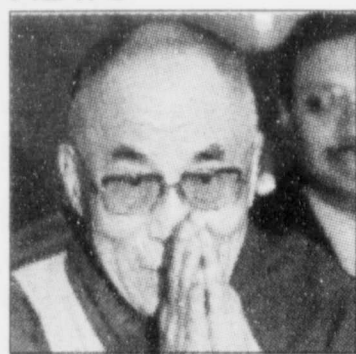


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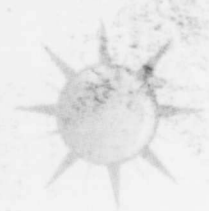
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## Academic Senate proposal allows first-year graduate students to teach

Sara Wright  
MUSTANG DAILY

An Academic Senate proposal by the Senate's Faculty Affairs Committee has prompted discord over the concept of allowing graduate students to teach regular courses.

The proposal made Nov. 2, 2007 was accepted and became a resolution on evaluation of teaching associates. The Academic Senate recommended that a committee of 11 representatives and appropriate faculty and administrators develop a policy regarding the employment of graduate students as teachers.

The Academic Senate agreed that gaining teaching experience is an important part of graduate programs, and that teaching would be a key source of financial support.

Depending on the department, graduate students teach only one course their first year as a professor. Once they have taken more designated courses, they can teach more.

Graduate students are not required to take tests necessary for a teaching credential, such as the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) or California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET) before instructing.

However, graduate student David Renfrew, who teaches precalculus, doesn't think this makes graduate students lower-quality professors.

"My professor told me about an engineering grad student who got a straight 4.0 on his evaluations, which means he has done excellent with everything," Renfrew said about a fellow graduate student and professor. "(Graduate students) are probably some of the best teachers."

After the kinesiology department was allocated \$210,000 for the 2006-07 school year through college-based fees, the department hired eight graduate students to teach labs in what was considered "a very positive addition to our graduate program," said kinesiology department chair Gerald DeMers on the department's Web site.

Graduate students are paid less than regular professors. Renfrew is currently paid \$870 per unit during his first year as an instructor.

"We're poor, so it's a good job for us," he said.

Renfrew makes around \$2,610 for the three-unit class he teaches, MATH 116, precalculus algebra I. That is nearly half of the \$5,700 27-year mechanical engineering instructor Jim LoCascio makes.

LoCascio is an Academic Senate representative for the College of Engineering, and will be a statewide academic senator starting in the fall. He also opposes the Academic Senate resolution.

"Graduate students do not have a good foun-

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### FOR

Academic Senate considers teaching to be an important part of graduate programs.

Teaching is a key source of financial support for graduate students.

Allowing first-year grad students to teach is a unique quality of Cal Poly.

"Grad students come to Cal Poly specifically so they can teach."

-Graduate student David Renfrew

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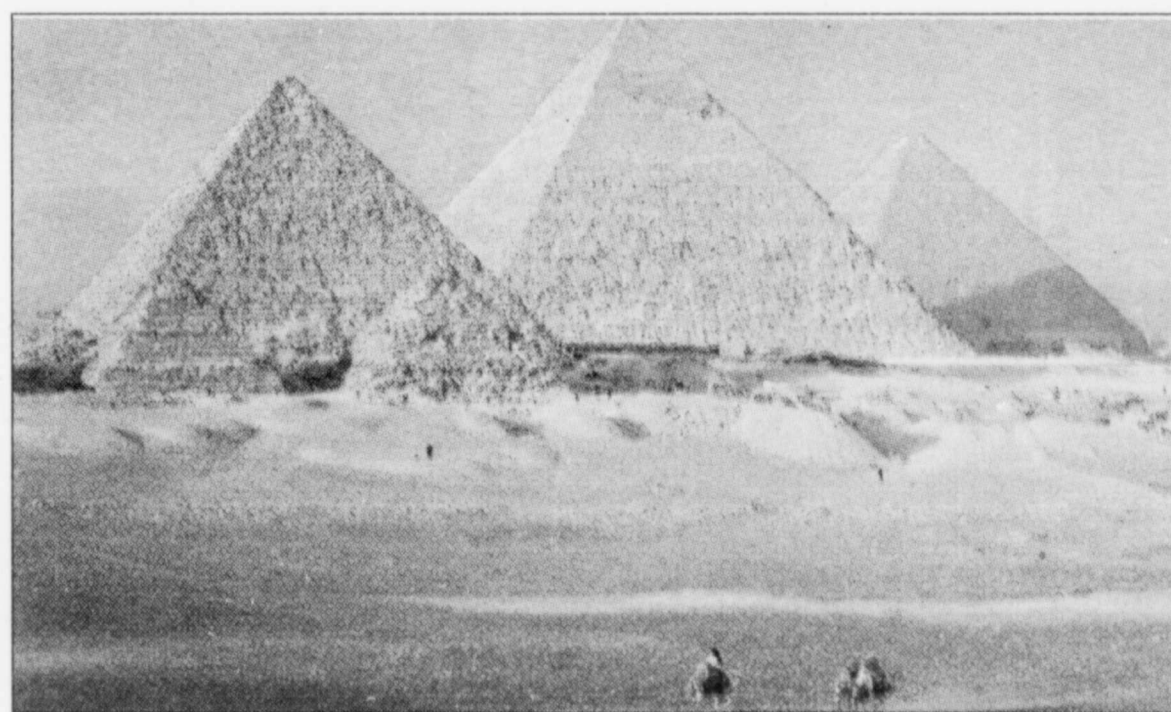
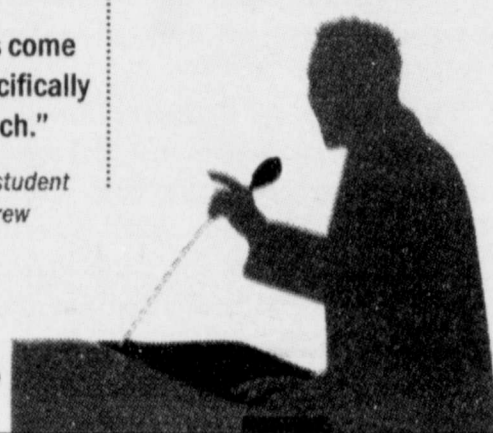
Graduate students are not required to take tests necessary for a teaching credential.

Eliminating the programs saves money for the Academic Senate.

"Graduate students do not have a good foundation in their own fields."

-Mechanical engineering instructor Jim LoCascio

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COURTESY PHOTO

World-renowned construction engineer Craig B. Smith, author of "How the Great Pyramid was Built," spoke Thursday about his theory behind the Great Pyramids of Giza.

## Pyramid theorist speaks at Poly

Brittney Clyde  
MUSTANG DAILY

College is all about being curious, coming up with assumptions and challenging the conventional way of looking at things.

This is exactly what lecturer Craig B. Smith did Thursday, as he explained his theory of how the Great Pyramids of Giza were made.

The lecture was held in the Performing Arts Center. The room was so full, people had to sit on the floor or stand in the back just to hear Smith speak.

