taking place through the Web site Craigslist.com.

The site gets more than 30 million hits per month and can be used to look for or advertise housing, local activities, items for sale and romance.

Police got involved after individuals reported that they used the site to order a stripper, but were then robbed instead.

Samantha Wolcott, 19, of San Luis Obispo, was arrested after Mustang Village housing complex management alerted authorities that they suspected one of their residents of using the site to solicit prostitution.

"Someone undercover replied to her ad on Craigslist.com, met her and exchanged money, and talked about sexual acts," said San Luis Obispo Police Lt. Bill Proll.

Authorities said Wolcott has allegedly been using the site to solicit prostitution at one of the Mustang Village complexes for quite some time.

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The president and the prizewinner: Bush and Gore, together again



Ben Feller
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Talk about an inconvenient truth.

Al Gore finally won his place in the Oval Office on Monday — right next to George W. Bush.

Forever linked by the closest and craziest presidential race in history, the two men were reunited by, of all things, White House tradition. Gore was among the 2007 Nobel Prize winners who were invited in for a photo and some chatter with the president; Gore got the recognition for his work on global warming.

The two men stood next to other, sharing uncomfortable grins for photographers and reporters, who were quickly ushered in and out.

"Familiar faces," the former vice president said of the media. Bush, still smiling, added nothing.

The two also had a 40-minute meeting in the Oval Office, part of Bush's effort to show some outreach to his longtime rival.

Bush aides said it was private and would not comment on it.

Gore, trailed by the press as he left the White House very publicly on foot, allowed that he and Bush spent the whole time talking about global warming.

"He was very gracious in setting up the meeting and it was a very good and substantive conversation," Gore said. "And that's all I want to say about it."

Gore's presence added unlikely buzz to a photo op that normally would have been buried by Bush's Mideast peace forays. It is not like these two cross paths much. They have not met privately since then-President-elect Bush paid a visit — short, and not that sweet — to Gore's residence in December 2000.

That was back when the acrimony was fresh, in a country still in disbelief over an election that seemed never-ending. Ultimately, the U.S. Supreme Court certified Bush's 537-vote victory margin over Gore in Florida to settle the outcome.

Since then, Gore has not shied away from criticizing Bush; his latest book, "The Assault on Reason," is a relentless attack against the administration. And the White House's response when Gore won the Nobel Prize was less than giddy.

Never mind all that.

"I know that this president does not harbor any resentments," White House press secretary Dana Perino said. "Never has."

Indeed, the White House tried to make clear that Bush was hosting Gore not out of obligation, but genuine interest.

Bush personally invited Gore. The White House changed its original date to accommodate Gore. And then there was the private Bush-Gore meeting, too.

When it was over, the scene took a bit of turn for the weird.

Gore said he didn't want to comment. But with the media waiting for him, Gore and his wife, Tipper, walked out along Pennsylvania Avenue and up 17th Street, toward his nearby office — even though the White House is adept at helping people slip away unnoticed if they want.

The media horde followed the Gores for several minutes.

When a veteran reporter asked Gore if he missed all the attention, he adeptly turned the question around. "When you leave this beat," he said, "I'm gonna ask you."

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and parents on where the funds would be spent.

"This will generate new money for the students and costs of education," Vaeth said.

"This means that it could be used on higher wages for faculty, improved libraries or even textbook support."

Last week Lt. Gov. John Garamendi called for a cap on student fees while the UC Regents and CSU Board of Trustees approved a 2008-09 budget that could raise student fees 10 percent if the state does not provide funds needed.

"When there are budget deficits the first stop is students. It does not make sense — it is a public institution and the vast majority of Californians want affordability," Bearer-Friend said.

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remains hopeful but also realistic on the prospect of a settlement, especially after the talks for striking Broadway stagehands failed two weeks ago.

With late-night talk fests such as "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" already in reruns and both daytime soaps and primetime series coming closer to reaching the same fate, ending the strike now would be beneficial to both sides.

Even though increased DVD residuals may seem like the bigger moneymaker, Walter said the main thing keeping the WGA and the Alliance at odds is the future of Internet streaming.

Writers have never before been compensated when their material airs for free on the Internet, since these shows are technically free, but because the airings generate advertising rev-

enue, it seems there is still a profit to be had.

These resumed negotiations, first announced Nov. 16, signify to many of the WGA's strength in the first weeks of the strike, especially with television show runners, which are people who serve as both writers and producers, such as "Desperate Housewives" Marc Cherry.

"One of the things that I assume is driving the return to the negotiating table is the show runners (and) the vote the show runners took to not provide any services (during the strike)," Suber said. "Show runners were told by the studios, 'All right, you can't write, but you can produce,' and the position they chose to take was as a united front. Some wanted to do their producing duties, but they went along with the united front."

While in many ways this strike has played out much like the last WGA strike in 1988, the unity of the writers and the show runners this time

around is a noticeable and beneficial difference.

"Way back then there was more dissent within the guild, particularly involving the show runners. This year, very much to their credit, despite financial risk, show runners have been very pro-guild. Production has been affected much more directly and quickly than anticipated by management," Walter said.

"I've never seen anything like this in all my years — and I've been through seven or eight strikes."

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"I was shocked," said Mustang Village resident and kinesiology sophomore Jillian Sherman.

"I didn't feel that I was in any danger living there. I was also surprised that those types of people living in the community were doing things like that and almost getting away with it."

The second portion of the sting operation took place at Motel 6 North in San Luis Obispo, where four men were arrested for allegedly attempting to purchase sexual

acts: Corey Faulkner, 18, of Los Osos; Nichy Dordon, 35, of Atascadero; Cory Lewis, 21, of San Luis Obispo; and Charles Ritter, 56, of Santa Maria.

Each suspect reportedly answered a fake advertisement posted by police and unknowingly met with a female undercover investigator who was posing as a prostitute.

Police said that none of the men arrested had any link or connection with Wolcott and that the suspects are not part of a prostitution ring.

The suspects were booked into San Luis Obispo County Jail and their bail was set at \$2,000.

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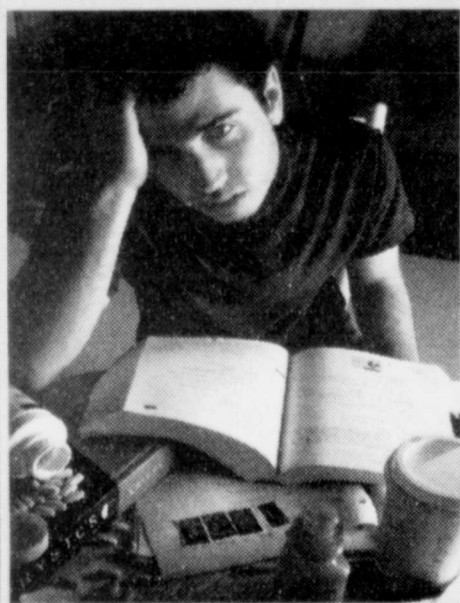
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Bush, Mideast leaders voice measured optimism about peace

Anne Gearan

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President Bush stepped cautiously into the most direct Mideast peacemaking of his administration on Monday, meeting separately with the leaders of Israel and the Palestinian Authority to explore whether peace is possible.

A day ahead of a major Mideast peace conference in Annapolis, Md., Bush said he was optimistic. The gathering is to launch the first direct peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians of Bush's nearly seven years in office, and has attracted Arab and other outside backing.

Israeli and Palestinian leaders have already said they want to conclude a bargain within the 14 months that Bush has left in office. The two sides were unable to frame a blueprint for the talks before they came to the United States, and negotiations over the text were expected to continue into Tuesday.

Bush emerged from an Oval Office meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and told him: "I'm looking forward to continuing our serious dialogue with you and the president of the Palestinian Authority to see whether or not peace is possible. I'm optimistic. I know that you're optimistic."

Next, he met with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who stressed the need to address issues of Palestinian statehood, sticking points that have doomed previous peace efforts.

"We have a great deal of hope that this conference will produce permanent status negotiations, expanded negotiations, over all permanent status issues that would lead to a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinian people," he said. "This is a great initiative and we need his (Bush's) continuing effort to achieve this objective."

Olmert said that international support —



Palestinian women hold pictures of prisoners held in Israeli jails during a Mideast peace summit.

from Bush and also, presumably, from the Arab nations that will attend the conference — could make this effort succeed where others have failed.

"This time, it's different because we are going to have a lot of participation in what I hope will launch a serious process negotiation between us and the Palestinians," Olmert said. He was referring to the talks expected to begin in earnest after this week's U.S.-hosted meetings.

"We and the Palestinians will sit together in Jerusalem and work out something that will be very good," Olmert said. As to timing, he added later: "We definitely will have to sit down very soon."

The agreement that was shaping up, as Palestinian official Yasser Abed Rabbo described it, is a starting point for negotiations and sketches only vague bargaining terms. The big questions that have doomed previous peace efforts would come later.

The document was to include a formal announcement of the renewal of peace talks, Abed Rabbo said. It will set a target of concluding negotiations before Bush leaves office in January 2009. And it commits the two sides to resolving the key issues that divide them.

Some in Bush's administration doubt that a settlement is possible in such a short time frame and have reservations about whether the Pales-

tinians, in particular, are ready to make necessary concessions. The goal of the talks is to set up an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel.

Bush's tempered outlook as he readied the Annapolis conference suggested he has his own misgivings, although administration spokesmen said the United States will remain closely involved after Tuesday's session closes.

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the administration is committed to moving the process forward but added that "ultimately, it's going to come down to the two parties and bridging the differences that now exist between them on all the issues that we know are out there."

White House press secretary Dana Perino said Bush urged Olmert and Abbas to "seize the moment."

"He said history is full of missed opportunities because people just looked to the downside," she said.

The Palestinian question underlies numerous other conflicts and grievances in the Middle East, and has scattered hundreds of thousands of Palestinians across several Arab states. The Palestinians are unlikely to strike any bargain that their Arab backers and neighbors do not support, so the Annapolis conference is meant to make Arabs what one administration official called "ground-floor investors" in the new round of talks.

Saudia Arabia, linchpin of Arab support for the new peace push, said it agreed to attend after receiving assurances that the Bush administration would remain energetic after the talks begin, and intervene with its own ideas if necessary.

"When the president says I am fully backing this effort, I will use every resource ... how can you not be confident?" asked the kingdom's foreign minister, Prince Saud al-Faisal.

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— Ali Ramin,
liberal studies sophomore



State

REDWOOD CITY (AP) —

A man who confessed to pulling the trigger in an 18-year-old murder is set to be the prosecution's star witness — not the one facing jail.

San Mateo County prosecutors say Jesse Rodriguez of Los Angeles was in his 30s when he confessed to shooting Robert Perruquet of Daly City in April 1989.

But Rodriguez was only 14 at the time of the killing, authorities said. Under state law at the time the crime was committed, he can't be tried as an adult.

But if he were tried as a juvenile, the longest sentence he could face is incarceration until he turned 25. He's now 33 years old.

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SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Zoo's panda cub has a name and it's Precious.

It's also Zhen Zhen in Chinese. Following Chinese tradition, the zoo waited until the cub, which was born Aug. 3, reached 100 days old before giving her a name.

More than 2,400 names were initially submitted by zoo visitors. Those were narrowed to four and then 36 percent of voters chose Zhen Zhen in an online poll.

The other choices were Li Hua (Beautiful China), Ming Zhu (Bright Treasure) and Xiao Li (Little Beauty).

Briefs

National

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A former police officer who stole his dead cousin's identity to get on the force will not go to prison but must leave the country, a judge decided Monday.

Oscar Ayala-Cornejo, 25, was charged in federal court with falsely representing himself as an American citizen after an anonymous tip led the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to him.

He was arrested May 31 and agreed to a plea deal about two weeks later. He was fired from the department in June.

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Instead of highlighting New Mexico's picturesque desert landscapes, art galleries or centuries-old culture, a new tourism campaign features drooling, grotesque office workers from outer space chatting about their personal lives.

The 30-second TV spots — which lead in roundabout fashion to the tag line that New Mexico may be "the best place in the Universe" — are provocative, funny and bold.

But to increasingly vocal critics, the state-financed ad campaign is a possible threat to the well-being of the state's \$5.1 billion tourism industry. In other words, while the ads may yield a chuckle or two, the joke is on New Mexico.

International

BAGHDAD (AP) — Masked gunmen stormed the family home of a journalist who was associated with Saddam Hussein's party and critical of the Iraqi government, killing 11 relatives as they ate breakfast in a neighborhood known as a Shiite militia stronghold, colleagues said Monday.

Dhia al-Kawaz, editor of the Jordan-based Asawat al-Iraq news agency, was in Jordan when his sisters, their husbands and children were reportedly killed Sunday in north Baghdad's Shaab district.

According to the news agency's Web site, witnesses said more than five masked men broke into the home and opened fire, then planted a bomb inside.

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LONDON (AP) — The woman behind the gentle, even voice which warns London's subway commuters to "Mind the gap" was fired after telling a newspaper she thought the transit network was dreadful.

Emma Clarke has been recording messages for London's sprawling subway network, popularly known as the Tube, since 1999. In addition to warning passengers to watch their step in walking between subway cars and the platform, she also reads the trains' stops, tells Londoners how long they have to wait until their next ride, and delivers service updates.



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In the holiday spirit

Coral Snyder
MUSTANG DAILY

As the holiday season nears, so will the sounds of the San Luis Obispo Vocal Arts Ensemble, a local chorus that features music from the late medieval period through the early Renaissance as well as work from some modern composers.

Concerts will be performed at 8 p.m. Dec. 1 at Mission San Luis Obispo and at 3 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Performing Arts Center, which will feature the Forbes Pipe Organ.

"It's wonderful music, the student rush is a deal and you get to hear the Forbes Pipe Organ," said Brian Lawler, a Cal Poly professor and choir member.

The choir has been singing for 31 years and has competed and placed in world-class competitions in locations such as Austria, Canada and Wales. The chorus is composed of 55 men and women, and is directed by Gary Lamprecht.

The Vocal Arts Youth Choir — a newly formed choir composed of individuals ranging in age from 16 to 26 — will join the Vocal Arts Ensemble this holiday season.

The choir will be singing to music by composers such as Josquin des Pres from the 15th century, a piece composed by both Nathan Gounod, who used work from Johann Sebastian Bach and David Willcocks, a 19th-century composer.

The choir has been practicing for the concerts since July and will be performing all the pieces from memory

under strict direction from Lamprecht.

"We're really good, and students will get the chance to hear fantastic music," Lawler said.

The first concert at the mission will be a smaller venue, and the audience may enjoy a more religious experience because of the location.

"A lot of people will like the concert at the Mission because of a certain spiritual feeling that is more old and earthy," said Elaine Genasci, the Vocal Arts Ensemble executive director.

The second concert at the Performing Arts Center will be in a larger venue and have a different sound because of the Forbes Pipe Organ.

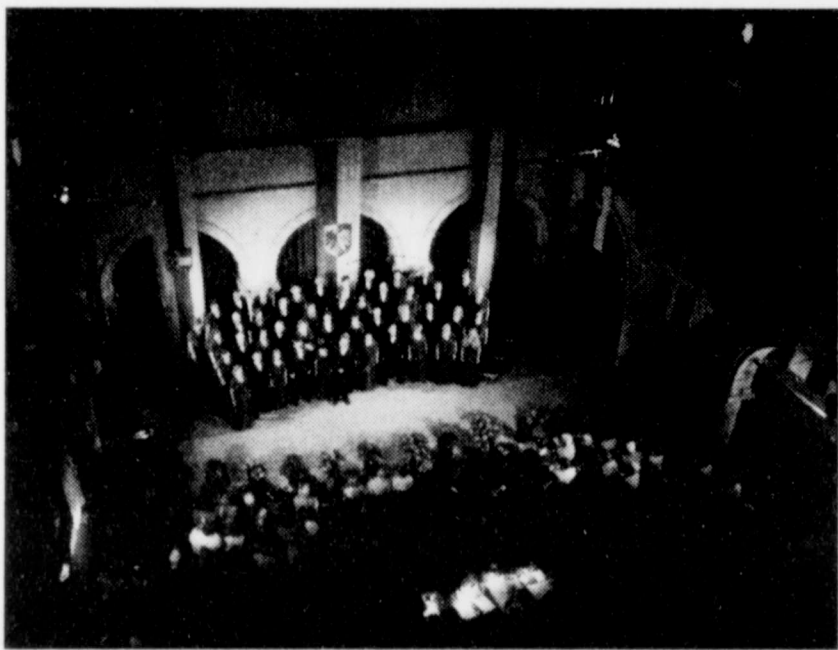
The organ has 2,767 pipes and took eight weeks to build. It also required two people working 12 hours per day over a period of nine months to tune. It was first used in a concert this past June and will be played in this concert by Vocal Arts Ensemble accompanist Barbara Hoff.