Dean R. Thomas Jones of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design (CAED) said, "The guy, even though not a Cal Poly graduate, exemplifies everything that we stand for."

Though his ideas "did not jive with what archaeologists had told us all, he talks about how (the old theories) didn't make sense and how (they) didn't quite

compute," Jones said.

"(Smith) is a very versatile fellow," said Ray Ladd, associate director of Advancement and Alumni Relations for the CAED, when introducing Smith on stage.

Smith is a world-renowned engineer with more than 40 years of experience. He has authored many books, including "How the Great Pyramid was Built," and has appeared on A&E, PBS and the History Channel.

He has also appeared in National Geographic magazine and said when the magazine first approached him about being featured, the editors wanted him to determine how much a pyramid would cost in the year 2006, in addition to outlining his theory.

He faced this task head-on by figuring out the construction sequence that would be used today, and even contacted

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## Bush's executive privilege claims vast

Laurie Kellman  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush's refusal to let two confidants provide information to Congress about fired federal prosecutors represents the most expansive view of executive privilege since Watergate, the House Judiciary Committee told a federal judge Thursday.

Lawyers for the Democratic-led panel argued in court documents that Bush's chief of staff, Josh Bolten, and former White House counsel Harriet Miers are not protected from subpoenas last year that sought information about the dismissals.

The legal filing came in lawsuit that pits the legislative branch against the executive in a fight over a president's powers.

The committee is seeking the testimony as it tries to make a case that the White House directed the firing of nine U.S. attorneys because they were not supportive enough of Republicans' political agenda.

The White House says such information is private and covered by executive privilege, the doctrine intended to protect the confidentiality of presidential communications.

House lawyers told U.S. District Judge John D. Bates that subpoenaed White House officials cannot simply skip hearings as Miers did during the committee's investigation. Further, they said, any documents or testimony believed to be covered by the privilege must be itemized for Congress' assessment.

Executive privilege is not a right spelled out in the Constitution, so the legal issues are murky and disputes are normally resolved politically.

The suit is risky for both sides. Courts have not been kind to the presidency in fights over subpoenas; Congress could have its power to demand information curtailed permanently.

The White House said Bush was not personally involved in deciding which U.S. prosecutors to fire and that any White House communications on the matter are off-limits under the privilege.

Presidential counsel Fred Fielding declared Miers and Bolten immune from prosecution because their refusal to comply with the subpoenas was done at the White House's direction under the privilege.

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## Bush

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He also did not provide a privilege log, arguing that revealing the information sought would compromise the president's access to candid advice.

The result, the committee wrote, is White House defiance of congressional oversight unseen since the presidential intransigence that led to Richard Nixon's resignation.

"Not since the days of Watergate have the Congress and the federal courts been confronted with such an expansive view of executive privilege as the one asserted by the current presidential administration and the individual defendants in this case," according to the House's filing.

The idea that Miers could disregard an order to appear at a hearing simply at the president's request suggests a return to the sentiment expressed in Nixon's statement, as quoted in a 1977 New York Times interview, that "when the president does it, that means it is not illegal," the House lawyers wrote.

Even during Watergate, however, the courts were restrained.

Nixon reluctantly allowed his aides to testify on Capitol Hill but refused to surrender his tape recordings to prosecutors. The Supreme Court ordered the tapes turned over, citing the criminal investigation, but avoided the question of whether presidents can refuse demands from Congress.

The House in February voted 223-32 to hold Bolten and Miers in contempt. Most Republicans boycotted the vote. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., asked Attorney General Michael Mukasey to refer the matter to a federal prosecutor. Mukasey refused and the committee sued on March 10.

House Democrats say the record reveals numerous questionable or outright false statements to Congress and the public by other members



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**President Bush waves from Air Force One as he arrives in Waco, Texas on Thursday. He will spend the weekend at his nearby ranch.**

of the administration, including purported reasons for seeking the forced resignations and the scope of White House involvement.

They say executive privilege does not cover documents whose contents are widely known, previously released or that were the subject of extensive, previously authorized testimony.

In the court filing, the House asks Bates to rule that Miers must appear before the committee, be sworn and respond to questions; rule that each invocation of the privilege must be itemized; and grant an injunction that Miers and Bolten produce privilege logs identifying all documents withheld under executive privilege.

The administration is scheduled to respond to the House filing on May 9.

## Pyramids

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some of the biggest limestone and concrete companies in the United States to get price estimates.

In the end, Smith estimated it would take 105 people four years to create a pyramid today. The costs for concrete would be \$1 billion, and the limestone would cost \$4 billion. He was even able to determine that the workers' food and drink would cost around \$1 billion.

Through his extremely detailed and in-depth analysis, Smith discovered that the ancient pyramids took about 5,000 skilled overseers, 20,000 to 30,000 workers, and 11 years to build.

Within the hour-long lecture, which

seemed to fly by with the jokes he interjected between his slides of the remarkable pyramids, Smith talked about the construction of the pyramids, how long each took to build, the tools used and the processes he went through to develop his theory.

While saying many people believed that only slaves were used to build the pyramids, he said jokingly, "Like our grad students, they were paid in beer and bread."

He went on to discuss that there must have been a highly educated class of people that had to build a whole city of workers to even be able to attempt to build the pyramids.

Though the lecture appealed to many, the topic at hand was so large that it seemed there wasn't enough time to fit in all the information.

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dation in their own fields," he said.

LoCascio used himself as an example of this; he won an Outstanding Teaching award as a second-year graduate student and teacher's assistant at UC Santa Barbara, though he admits "my knowledge was zero. It was minimal."

"I probably have delivered 8,000 lectures since I began teaching, and my lecturing has evolved continuously," he said. "The first seven years were not nearly as thoughtful as they are now."

Though guidelines will be made regarding training, supervision and evaluation of graduate student teachers, LoCascio considers such policies pointless.

"If graduate students get terrible evaluations, what's the action?" he asked.

Renfrew thought the policy allowing first-year graduate students to teach is a unique quality of Cal Poly.

"Grad students come to Cal Poly specifically so they can teach," Renfrew said.

However, LoCascio is displeased that graduate students teach at Cal Poly because it makes the CSU more like a University of California school.

"Cal Poly is moving away from the 35-person class to UC lecture halls," LoCascio said. "Why send your child to a CSU if it isn't for what you perceive as having small classrooms with real professors? The Academic Senate is just looking to save money."