"The concerts themselves are a nice way to start off the holiday season," Genasci said.

Tickets for the mission performance

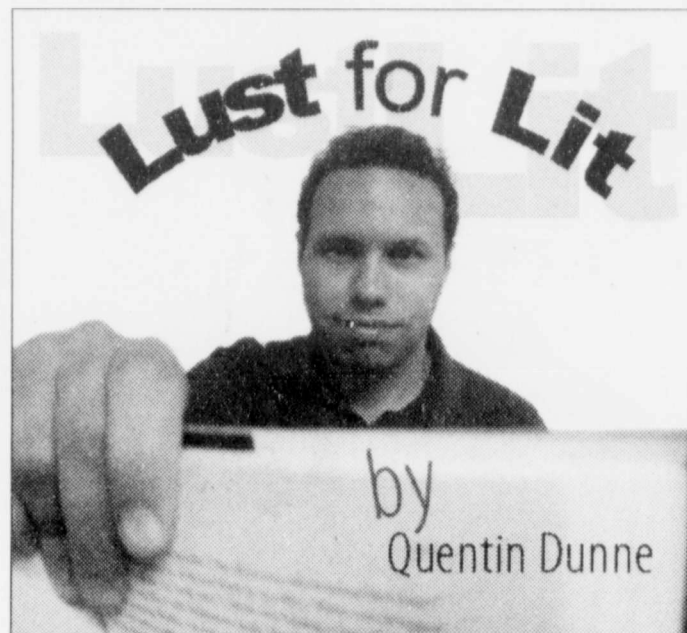
and special seats at the Performing Arts Center performance can be purchased online at www.vocalarts.org or by calling 541-6797.

Student tickets are on sale for \$13, and the concert at the Performing Arts Center will have a special student rush. Students with a valid ID who arrive there 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the concert will be eligible to purchase tickets for \$5. The special student discount tickets must be purchased at the door.



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The San Luis Obispo Vocal Arts Ensemble will perform holiday concerts this weekend at Mission San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly's Performing Arts Center.



'Dreaming' a jewel (despite its flaws)

My generous editors made writing this column fairly easy when they accepted my pitch: Every week, I would write about a different book I loved and which I thought you, dear reader, would find worth your time. Ah, the luxury of being able to pick whatever literary work I was in the mood to write about and then sing its praises.

Given this freedom, I find myself slightly baffled to have chosen a book with some rather glaring flaws. "The Dreaming Jewels" was acclaimed science fiction writer Theodore Sturgeon's first book and, well, it often feels like a first book ... and not one touched by beginner's luck. The prose is occasionally pedestrian, several supporting characters are underdeveloped, and the narrative is sometimes more choppy than coherent. And yet ... the book is rarely less than compulsively readable. Flaws and all, it remains a haunting and darkly beautiful work that locates the humanity within the seemingly (sometimes literally) inhuman and the poetry within the squalid.

The story's central character is Horty Bluett, an 8-year-old boy who's abused at home and ridiculed by his classmates. His only real "friend" is Junky, a jack-in-the-box doll with bejeweled eyes. After Horty's stepfather inflicts a singularly cruel punishment on him, he runs away. With Junky, of course. He eventually finds refuge with a mysterious carnival populated by fellow outcasts and it's here, as Horty finally has what he can legitimately call a family, where both the warmth and terror of the story emerge.

Mixing elements of coming of age, love, science fiction, fantasy, horror and mystery, Sturgeon takes the reader through a shadowy yet vividly realized world of "carnival dark," at once more menacing and more humane than evident on first impression. He also mixes in themes of identity, both natural and re-invented (including gender switching), self-acceptance and revenge. Of course, it can be a fool's errand to mix such disparate genre elements and ideas into a fluid and fully realized narrative and, truth be told, Sturgeon doesn't always succeed at it. But he succeeds more than most writers might have, and the result, though uneven, is consistently intriguing and engaging, and at times, magical.

A decade after the publication of "The Dreaming Jewels," Ray Bradbury published his own tale of a carnival with supernatural elements, "Something Wicked This Way Comes." With a more cohesive narrative and a popular screen adaptation in 1983, "Something Wicked" would become, by far, the better-known tale of carnival dark, leaving Sturgeon's tale respected but, in comparison, neglected. Perhaps, though, there's something poetic about an idiosyncratic tale of the marginalized remaining somewhat on the margins of its genre(s). And perhaps it was the debt "Something Wicked" owed to "Jewels" that led Bradbury to admit, "I look upon Sturgeon with a secret and growing jealousy."

If a master such as Bradbury had reason to be jealous of Sturgeon's singular writing ability, the rest of us simply have reason to be grateful.

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'Hitman' hits right spot

Daniel Morrison

DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN (U. MISSISSIPPI)

Historically, movies based on video games are failures at the box office with a few minor exceptions.

"Hitman" should become another one of the successful exceptions. The film doesn't expand the plot of the video game series nor does it follow any one of the games specifically.

The Organization is a ghost corporation that uses well-trained agents to perform high-level assassinations for the highest bidder, with Agent 47 being the best of these soldiers.

Timothy Olyphant is the elusive Agent 47, following the character outline established by the games.

He is methodical, ruthless and rarely hesitates when performing a hit. The movie shows the audience a few of the reasons the games have been so successful. Agent 47 uses many ways to eliminate his targets; these methods often don't use bullets.

At the beginning of the movie, Agent 47 blows up his targets by forcing a man to swallow a ball of C4 explosive, illustrating the killer's ability to think beyond conventional methods.

The movie does an excellent job at using this format to give the audience action at an almost nonstop pace.

The only other major difference between the movie and the games



COURTESY PHOTO

Timothy Olyphant plays Agent 47, an assassin in the video game adaptation "Hitman."

is Nika Boronina, played by Olga Kurylenko. She is a prostitute who belongs to one of the targets who 47 must eliminate.

The agent saves her life and protects her while attempting to uncover why he was set up at the opening of the film.

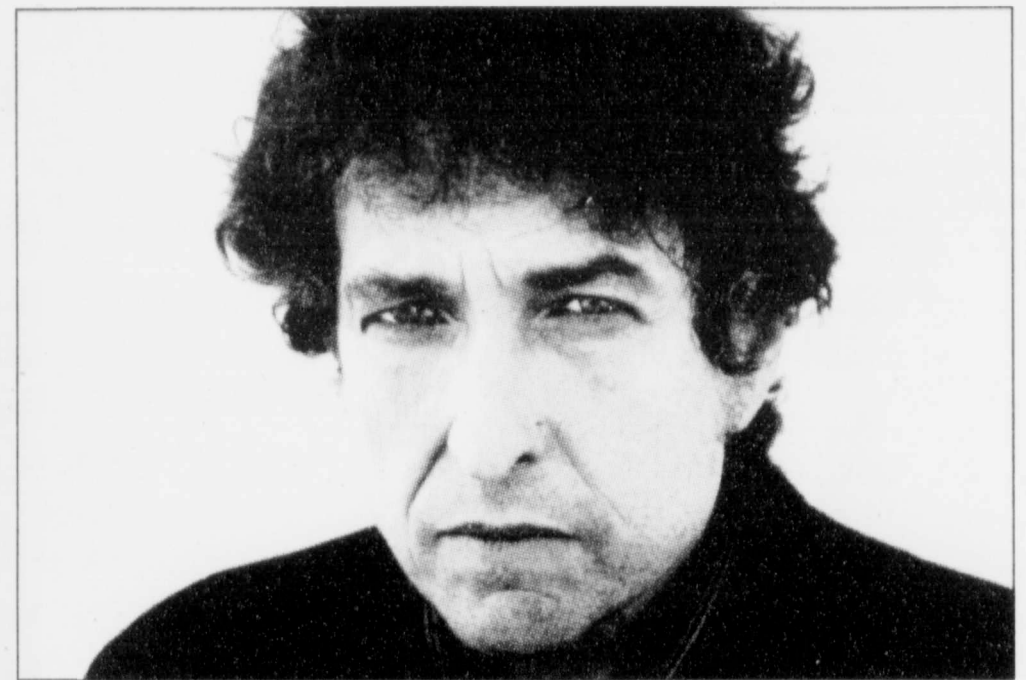
This would never happen in the games, but it works in the movie, because Nika is the sex symbol for everyone but 47, which is consistent with his character. The film isn't an Oscar winner, but video game crossovers never are.

The film gives the audience an enjoyable experience by delivering a character with whom some are familiar but most aren't. The game also has a cameo in the movie, with

two kids playing "Hitman 2: Silent Assassin" while Agent 47 is running through a hotel to escape from Russian police.

This is a nice, fun touch that will impress the people who have played the games, because it's rare that a video game is recognized as a form of entertainment. Sometimes the acting and character interaction is a little choppy, but I attribute that more to the lack of information from the games than to poor acting.

This movie will appeal to action fans as well as gamers who know the character. For me, the movie was a huge success, and the film shied away from going over the top like so many other crossovers.



COURTESY PHOTO

"I'm Not There," a new film about singer Bob Dylan, chronicles the life of the famed musician.

Dylan film insightful

Ariel Raz

DAILY CALIFORNIAN (UC BERKELEY)

"I'm Not There," a new film from director Todd Haynes, explores the myth of Bob Dylan through a number of Dylanesque figures woven together into a complex web of politics, art, history, myth and intersecting identities.

Haynes gives us the prepubescent idealist and the adolescent cynic, a drunken rambler, a born-again Christian, a persistent recluse, a famous chauvinist cliché and a confusing prophet. In the end, we have a film that may or may not be about Bob Dylan, exploring known facts about him while asserting the ambiguities. It's a film that may be more telling about what is projected on to the figure than what we know to be true.

The title of the film is a reference to a somewhat obscure track recorded after Dylan was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident on July 29, 1968. The incident is known for producing serious introspection on Dylan's part, causing him to reinvent himself soon thereafter and release the album John Wesley Harding, known for its shocking references to the Bible, and for its even more shocking earnestness. In truth, Dylan's three albums prior to his accident had all moved away from political expression to the exploration of the mystical, postmodern identity. After his accident, there was a disconnection from "his generation" that never was mended. A reenactment of this motorcycle crash is the shot that composes the title of the film, and the notion of reinvention is its structural base.

The highlight of the film is without a doubt Cate Blanchett's Jude Quinn in England (Haynes never refers to Dylan by name), what will in all likelihood be an Oscar-nominated performance for the actress. Blanchett's androgynous characterization works surprisingly well, perhaps even better so when Haynes makes repeated references to the theatricality of her performance. At one point, she walks in to a bathroom and takes hold of some eyeliner, later emerging with a "scribbled-on" moustache. Later,

she makes references to a bandmate lacking balls while her breasts are nearly visible beneath through an over-sized collared shirt.

Perhaps Blanchett best embodies Dylan because she is aware that she is not him, while the characters around her do their best to cajole some conclusive facts about the man they think is their idealistic leader.

While the film covers ideas that have been discussed elsewhere, Haynes' effort is the first one to delve into Dylan's period as a born-again Christian, when he made some of his most controversial music. To his credit, Haynes gets away from the Dylan that everybody is comfortably remembering—the early to mid '60s version. But then again, Pastor John (played as awkward and imprudent by Christian Bale) is not nearly as seductive as Blanchett's Jude, the character Haynes seems to favor. The other Dylans are either wonderfully charming or don't fit with the rest of the story and become difficult to watch, which is the main problem with the film: It lacks cohesion and is difficult to keep up with. This might be the hazard of making a film composed of separate narratives that connect obliquely. Yet in one sense, Haynes has it easy, for the music, composed partly of covers from artists like Yo La Tengo and Sonic Youth, and partly by recordings of Dylan himself, is embarrassingly rich.

In the case of Dylan, the inconclusive finish matches well with the figure, who is to this day still sputtering his way across the country on what he calls "The Never-Ending Tour." There are already a number of extraordinary visual records about Dylan, including D.A. Pennebaker's "Don't Look Back" and Martin Scorsese's comprehensive "No Direction Home."

Haynes' film seems to take these films as a sort of starting point, using them to concoct what cannot truly be called a biopic but more of an experiment that delineates the trajectory of a cultural icon. Although the film may not have wide appeal, it serves as an adequate entry point to those unfamiliar with Dylan and as a satisfying nod to those already in love.

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A beautiful treat

From Irish singer-songwriter Damien Rice comes his latest incredibly soothing album '9'

Roberto Curtis

COMMONWEALTH TIMES (VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH U.)

The amorphous and angelic vocal quality of the Irish songwriter Damien Rice intrigues and captivates. The songs come pouring out of his bleeding heart in his latest album, titled "9."

Almost entirely self-produced, the album's engineers are also the same musicians performing on the album.

In keeping with his reputation, Rice's abilities to swoon and provoke thought are present throughout. Tracks such as "The Animals Were Gone" and "Accidental Babies" show the poet's abilities to encapsulate a lover's torment. Whether it's overdone is up to the listener.

There is some light-heartedness, however, in the song, "Me, My Yoke + 1," which tells of a young Irish Catholic boy discovering masturbation.

"Grey Room" tells of the hardships of long distance relationships but actually has a happy ending — the only one on the album.

An interesting gimmick Rice includes on this album is the continuation of musical and lyrical themes. The song "Elephant" was originally titled "The Blower's Daughter Part 2" but was changed at the last minute.

"The Blower's Daughter" on Rice's first album alludes to a lost love that was too good to be true, leaving lasting emotional scars. "Elephant" continues the torture, projecting the cursed love on another relationship and suggesting how to best cope with history: by finding happiness from within.

Also harkening back to the first album is "Sleep Don't Weep." When played with "Cold Water" from the album "O," a four-part ray of brilliance emerges from the speakers.

"9" also is considerably a harder album than Rice's previous endeavor. With hard-edged tunes such as "Rootless Tree" and the song about touching oneself, the progressive developments and startling climaxes are stimulating if not a bit off-color for the rest of the album.

The award for originality, honesty and arrangement goes to "9 Crimes." The strings are used with great effect throughout the album but especially on this track. The lovely chorus is reminiscent of old Henry Mancini arrangements of the late '50s.

Overall, the album is incredibly soothing — maybe a little too soothing. Nicely executed, though, with that homegrown vibe, Rice and company's album gives their listeners a beautiful treat that warms the ears.



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Damien Rice's album "9" showcases the songwriter's angelic vocals and ability to "pour out his bleeding heart."

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"Is there something in your mouth or did you gain 20 pounds?"

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Food for thought

The foods you eat directly affect the performance of your brain. It's been proven that by eating the right food, you can boost your IQ, improve your mood, be more emotionally stable and sharpen your memory. If you give your brain the right nutrients, you will be able to think quicker and improve your concentration. With finals week rapidly approaching, give your brain a little extra boost by studying up on a few nutrition tips to help you through the last push.

Start your day off smart by eating breakfast. Many studies have shown that skipping breakfast reduces people's performance at school and at work. Glucose is the primary fuel of the body, and if you are running on empty, your test performance may reflect that. Just like your car, the higher-quality fuel you put into it, the better the system runs.

B vitamins and essential fatty acids are vital for the brain to function properly. The "B" complex vitamins are particularly important for the brain and play a vital role in producing energy. These are typically found in whole grains, and cereals, such as oatmeal, brown rice and whole-wheat pasta. Vitamins A, C and E are powerful antioxidants to promote and preserve memory. Vitamin C helps the absorption of iron which increases blood flow to the brain. This is a great source of antioxidants, which may reduce the risk of developing cognitive impairment by diminishing oxidative stress. Spinach, brussel sprouts, broccoli and cauliflower are among the top candidates. Broccoli is a great source of vitamin K, which is known to enhance cognitive function and improve brainpower.

Neurons, the cells responsible for brain communication, need fatty acids for rapid signal conduction. Fatty acids also regulate key aspects of the immune system, blood circulation, inflammation, memory and mood. Essential fatty acids increase alertness, memory and concentration. Intellectual performance requires the specific type of fat found most commonly in fish, known as omega-3 fatty acids. Lack of omega-3 fats in your diet can lead to depression, poor memory, low IQ, learning disabilities, dyslexia, ADD and many more mental disorders. To ensure that your diet is rich in omega-3 fats, ensure that you eat plenty of oily fish like salmon, sardines, trout, tuna, herring, mackerel and anchovies.