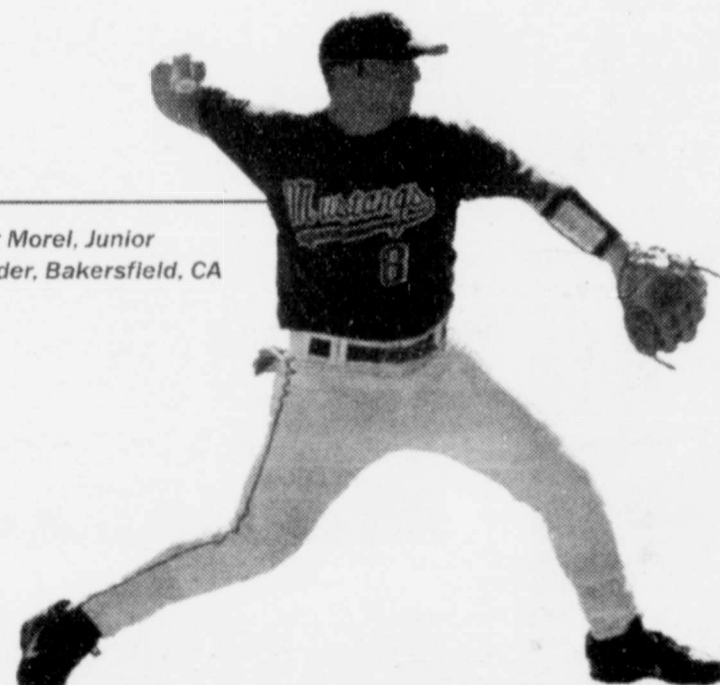
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Tibetan spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, is escorted by Japanese security guards on his arrival at Narita International Airport Thursday morning.

## Dalai Lama to begin U.S. visit in Seattle

Manuel Valdez  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Dalai Lama will mark his first visit to the United States since the recent turmoil in Tibet by anchoring an ambitious conference on compassion.

Tibet's exiled spiritual leader was expected to arrive here Thursday, a day after pro-Tibetan demonstrators disrupted the Olympic torch run in San Francisco.

The Dalai Lama's visit to Seattle, a city historically friendly to the Tibetan cause, was not expected to spark demonstrations as heated as those following the Olympic torch. But some Tibetan community leaders said they expected activity from pro-China demonstrators.

In Tibet, the recent protests against five decades of Chinese rule have been the largest and most sustained in almost two decades. China has accused the Dalai Lama of being involved in the uprising. The Tibetan leader said he wants greater autonomy for the remote mountain region but is not seeking independence.

On Thursday, the Dalai Lama said he is willing to support China's hosting of the Olympic Games this summer, but said Beijing cannot suppress protests in Tibet with violence or tell those calling for more freedom in his homeland "to shut up."

During a stopover in Japan on his way to the United States, the Tibetan spiritual leader strongly denied Chinese allegations he and his followers have used the run-up to the Olympics to foment unrest. He said he has supported China's hosting the Olympics from the start.

"I really feel very sad the government demonizes me," he told

reporters near the airport outside Tokyo. "I am just a human; I am not a demon."

President Bush on Wednesday again exhorted Beijing to reach out to the Dalai Lama to find a solution. Also, the U.S. House passed a resolution criticizing China for its "disproportionate and extreme" response to protests in Tibet. It urged Beijing to hold direct, unconditional talks with the Dalai Lama.

Organizers of the five-day Seeds of Compassion conference in Seattle say the Dalai Lama's visit is expected to draw more than 150,000 people.

Despite political pressure from China, the Dalai Lama was determined to attend the conference because of his commitment to global peace, organizers said.

"He wants compassion for both sides, for the Tibetans, for the Chinese brothers," said Lama Tenzin Dhonden, a Tibetan monk who spearheaded the development of the conference.

Seattle was picked as the conference site because of its leadership in philanthropy, business and technology, Dhonden said.

Seeds of Compassion will feature dozens of workshops on various subjects, beginning with a panel discussion Friday with the Dalai Lama on "The Scientific Basis for Compassion: What We Know Now." Early childhood development is one of the main focuses of the conference.

Tickets for events involving the Dalai Lama have already sold out, according to the conference Web site.

Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels will present the key to the city to the Tibetan leader and the University of Washington will present him an honorary degree.

## State

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A young woman driver was killed in a car-to-car shooting by a freeway offramp early Thursday, police said.

Samantha Padilla, 19, of Los Angeles, was shot in the upper torso around 12:30 a.m., officials said.

Police Detective Kelle Baitx said Padilla was driving on Olive Street at a merger with an offramp from the 110 Freeway in South Los Angeles. It was not clear if she was exiting the freeway.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa will oversee all Los Angeles anti-gang efforts.

The City Council voted 12-0 on Wednesday to turn over all of the city's gang-intervention and gang-prevention programs to the mayor on July 1 for at least 18 months. An estimated \$19 million a year is spent on the programs.

LOCKEFORD (AP) — A 58-year-old man stunned noon-time shoppers at a busy strip mall by shooting a 49-year-old woman to death before turning the gun on himself.

Witnesses say the two had been arguing outside a shop on Wednesday when the man pulled out a gun and shot the woman repeatedly before killing himself.

Investigators don't know what triggered the fight. They say the couple was once married, but they were not sure of their current relationship.

## Briefs

### National

ELDORADO, Texas (AP) — When authorities moved to search the large white temple on the polygamist compound in West Texas, about five dozen of the sect's men prayed and cried around the structure, state investigators said Thursday.

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran also said he had been working with a confidential informant for four years who fed him information about life inside the polygamist sect.

Doran declined to say whether the informant was in Texas or other sect compounds in Utah or Arizona. It wasn't until after the search had begun that Doran learned about marriage beds in the temple and the forced marriages of underage girls to older men.

ATLANTA (AP) — Americans didn't suffer more food poisoning last year than the previous year, despite high-profile outbreaks involving peanut butter, pot pies and other foods.

But it's not getting better, either. Although there have been significant declines in certain food-borne illnesses since the late 1990s, all the improvements occurred before 2004, federal health officials said in a report released Thursday.

A food safety advocacy group called the report discouraging.

"We don't consider this a success at all. We want to see these numbers going down," said Nancy Donley, president of Safe Tables Our Priority, which was founded by victims of food poisoning.

### International

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Publicly, Argentina is billing its Olympic torch run Friday as an easygoing street fiesta set to a tango score. Privately, worried officials are sending in thousands of police as anti-China groups promise a Buenos Aires "surprise."

The Olympic flame was being flown to Buenos Aires on Thursday from San Francisco, where police cut the torch's route in half and shifted it away from crowds of human rights activists, disappointing many who gathered for the ceremony.

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — New York contemporary artist Spencer Tunick has gained notoriety worldwide for photographing thousands of people in the nude. Now he's planning to pack a Vienna soccer stadium with 2,008 naked fans in the run-up to the Euro 2008 tournament.

Austria's national railway said Thursday it will offer free travel to the first 2,008 men and women who sign up to bare it all.

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A frog has been found in a remote part of Indonesia that has no lungs and breathes through its skin, a discovery that researchers said Thursday could provide insight into what drives evolution in certain species.

The aquatic frog was found in a remote part on Borneo Island during an expedition in August 2007, said David Bickford, an evolutionary biologist at the National University of Singapore.

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# Strong storms, tornadoes hit Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma; 2 dead in flooding

Jon Gambrell

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A band of hail, heavy rain and twisters pounded Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma Thursday, damaging hundreds of homes, flooding roads and leaving thousands without power.

Arkansas already was contending with three weeks of flooding and the aftermath of 10 tornadoes that struck last week when the latest storm hit.

"It's just getting worse," sheriff's dispatcher Nola Massey said. "We're just trying to get everybody to stay home and not get out in it."