If you're not into the whole fish thing, try fresh or toasted seeds and nuts, such as walnuts, pumpkin seeds and flax seeds, along with all the other nuts and seeds. Avocados, fresh coconut and extra virgin olive oil are also good sources of these brain-boosting fats. So for finals week, why not treat yourself to sushi with salmon and avocado?

It is equally important, however, to recognize the foods that diminish brain power. Alcohol kills brain cells directly, but there are many less obvious brain-attacking foods. Artery-clogging foods can lead to restricted blood flow to the brain (hydrogenated oils) and high-glycemic-index foods (high-fructose corn syrup) can cause terrible blood-sugar swings that make both your body and your mind irritable and sluggish. Be sure to get enough water to keep your body and brain hydrated. Dehydration can cause headache and mental fatigue. Drink 1.5 to 2 liters of water a day to keep your brain well-hydrated.

There are other points to remember. First, when studying, it's best to actually take a break from studying to eat rather than studying and eating simultaneously. This will help control the amount you consume and make your choices more conscious. No one likes the feeling of cramming for a hard test for hours and all of a sudden wondering, "Who ate all my popcorn?" Try some of the following combinations as good snacks to avoid blood sugar crashes while studying, or before an exam for optimum performance:

- Piece of fresh fruit and a string cheese stick (1 ounce)
- Handful of nuts or seeds and 1 carton yogurt
- Vegetables and cottage cheese
- Trail mix with whole-grain cereal, nuts or seeds and dried fruit
- Granola bar and skim milk
- Peanut butter sandwich
- Whole-wheat English muffin with hummus
- Tuna salad with whole-wheat crackers

Good luck with finals!

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Good brain foods

Avocados
Bananas
Beef, lean
Broccoli
Brown rice
Brussel sprouts
Cantaloupe
Cheese
Chicken
Collard greens
Dark chocolate
Eggs
Flaxseed oil
Legumes
Milk
Oatmeal
Oranges
Peanut butter
Peas
Potatoes
Romaine lettuce
Salmon
Soybeans
Spinach
Tuna
Turkey
Wheat germ
Yogurt

Bad brain foods

Alcohol
Artificial food colorings
Artificial sweeteners
Colas
Corn syrup
Frostings
High-sugar drinks
Hydrogenated fats
Nicotine
Refined sugars
White bread

GUEST COMMENTARY

Voting deserves our attention, too

College students are often considered lazy. But who can blame us? After the continual beatings from midterms, papers, the expected "25 to 35" hours a week studying, projects, jobs and an active social life, it's hard to procure time for anything else. Trust me, I understand this. However, I don't find this to be a valid excuse for the epidemic of political apathy sweeping our great university.

Over the past few weeks voter registration drives have been taking place on campus. The fact is, the general elections are now less than a year away! Initially, a goal was set of registering 500 people to vote. All told, only 137 ended up taking five minutes to register. 137! Personally, I've decided to take that as a win. Because of the drives there are now 137 more

people who can ultimately decide the path our country should take. What vexes me, though, is the sheer volume of people that turned down the simple registration process. Excuses ranged from the obligatory "I'm late for class" (even though I know you weren't!) to just plain "No."

The intent of this article is to alert everyone. Our motto here at Cal Poly is "Learn by Doing." But when only 25.5 percent (14 percent for the runoff) of us voted for the ASI president (our direct "leader"), we aren't doing anything. This isn't just a Poly problem, though. Only 41.4 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds voted in the last national election. That's a very small percentage for the age group that should be dictating OUR future. And just for reference, elections are held on

a Tuesday so no one should be hung-over and is therefore able to fill in a bubble.

Now, I understand politics can cause general aggravation. This is especially true among our age group. We experience a general disconnect between us and "Capitol Hill," mostly because we do not find it exciting or meaningful enough to warrant our attention. Is this really reason enough to let another election pass by? As a student advocate for a presidential candidate on campus, I spend a lot of time walking around talking to students about voting in the primaries. I took note as to how much confusion this created seeing as most of the students didn't know when the primaries are held (Feb. 5) or even what they are.

It's proving difficult to not

"preach" or appear like one of those "The World's Going to End" sign-wielders. The fact is just that I am truly concerned for our country, and our generation in general. We spew judgment on the Britney Spearses and Lindsay Lohans of this world, yet we can't find time to do some quick research on the people vying to be our nation's next leader. So my sweeping generalization is this: If we maintain our status quo of apathy, we have no right to comment on how things are. We need to find time to understand the basics of our government and vote. Please, please go out and change the world.

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The rise of the independent voter



JOHN OVERMYER NEWSART

My biggest fear for the 2008 election is that we'll be forced to choose between the lesser of two evils.

This summer I officially became a naturalized American citizen, and in doing so, gave my heart over to a nation that was founded on the principles of freedom, democracy and most importantly — personal independence. And yet, for all the glory of the moment when I held up my right hand and thereby earned the right to vote, I felt a different kind of emotion rising in my gut — that of uncertainty.

I've become an American at a time when the country is trying to recover from the failed decisions of a president who, for almost eight years now, has lied to his people, pillaged foreign resources, sponsored war crimes and is now bidding out his final year in the White House as a lame duck.

It would seem that with the next presidential election less than a year away, the nation would be more hopeful, but sadly, we're once again faced with having to choose our next leader from a pool of candidates who don't even remotely embody our national ideals.

The two-party system reduces democracy to a frustrating process. It subverts independent thinking and intelligent inquiry to the amorphous will of being either a Republican or a Democrat and leaves no room for individual preference.

The two-party system works to distract voters with small, binary issues such as gay marriage and abortion, hoping that they'll forget the larger issues of America's place in the world and their own duties as free-thinking voters.

I thought about writing a column decrying the futility of voting in an election that has already narrowed the selection down to a few undesirable candidates, but have instead chosen to take the risk of looking overly optimistic and writing what I truly be-

lieve: that non-partisan voting and a movement toward grassroots democracy can save the American political process.

With the true potential of the Internet and information technologies still begging at our fingertips, we as young Americans have more access to knowledge than any generation before us.

Maybe that's why, among my fellow college students, I've noticed an increasing and hopeful trend toward "independence" — a mindset that rejects the limits of partisanship and embraces the wonders of reasoned inquiry.

Thirty-five percent of all Americans currently recognize themselves as independent, and a substantial number of those who are registered Democrats or Republicans say that they have registered that way only to be able to vote in their state primaries.

Just as those people who restrict their musical tastes to the Billboard 100 are missing out on some of the best indie music out there, those who stubbornly affiliate themselves with a political party are limiting their political choices to the few candidates who've managed to play the game right with corporate interests.

Partisanship places intelligent thought in a box — it limits innovation and reason. Independence, on the other hand, both embodies and practices those principles of freedom that make America the nation it is.

I challenge those of you who truly think that you are intelligent, reasoned and independent-minded to shed the chains of being tied to a political party, and to explore the many other possibilities being an American entitles you to ... like voting for someone you actually want to see in the White House.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

The politics of science

Let me introduce you to a controversy that you may not have heard of. On Oct. 14 of this year, eminent biologist Dr. James Watson, the co-founder of the DNA double helix, was quoted in The Sunday Times magazine discussing the effects of race and genetics on IQ. He said he was "inherently gloomy about the state of Africa" because recent testing has showed that people of African descent have consistently lower IQs than people of other races. Naturally, there was a liberal outcry, and Watson was forced to resign from his laboratory.

But does he have a point? And if he does, does it matter? According to a piece by William Saletan on Slate.com, the average IQ of African-Americans is 85, Hispanics 89, caucasians 103, East Asians 106 and Jews 113. This difference persists even when the scores are normalized for environmental factors such as education or economic status.

But this doesn't really change anything. It doesn't mean we should just hand our government and businesses over to Jews, nor that we should shove all the African-Americans back into slavery. It doesn't change the fact that Richard Dean Parson (African-American) was able to brilliantly turn around Time Warner, nor that William P. Perez (Hispanic) currently runs Nike, nor that Kenneth Lay (caucasian) ran Enron into the ground. These IQ scores are averages, and like any average, there are those who will excel above the averages, and those who will dive far below. I'm sure everyone can name a dumb Jew or Asian, and they can also name a smart African-American or Hispanic.