About 1,000 customers of Energy Arkansas lost power and tornado sirens blared around midday in parts of central Arkansas, including Little Rock. Flooding also was reported in southwest Missouri as storms crossed the region.

Flights at the Little Rock airport were stopped for nearly an hour while people, including some sitting on planes, were moved to safer areas.

The severe weather began in the region Wednesday. An apparent tornado with winds of up to 70 mph moved through west Texas, tearing shingles from roofs, shattering glass and flipping vehicles. Roughly 100 homes reported



Two aircraft are covered with debris and the remnants of the hanger they were stored in after heavy storms hit the small airport in Allen, Texas.

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At least 180,000 homes and businesses lost electricity in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and more than 11,000 customers were without power in Oklahoma Thursday morning. Flooding in Oklahoma forced about a dozen state highways to close, and some schools called off classes for the day.

In Oklahoma, where some parts of the state had more than 4 inches of rain, two rain-related traffic deaths were reported. Three people were treated for minor injuries in Texas.

Red Cross spokeswoman Anita Foster said no injuries were reported from the high winds and heavy rain in the Dallas-Fort Worth areas. Two shelters were set up for residents who may need them, she said.

One hangar at Addison Airport, in the Dallas area, lost part of its roof.

The storm pelted the city with quarter-sized hail just after midnight with winds of up to 70 mph, said Hector Guerrero, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. The service received reports of cars and a tractor trailer flipped over.

In DeSoto, just south of Dallas, about a dozen homes had roof damage, and there was severe roof damage at a senior apartment complex and at a hotel with about 50 people in it at the time, said Kathy Jones, a spokeswoman for the city of DeSoto.

Stephens County Sheriff James Reeves said about 20 homes in the Breckenridge area sustained major damage, including some roofs and top stories torn away.

Six mobile homes were destroyed and two businesses damaged, Reeves said.

In Arkansas' Saline County, residents spent a week picking up blown-off shingles and cleaning culverts after 10 tornadoes roared through central Arkansas the night of April 3. Forecasters said Thursday's storm could be on scale with those last week, with up to 2 inches of rain possible in Saline County, and gusts up to 30 mph.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency estimates at least 47 homes were destroyed by last week's tornadoes in Saline County. More could be affected as rainwater hits already saturated fields and lawns Thursday.

"It's just overwhelming — a flood on top of a tornado," Saline County Judge Lanny Fite, the county's top administrator, said Wednesday. "People have been working night and day trying to prepare, but there's not a whole lot we can do to prepare for rain in the magnitude they're talking about."



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Burleson firefighters assist Atlas Pallet owner DeDe Rivas as she recovers items from the overturned office trailer near Egan, Texas.

damage, mainly in Breckenridge, DeSoto and Hurst.

Near Lillian, Texas, the storm critically injured a gas worker, who lost part of his arm, an official said.

Bobby Russell, a 45-year-old maintenance man, said he was huddled with wife and two teenage children in their duplex when a falling tree punched a hole in the roof and collapsed a wall of his daughter's bedroom.

"We got the family together in the hallway, and then we heard a big boom," Russell, of Hurst, said.

In far east-central Oklahoma, Muldrow was particularly hard hit, with state officials reporting damage to more than 200 homes and businesses from straight-line winds. The city was pounded with heavy rains, marble-sized hail and sustained winds of more than 60 mph, said Officer Jose Flores.

"We've got flooding like you wouldn't believe," Flores said.

## WORD ON THE STREET

"What period of history do you find most compelling?"

Compiled and photographed by Dustin Stone



"Pre-colonization era America, because I think the mindset of the native people was the right idea."

— Becca Joynt,  
recreation and theatre  
junior

"I think the Roman Empire, because American society is often compared to it."

— Brittany Onstott,  
English junior



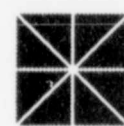
"Honestly, I think I would've enjoyed the Renaissance because of the art and inventions."

— Shea Clifford,  
computer engineering  
senior



"Ancient Egypt, because I think the pyramids are fascinating and it is my life's dream to go there."

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# Mustang Daily movie guide

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film	cast & crew	the big picture
<b>21 (PG-13)</b> 123 min.	Jim Sturgess, Kate Bosworth, Laurence Fishburne, Kevin Spacey, Liza Lapira, Josh Gad, Aaron Yoo; directed by Robert Luketic	<b>Summary:</b> Needing to pay school tuition, shy MIT student Ben Campbell (Sturgess) joins a group of gambling-loving (and system-beating) peers as they head to Sin City every weekend to rake in money. <b>The Good:</b> An excellent "slick escapist fantasy" (as per the Philadelphia Inquirer). <b>The Bad:</b> Its moralistic message is its downfall. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
<b>The Bra Boys (R)</b> 90 min.	Narrated by Russell Crowe; directed by Sunny Abberton and Stuart Beattie	<b>Summary:</b> Following the cultural evolution of a beachside Sydney suburb, the film features the social struggle of the area's young surf community, known as the Bra Boys. <b>The Good:</b> Gives an insider's perspective to an outsider culture. <b>The Bad:</b> Rudimentarily made, the film fails to answer viewers' inevitable questions. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
<b>Caramel (PG)</b> 95 min.	Nadine Labaki, Yasmine Al Masri, Joanna Moukartzel, Gisele Aouad, Siham Haddad; directed by Nadine Labaki	<b>Summary:</b> The beauty salon acts as the central locale for five Beirut women to dish on men, sex and motherhood — all between haircuts and sugar waxing with caramel, of course. <b>The Good:</b> Like the Lebanese version of "Sex and the City" — but better. <b>The Bad:</b> Rotten Tomatoes gives it a 92 percent (so it must be good, right?). <i>(Rottentomatoes.com)</i>
<b>The Counterfeiters (R)</b> 98 min.	Karl Markovics, August Diehl, David Striesow; directed by Stefan Ruzowitzky	<b>Summary:</b> A disparate group of imprisoned artists, financiers and swindlers secretly assemble in a concentration camp to produce millions of counterfeit bank notes that support Nazi war efforts. <b>The Good:</b> A provocative look at the complex nature of humanity under inhumane conditions. <b>The Bad:</b> The film closely resembles other Holocaust dramas. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
<b>Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears A Who! (G)</b> 88 min.	Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Carol Burnett, Seth Rogen, Will Arnett, Isla Fisher, Dan Fogler, Amy Poehler; directed by Steve Martino and Jimmy Hayward	<b>Summary:</b> Based on Dr. Seuss' book, the film follows Horton, an elephant that hears a faint cry for help from a speck of dust (which, incidentally, houses the microscopic world of the Whos). <b>The Good:</b> Stays true to Seuss while making creative visual embellishments. <b>The Bad:</b> What's not to love? Relive your childhood! <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
<b>Drillbit Taylor (PG-13)</b> 102 min.	Owen Wilson, Alex Frost, Casey Boersma, Dylan Boersma, Troy Gentile, Nate Hartley; directed by Steve Brill	<b>Summary:</b> Seeking protection from the high school bully, three friends place an ad — and get the best response from Drillbit Taylor, a down-on-his-luck "home-free" soldier of fortune who lives on the beach. <b>The Good:</b> Follows the time-old struggle of freaks and geeks. <b>The Bad:</b> Doesn't live up to its predecessor. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
<b>Flawless (PG-13)</b> 100 min.	Michael Caine, Demi Moore; directed by Michael Radford	<b>Summary:</b> A clever diamond-heist thriller set in the '60s, a London diamond-industry exec is frustrated with the business' glass ceiling and decides to join forces with a disgruntled nighttime janitor. <b>The Good:</b> Well-crafted entertainment with a nice sense of style. <b>The Bad:</b> Not very memorable as far as heist films go. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
<b>In Bruges (R)</b> 107 min.	Colin Farrell, Brendan Gleeson, Ralph Fiennes, Clemence Posey; directed by Martin McDonagh	<b>Summary:</b> After a killing spree in London, two hit men try to take it easy in Bruges, Belgium while waiting for a call. Ray hates the city, but his accomplice, Ken, finds himself in a cultural masterpiece. <b>The Good:</b> A sharply written, superbly acted, hilarious but powerfully serious film. <b>The Bad:</b> A black comedy that may be too dark for some. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
<b>Leatherheads (PG-13)</b> 114 min.	George Clooney, Renée Zellweger, John Krasinski, Jonathan Pryce; directed by George Clooney	<b>Summary:</b> The owner of a professional 1920s football team drafts a too-good-to-be-true college sensation while trying to win the heart of a suspicious journalist. <b>The Good:</b> Strong romantic chemistry between Clooney and Zellweger. <b>The Bad:</b> The script lacks depth, and the plot is unfulfilling and cliché. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
<b>Miss Pettigrew Lives For A Day (PG-13)</b> 92 min.	Frances McDormand, Amy Adams, Ciaran Hinds, Shirley Henderson; directed by Bharat Nalluri	<b>Summary:</b> Miss Pettigrew (McDormand), an aging governess dismissed from her job, becomes social secretary for Delysia Lafosse (Adams), helping her navigate a career and complicated love life. <b>The Good:</b> An entertaining, farcical romance with impressive acting and authentic costumes and sets. <b>The Bad:</b> It's a British film, but there are no British actors in the leading roles. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
<b>Nim's Island (PG)</b> 96 min.	Jodie Foster, Abigail Breslin, Gerard Butler, Alphonso McAuley; directed by Mark Levin	<b>Summary:</b> Nim (Breslin) enjoys life on a utopian island, until her father goes missing and she writes to her favorite author for help in finding him. <b>The Good:</b> Flawless animation and an enjoyable, family-friendly plot. <b>The Bad:</b> Slapstick comedy and too much interaction with CGI animals drag down acting performances. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
<b>Prom Night (PG-13)</b> 88 min.	Brittany Snow, Scott Porter, Dana Davis, Briana Davis, Collins Pennie, Kelly Blatz; directed by Nelson McCormick	<b>Summary:</b> On supposedly the "best night of her life," high school senior Donna must escape the ruthless rampage of an obsessed killer while facing demons from a horrible tragedy in her recent past. <b>The Good:</b> A mindless, suspenseful thriller. <b>The Bad:</b> Formulaic and predictable — not (yet) another teen movie? <i>(Rottentomatoes.com)</i>
<b>The Ruins (R)</b> 90 min.	Jonathon Tucker, Laura Ramsey, Jena Malone, Shawn Ashmore; directed by Carter Smith	<b>Summary:</b> Friends struggle for survival after finding a deadly creature living among the ruins of a remote archeological dig in the Mexican jungle. Based on the best-selling novel by Scott Smith. <b>The Good:</b> A seemingly new twist on the horror genre. <b>The Bad:</b> May not be ideal for travel lovers. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
<b>Run, Fatboy, Run (PG-13)</b> 100 min.	Simon Pegg, Hank Azaria, Thandie Newton, Dylan Moran, Matthew Fenton, Harish Patel; directed by David Schwimmer	<b>Summary:</b> In an attempt to win back Libby, the woman he left at the altar five years ago, slightly overweight (but charming) Dennis decides to run in the same London marathon as Libby's new love interest. <b>The Good:</b> Consistently amusing, with an impressive effort on Schwimmer's part. <b>The Bad:</b> No real fat boy? <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
<b>Smart People (R)</b> 95 min.	Dennis Quaid, Sarah Jessica Parker, Ellen Page, Thomas Haden Church, Ashton Holmes, Christina Lahti; directed by Noam Murro	<b>Summary:</b> Lawrence Wetherhold (Quaid) is a widowed Victorian lit professor who has flawed relationships with his kids, falls in love with a former student and must deal with his slacker brother. <b>The Good:</b> The dialogue is sharp, witty and amusing. <b>The Bad:</b> Semi-interesting characters lie behind a thin veneer. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
<b>Street Kings (R)</b> 104 min.	Keanu Reeves, Forest Whitaker, Hugh Laurie, Terry Crews, Chris Evans, Cedric the Entertainer, Common, The Game; directed by David Ayer	<b>Summary:</b> In an effort to find the killers of his former partner, a veteran LAPD vice detective (Reeves) intensively searches in the heart of Los Angeles in this police thriller. <b>The Good:</b> Moral messages presented in an efficient format. <b>The Bad:</b> One big game of testosterone-fueled one-upmanship. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
<b>Superhero Movie (PG-13)</b> 85 min.	Drake Bell, Sara Paxton, Christopher McDonald, Pamela Anderson, Leslie Nielsen; directed by Craig Mazin	<b>Summary:</b> Rick Riker (Bell) is a ultra-cool teenager who, upon discovering his superpowers, sets out to save the world from imminent disaster. <b>The Good:</b> A satire of "Spiderman" and other superhero movies targeted for a Nickelodeon audience. <b>The Bad:</b> Predictable plot and weak jokes, but what do you expect? <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>



# Opera: not just for the old folks

Rachel Glas  
MUSTANG DAILY

Love affairs, mistaken identity and schemes for revenge will take place in the Spanos Theater this weekend — and no, it's not a showing of "The Hills."

Instead, scenes from Johann Strauss' operetta "Die Fledermaus" (translation: "The Bat") will be performed by the Cal Poly Opera Workshop at 8 p.m. today and Saturday.

Music faculty member David Arrivée is conducting the show, and Ross Halper of the San Francisco Opera is directing the libretto, or dialogue, sections. Arias, duets and ensembles will be performed.

The operetta centers on the various exploits of four main characters: Baron von Eisenstein, Eisenstein's wife Rosalind, Rosalind's maid

Adele and Prince Orlofsky. Different students will play those four characters each night so that more students will be able to participate.

Though the word "opera" may inspire visions of confusing plot lines and unintelligible music for some, music senior Chloe Gill, who will play Adele Friday night, said this isn't the case.

"Opera is one of those things you go to and expect to be boring because it's such an old art, but when you go, you discover that it's hilarious. It's all about intrigue and scandal and sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll," she said.

Cal Poly voice, performance and diction teacher Jacalyn Kreitzer started the Cal Poly Opera Workshop five years ago. Kreitzer has more than 20 years of opera experience and has performed in more than 80 shows, including shows for the Metropolitan Opera.