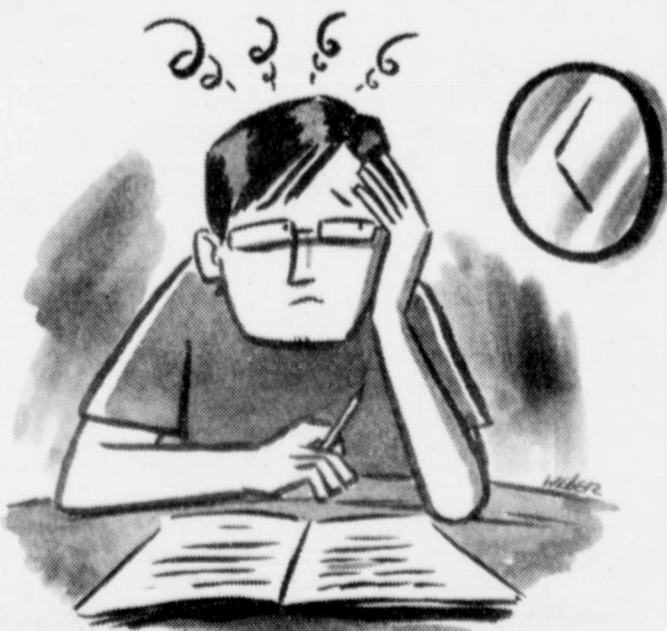
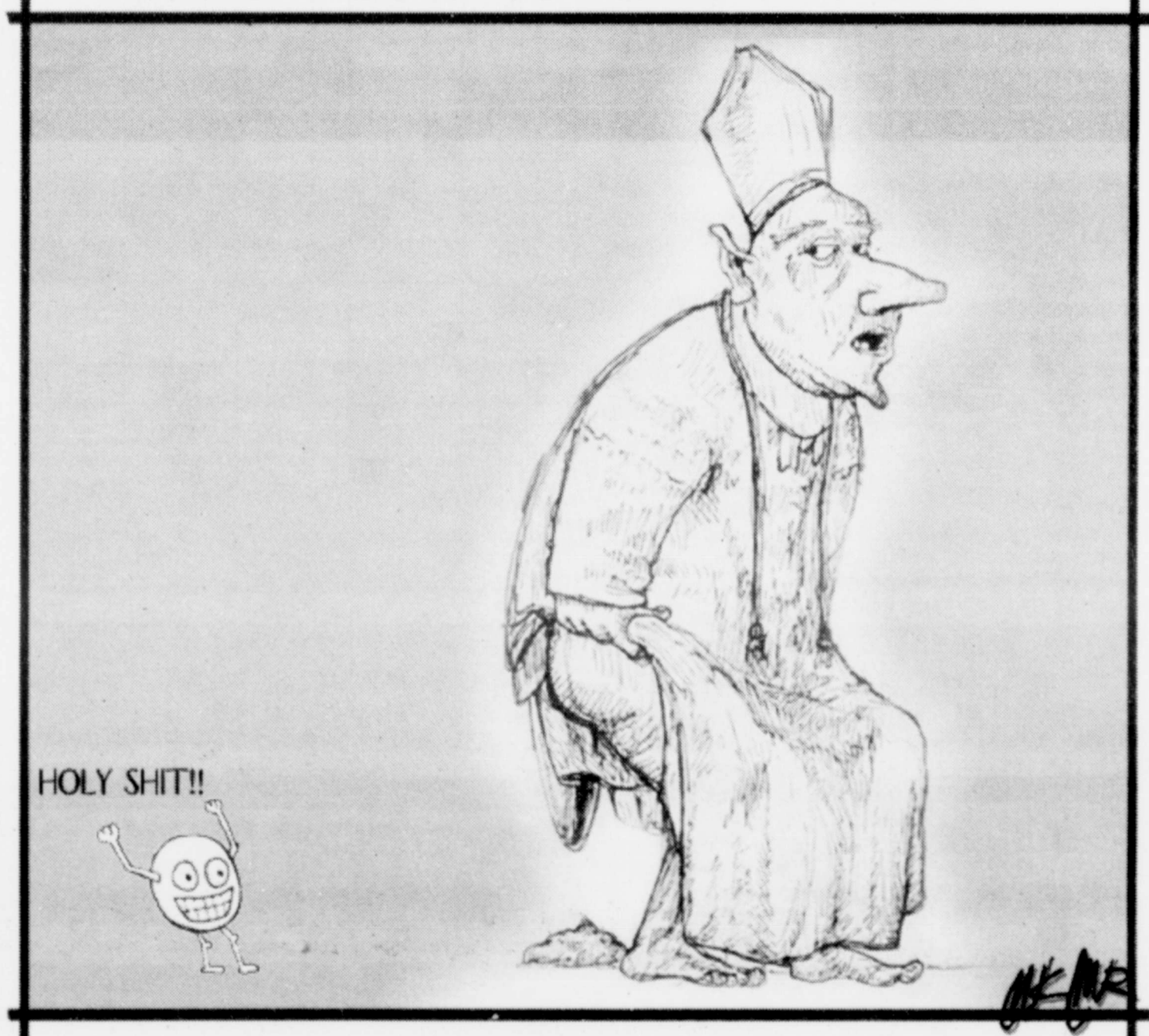
So why the outcry? Over the past few centuries, we've had multiple "scientific" disciplines that purport to support institutionalized racism. Phrenology, for example, claimed to be able to tell intelligence and even traits like "kindness" or "honesty" by measuring bumps on the head. The theory was that these bumps correlated to areas of the brain underneath that were associated with these traits. Naturally enough, the bumps were mapped on whites, and blacks and others without the same bumps were demonized by this pseudo-science. And I agree that it is important today to prevent a recurrence of this, and I think it would be ridiculous to use these new results to justify any form of racism.

But it is science. The proper reaction is not indignation or anger, but research. Yelling at scientists does not change science. Either these results will be disproven by new research, or we will have to learn to adapt to them. As I said, they change nothing except our perceptions.

A hundred years ago, at the Scopes trial, liberals supported John Scopes and his insistence on teaching evolution. Will they still support science today, even if it disagrees with them? Or was their previous support simply a matter of convenience?