Even so, her students have surprised her.

"These students are fantastic. Despite (the fact that) we've had very few rehearsal times and haven't had as much coaching since we're a very small teaching staff, I'm utterly impressed," she said. "I hold them in the highest regard. It's amazing what they've done."

No experience is required to be part of the opera workshop, though auditions are held to ensure that all students can carry a tune. The group contains students with majors from music to business and by taking part in the workshop, these students can receive school credit for being part of the group.

Kreitzer, though, said students get more than just that by participating.

"It's extraordinarily valuable for students to perform onstage. They learn how to present themselves better in public, they lose their shyness and they get a real confidence boost," she said.

Gill, who has been involved in the workshop for

Students from the Cal Poly Opera Workshop will perform scenes from Johann Strauss' "Die Fledermaus" operetta tonight and Saturday night.

nearly four years, finds the entire experience illuminating and fun.

"It's a really wonderful experience to participate in a program where we get to learn the entire process that goes along with putting together an opera. Not many people get to do that," she said.

Tickets to the performances are \$6 for students and seniors, and \$10 for the public. Tickets can be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office or by calling 756-2787.



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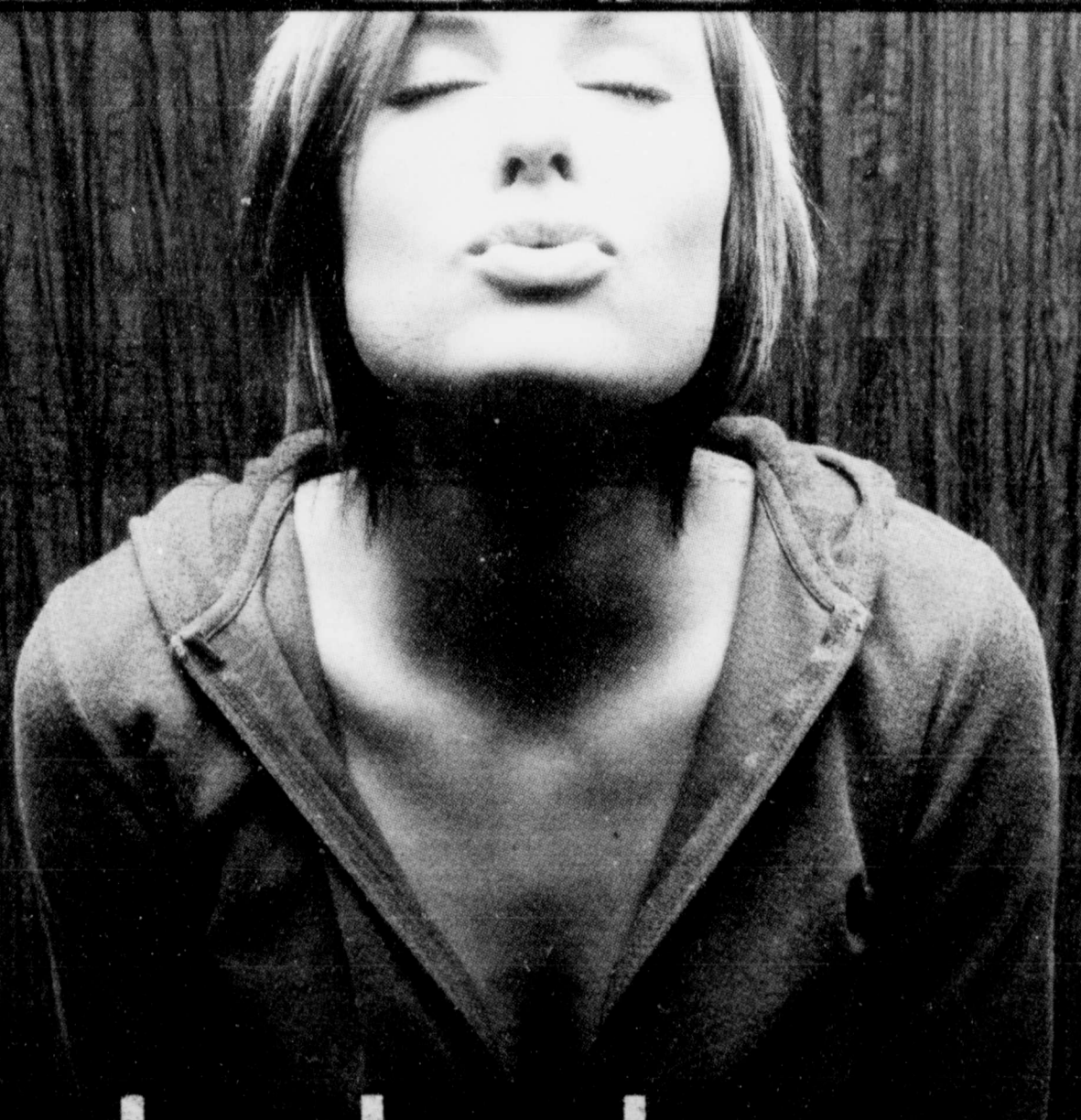
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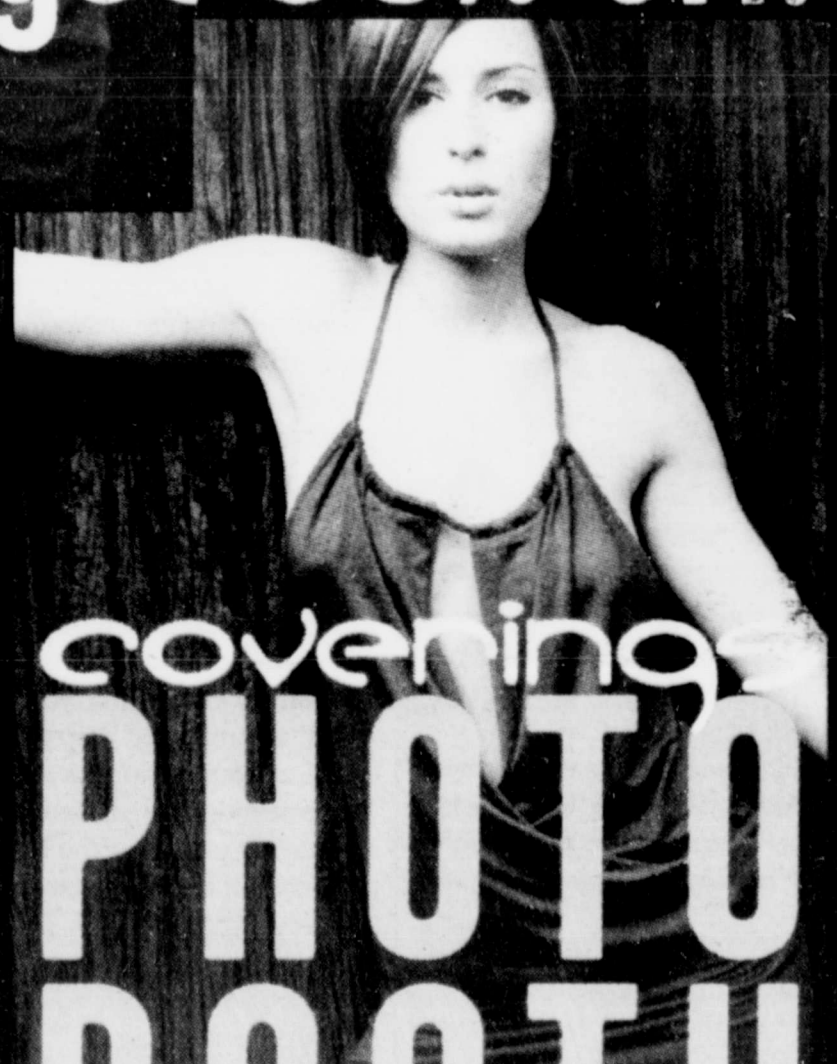
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## Clean energy: it's in the air