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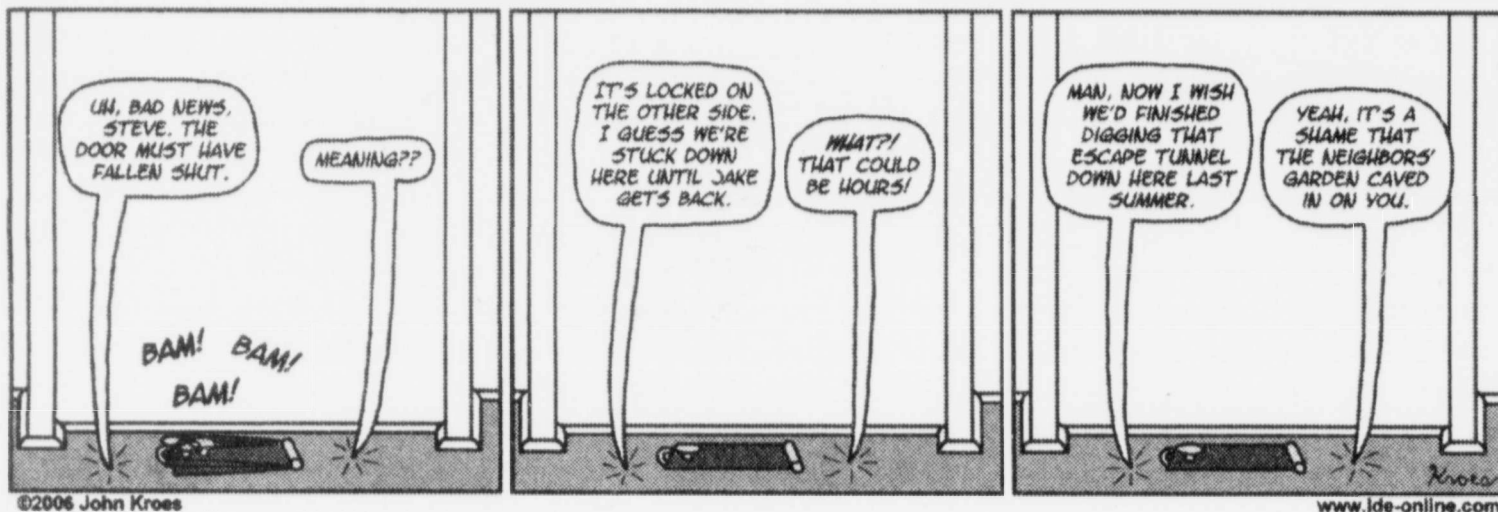
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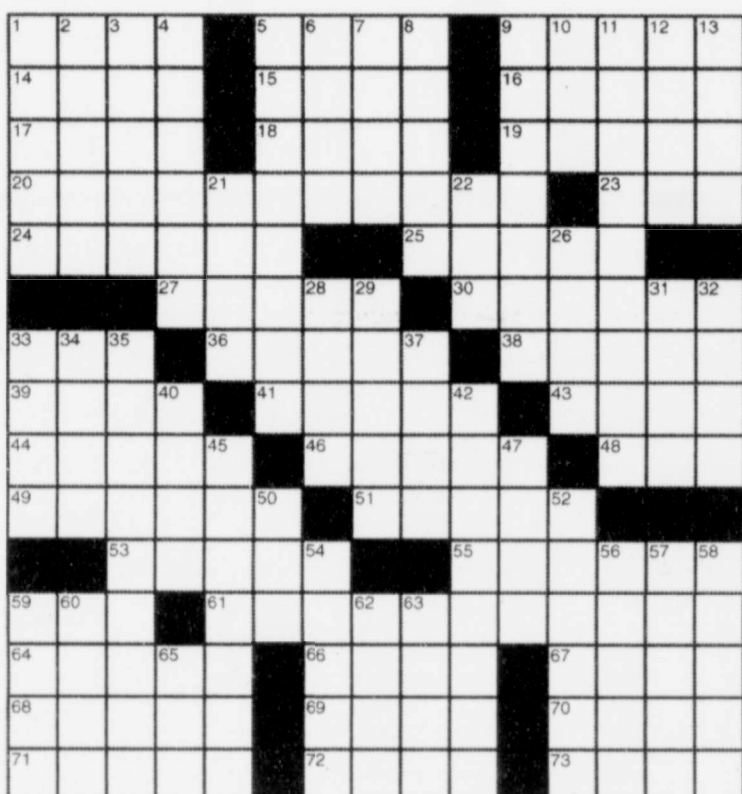
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 - Ph.D. awardee
 - Gave the boot
 - Blessing-inducing sound
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 - Gimlet garnish
 - Crockpot concoctions
 - Relax during a drill
 - Temp's work unit
 - Polite affirmation
 - Brazilian dance
 - Big Apple awards
 - Like hair, usually, after combing
 - Post-O.R. stop
 - Craps natural
 - Impoverished

- Sgt. Friday's org.
- Calendar units hidden in 20- and 61-Across and 11- and 35-Down
- Worker's pay
- Like a brainiac
- Fire remnants
- The "R" in Roy G. Biv
- Trojan War hero
- Popular snack chip
- Surveyor Jeremiah, for whom a famous line is partly named
- Beatle, endearingly
- Meadow sound
- Sunshine State school
- Minute Maid Park player

Down

- Hard to please
- Bring together
- Greedy monarch
- "Nevertheless..."
- On the payroll
- Lighted sign in a theater
- Hand-waver's cry
- They may be bright
- One in the infield
- Follow direction?
- Show sadness
- Political caucus state
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- Cold one
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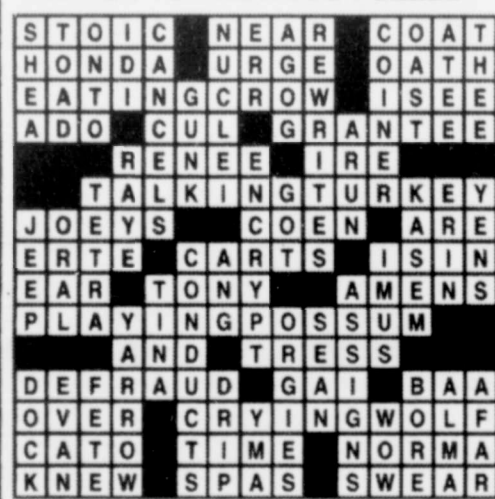


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- Showed up
- Ancient Greek colonnade
- Bad-mouth
- "Time to rise, sleepyhead!"
- La preceder
- Sparkling wine city
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In anticipation of their draw, Mustang players and coaches braced themselves for a number of possibilities.

"We had talked in advance that if we did not host, the best thing for us would be to travel and to travel far," assistant coach Michael Johnson said. "I'd say more than anything, we're excited. Those are games we think we can win and

we're going to have to play well. We've played Xavier once before, they beat us once before."

This is the second time Xavier has made it to the field of 64 in program history. Its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament was in 2001.

"We're happy to be in the tournament. We're happy to not run up against any teams in the top ten," Johnson said.

Hayes shares her coach's sense of opportunity.

"This year has a completely

different feel," Hayes said. "We had our best practice on Saturday. Of course we wanted to host, but you can't worry about things you can't change."

Cal Poly lost to Xavier 3-2 at the ASICS/Coca-Cola Invitational on Sept. 14. It was the first win for the Musketeers over a ranked opponent in program history.

The Musketeers finished second in the Atlantic-10 West Division regular season. Cal Poly has never faced Xavier in previous NCAA Tournament appearances.

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Mustang Sports calendar

WEDNESDAY

Wrestling

vs. Cal State Fullerton
Titan Gym, Fullerton
6 p.m.

THURSDAY

Women's Basketball

vs. San Diego State
Mott Gym
7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Swimming and Diving

Cal Poly Invitational
Sinsheimer Pool
11 a.m.

Women's Volleyball

vs. Xavier (Ohio)
Ohio U. Convocation
Center
2:30 p.m. PST

SATURDAY

Women's Basketball

vs. University of San Diego
Mott Gym
2 p.m.

Swimming and Diving

Cal Poly Invitational
Sinsheimer Pool
10 a.m.

Women's Volleyball

or Xavier vs. Ohio U. or
Purdue
Ohio U. Convocation
Center
2:30 p.m. PST

SUNDAY

Men's Basketball

vs. Menlo College
Mott Gym
2 p.m.

Bittersweet accolades for men's soccer

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly soccer team's star forward David Zamora was named the 2007 Big West Freshman of the Year, while five other Mustangs received recognition.

Landing on the All-Big West First Team with Zamora was senior defender K.J. Lenehan. Freshman forward/midfielder Kyle Montgomery earned Second Team honors while junior midfielder Anton Peterlin, senior defender Casey Cordray and junior goalkeeper Eric Branagan-Franco received honorable mention.

Leading the record board for the Mustangs this season, Zamora posted six goals and five assists for a combination of 17 points. Zamora, from San Jose, Costa Rica, started the season dominating the field in the exhibition game against California with a hat trick.

During the regular season, Zamora started in all 19 games and helped lead the Mustangs to an 11-4-4 overall record and a 6-2-4 Big West Conference record. In Big West play, Zamora had four