This year, the writers of The Green Spot have addressed many topics pertaining to climate change. From green building to the auto industry to political issues, we have painted a broad stroke. Most of the media coverage of environmental issues that we see on a daily basis is focused on the fight against climate change here in the United States. Although America is a very important piece of the puzzle, the effort of every nation is required to combat climate change. The road to carbon neutrality will be a long one, and it is critical that professionals from all over the world communicate with their peers in order to ease the transition to a healthier world.

In the spirit of international collaboration, the local Santa Lucia Chapter of the Sierra Club worked with members of the Empower Poly Coalition for more than a year to plan the European Smart Energy Study Tour. The purpose of the tour was for students to travel alongside political leaders and professionals to sites of energy policy and technology interest. After meeting with the men and women who made these unique sites possible, tour participants would be able to return to America and apply new ideas to their own work. Between March 24 and April 5, the tour group moved from England through Belgium, the Netherlands and Denmark to finally end up in Sweden in search of energy solutions. Along the way, meetings were conducted with European political advisory councils, political agencies, energy planners and researchers.

With support from the civil and environmental engineering department, I was able to participate in the Smart Energy Study Tour. Along with several other Cal Poly students, I spent my spring break learning about the European fight against climate change. Although every site we visited was an incredible example of environmentally friendly technology and policy at work, one site was particularly inspiring.

Samsø, Denmark is a small island about nine miles off the coast of mainland Denmark. With little more than 4,000 residents, Samsø is primarily an agrarian economy.

Although it has historically been renowned for the new potatoes it produces, Samsø has recently been making money with another lucrative export: energy.

Since the installation of 11 one-megawatt wind turbines around the island in 2000, Samsø has independently provided 100 percent of the electricity consumed by its residents.

High winds from the North and Baltic seas spin the turbines year-round. With three 88-foot long blades apiece, they are an imposing sight as well.

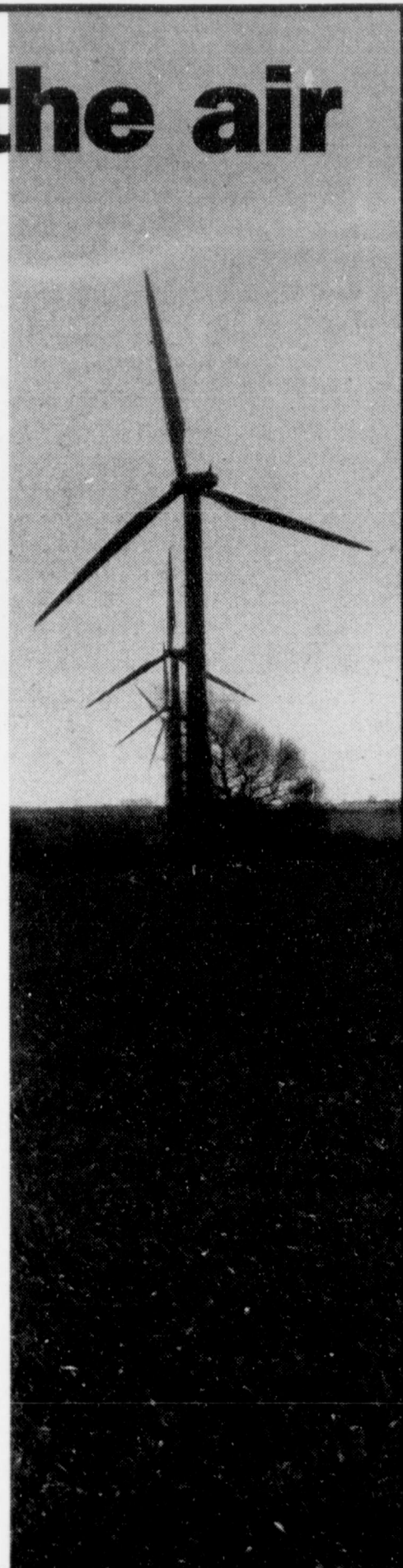
An additional 10 wind turbines situated off the coast allow Samsø to distribute excess power to mainland Denmark, Sweden and northern Germany. This power production venture has become a profitable project for the island, particularly since power distributors in many of the surrounding areas are required to preferentially purchase energy from renewable generators.

Through a creative funding program in which island residents purchased shares in the wind power project, much of the local population is invested in the turbines. Samsø landowners have leased out one 400-square-foot plot of land for each turbine. Those residents who do not own a great deal of land also participated in the project by lending money for the purchase and installation of the turbines.

The local population not only takes pride in their 100 percent renewable electricity generation, they also appreciate the economic benefits of clean energy. Due to the success of the program, most of the residents of Samsø are, in some way, making money from the wind turbines.

Samsø is a good example of how a city with a local renewable resource can be used to provide more than enough energy to power the surrounding region. It is a great success story and drives home the point that renewable power is within our reach!

*Matt Hutton is an environmental engineering senior, a member of the Empower Poly Coalition and an environmental columnist.*



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## Being textually active during class causes a stir

Emily Smith  
THE POST (OHIO U.)

Are you textually active? Before you call a doctor, realize that being textually active refers to sending text messages with your cell phone. According to Media Life magazine, 80 percent of college students communicate through text messaging. For me, texting is a convenient, non-intrusive method of communicating, and it is part of the student culture. I guarantee you will not believe some of the extremes to which professors will go if they catch you texting during class. The results of your texting could be even more embarrassing than that time during freshman year when you walked around campus with a highlighted map of the buildings.

I am a textaholic. I am guilty of occasional in-class texting. We all text. We can all relate to that annoying person in the back of the classroom who thinks we cannot hear his vibrating phone and clicking keypad. Think you can get away with your under-the-table texting? Think your professor does not see you texting? You are wrong, and your professors are noticing.

What seems like long ago, I remember talking to one of my professors during his office hours. He said that in his class of 200 students, some are just pretending to take class notes when they are actually texting. Text messaging while in class creates a distraction to the rest of the class, in addition to you.

Simply acknowledging that rude texter is not enough for some professors, and they are willing to cause a stir and put their reputations on the line so they can make a difference. Dr. Laurence Thomas is one.