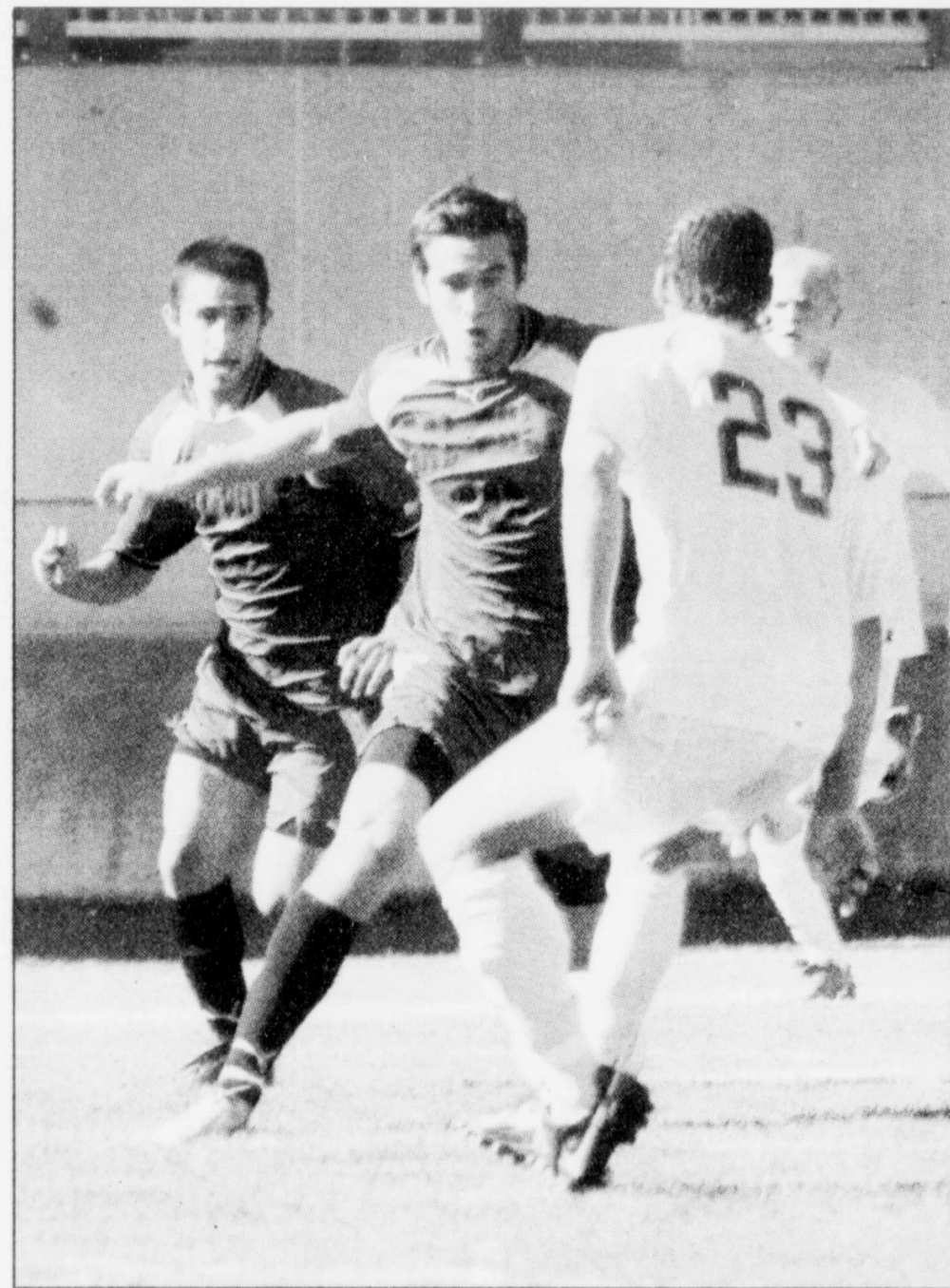
goals and two assists for 10 points. He took 27 shots, placing 14 of them on goal.

Ending his Cal Poly career, Lenehan, from Escondido, started in all 19 games on the back line. He posted three assists throughout the season, with two of them in Big West action. Lenehan also leads the Mustangs academically, receiving a spot on the Second-Team ESPN The Magazine All-American Men's Soccer Team in the University Division.

Montgomery, a Seattle native, was on Zamora's tail with 15 points this season, six goals and three assists in the 19 games. In Big West play, Montgomery had five goals and two assists for 12 points.

He finished strong, scoring his final goal of the season against Cal State Fullerton, as the Mustangs defeated them 3-1.

As honorable-mention players and the back bone of the defense for the Mustangs, Cordray and Branagan-Franco helped the Mustangs compile 10 shutouts, five in the Big West. Cordray, an Irvine native, started in all 19 games, while Branagan-Franco started



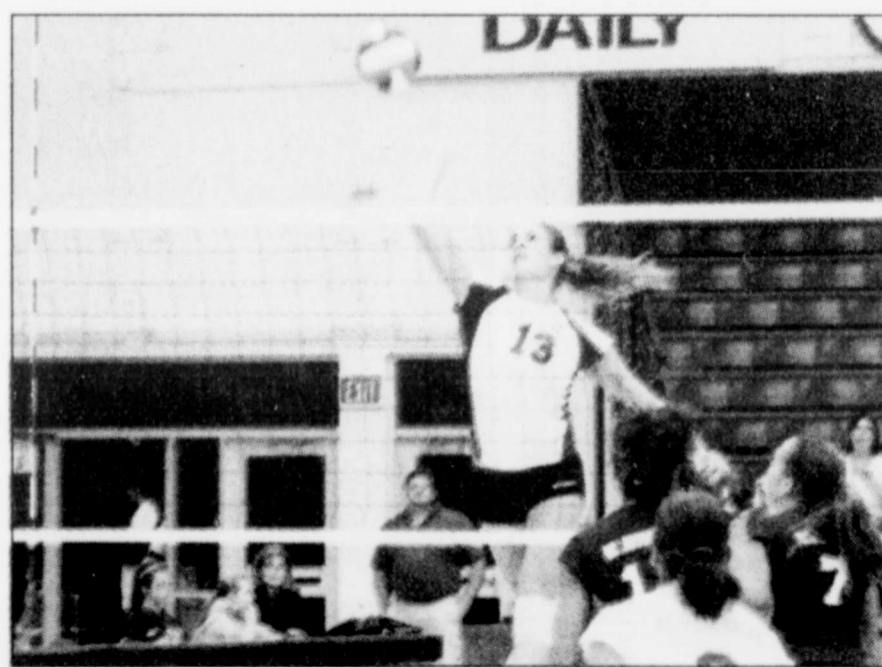
BRYAN BEILKE MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly freshman forward David Zamora, shown here in a 3-1 win over Cal State Fullerton on Nov. 18, was named Big West Freshman of the Year.

in 17 due to an injury. Branagan-Franco, hailing from Napa, ended the season with a .781 save percentage.

Also receiving honorable mention was Peterlin of San Francisco.

As a starting midfielder for the Mustangs in every game, Peterlin recorded one assist and managed to place four of his nine shots this season on goal for a .444 shots-on-goal percentage.



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY

Senior setter Chelsea Hayes goes up for a kill against UC Riverside on Nov. 16 in Mott Gym. The Mustangs won 3-1.

A long journey to advance in tourney

Agnus-Dei Farrant

MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly women's volleyball will play Cincinnati-based Xavier in a first-round match at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 30 at Ohio University. The 16th-seeded Mustangs will be making their second consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance.

The sub-regional will open with Cal Poly (21-7, 15-1 Big West) against the Musketeers (24-10, 11-2 Atlantic-10) at the Convocation Center. The winner will play the victor of Ohio and Purdue, who play Dec. 1 for a place in the Stanford Regional Dec. 7 and 8.

"Ohio is most likely to win against Purdue," senior setter Chelsea Hayes predicted. "Ohio runs a quick offense."

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Sun Devils melt the Mustangs, 75-41

*Mustangs shoot a paltry 25.5 percent
from the field in first loss since Nov. 10*

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Many sized up the Cal Poly men's basketball team's game at Arizona State on Monday night as a forecast for how the Mustangs might fare Dec. 22 at USC.

Well, foul weather may be on the way.

Cal Poly was drilled 75-41 in a non-conference loss in which it shot only 25.5 percent from the field, barely cracked 20 points in each half and had just one double-figure scorer in front of 6,151 at Wells Fargo Arena in Tempe, Ariz.

In having their three-game winning streak snapped, the Mustangs (3-3) were held to their fewest points since a 64-37 loss at UC Santa Barbara in February 2006.

Dawin Whiten scored 12 points on 4-for-16 shooting to lead Cal Poly, which also got nine points from Matt Hanson and eight from Lorenzo Keeler. The Mustangs, though, had two starters go scoreless and had only 11 assists to 13 turnovers.

Arizona State, meanwhile, had four double-figure scorers — paced by 15 points from James Harden, who also

snared a game-high 10 boards.

Cal Poly trailed 19-2 at one point in the first half, in which it had as many turnovers (eight) as buckets.

The Sun Devils (3-1), winners of three straight, are already closing in on their win total from last year's 8-22 campaign. Arizona State outrebounded Cal Poly 49-23 and shot 23 for 28 from the free-throw line.

Coming off their best season at the Division I level — a 19-11 finish in which they were only 13 minutes away from the NCAA Tournament — the Mustangs beefed up their schedule. They signed up for two games against Pac-10 schools, another against Western Athletic Conference preseason favorite Utah State and even have a nationally televised Big Monday game on ESPN2 on Jan. 28 at Pacific.

Cal Poly should have an easy time regrouping when it hosts Menlo College — an NAIA Division II team that went only 15-12 last year — at 2 p.m. Sunday. After that, the Mustangs visit Northern Arizona (Dec. 9) and Portland State (Dec. 12).

Cal Poly has only 12 home games this season to 17 on the road.