**We can all relate to that annoying person in the back of the classroom who thinks we cannot hear his vibrating phone and clicking keypad.**

Dr. Thomas walked out of a 400-person lecture last week when he caught just one student texting during his class. Last Friday, I talked with Dr. Thomas, professor of Ethics and Value Theory at Syracuse University. On the first day, Thomas notified his class that he demands mutual respect from his students. He had stated beforehand that he would walk out and cancel class immediately if he catches a student text messaging during his class. Last week, he followed through.

While Thomas says he is "not against technology, the moral conduct (of the class) is changed" when a student is texting during his class. Usually once per year, a text-messaging student will cause the cancellation of class. Thomas justifies the incident in a letter to both the students and the chancellor of the university. "Usually, I only walk out once per semester. Twice this semester I have cancelled class because of one computer-related issue and the second for text messaging." And that is why a protocol Thomas started roughly eight years ago has rocked a university and an industry.

Are his actions extreme? Yes. Does he prove his point? Indubitably, yes.

Thomas caused a stir not only in Syracuse, but also in the higher education community as a whole.

In a related article at InsideHigherEd.com, more than 145 readers commented on his reaction to a text-messaging student within four days of posting.

And what about the students?

Dr. Thomas has gotten responses from students both criticizing and praising his method of "empowering excellence" from a class of 400 students. He has seen the benefits in many students who took a class that he walked out on. Some even send him e-mails commending his brave, innovative approach to classroom control.

And before you think Thomas is looking for a way to fit in another round of golf, realize he is most definitely not considered a lazy professor who reads from Powerpoint. He intensively prepares for class and even gets his students involved by playing music that specifically relates to the day's presentation as the class begins.

But you cannot disadvantage a class of 400 students like Thomas did when he left his class because of just one texter. If that crazy texter wants to ignore the lecturer, allow him to. I can think of worse things he could do to distract a class. Texting during class is rude, but in most cases it does not justify a professor's leaving class. Let's just hope the professor does not factor your mad texting skills into your participation grade ... like he couldn't.

Carpe education: seize education. If you prefer, you can risk having 399 students hate you for making them leave class and you can be the cause of a stir in some higher education industry publications. I am willing to bet you would feel exactly like that freshman walking around campus with a highlighted map if your professor left class because of your texting. Can't your texting wait two hours?



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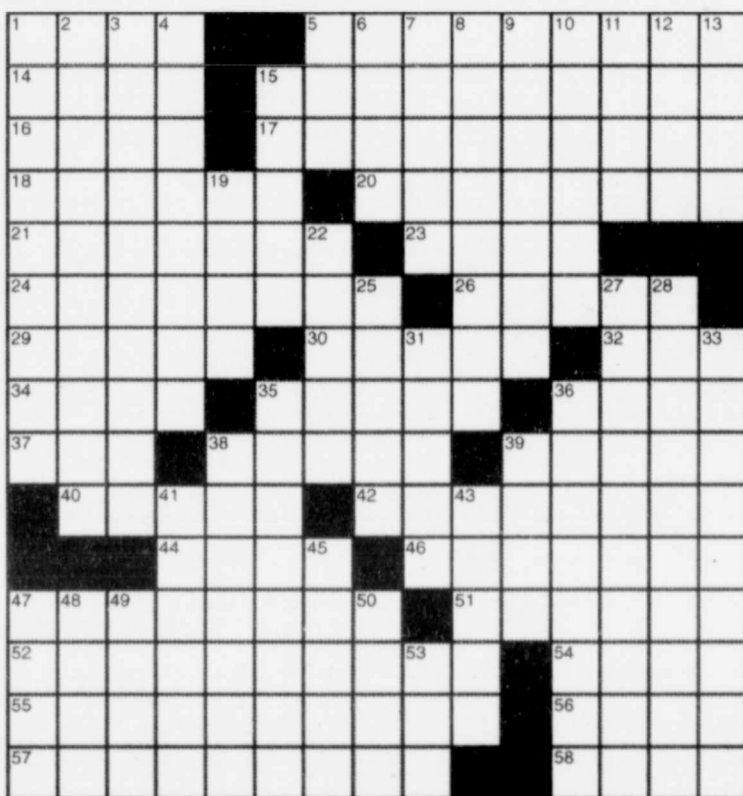
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  - Presently
  - In-house debugging
  - Person at the wheel?
  - Most useless
  - "Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind" speaker
  - Snazzy
  - Region bordering Mount Olympus
  - Sound of a dropped scoop of ice cream
  - Certain chess piece, informally
  - Edward who created the Gashlycrumb Tinies
  - Coca-Cola creation
  - "Caribbean Blue" singer
  - Candle holders
  - Ford or Lincoln
  - "Notorious" setting
  - Dispel a curse?
  - Man
  - Unit of radioactivity
  - It protects car buyers
  - In the distance
  - #1 Beatles hit with the only known vocal contribution by Linda McCartney
  - Soft spread
  - Hang it up
  - 1990 #1 rap hit that starts "Yo, V.I.P., let's kick it"
  - Mystical indicator
  - Bernard Malamud's debut novel
  - Ball boy?
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- Go for a party, say
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# Nuggets win pivotal playoff showdown over Warriors

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OAKLAND — Allen Iverson scored 33 points, J.R. Smith added 24 off the bench and the Denver Nuggets took control of the race for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference with a 114-105 victory over the Golden State Warriors on Thursday night.

The win moved Denver (48-31) a full game ahead of the Warriors in the race for eighth place in the West with only three games remaining. The Nuggets also control the tiebreaker, meaning they can clinch their fifth straight playoff berth by winning two of their final three games.

Golden State (47-32) probably will need to win its final three games and hope Denver loses twice to avoid the distinction of being the winningest team ever to miss the NBA playoffs. Houston won 45 games in 2000-01.

The Nuggets, who trailed by 16 points in the first quarter, took a 99-86 lead when Smith's two free throws capped a 7-0 spurt early in the fourth quarter. Carmelo Anthony's 3-pointer made it 104-90 with 7:52 to go and silenced the largest crowd in Warriors history.

The lead grew to 17 before the Warriors mounted one last charge, scoring nine straight points to cut it to 107-99 on Kelenna Azubuike's 3-pointer with just over 4 minutes remaining.

Golden State had two chances to cut into the lead more before Iverson's jumper got the lead back to 10. Iverson added a 3-pointer to make it 112-101 with 2:06 to go. Anthony iced it with a dunk with 29.3 seconds left, giving him 25 points.

Both coaches talked about how this game had a playoff feel to it. The yellow "We Be-

lieve" placards that were prevalent during the Warriors' playoff run a year ago were taped to each seat.

But the Warriors have not been playing with the same energy down the stretch this season as they did during their memorable playoff run a year ago.

They have lost nine of the past 16 games in a lackluster finish to their best season in 14 years. Golden State committed an uncharacteristically high 18 turnovers, missed nine of 24 free throws and got poor shooting nights from Stephen Jackson and Baron Davis.

Davis had a triple-double with 20 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds, but shot only 9-for-25. Jackson had 18 points on 5-for-17 shooting. Monta Ellis led the way with 29 points and Al Harrington added 20.

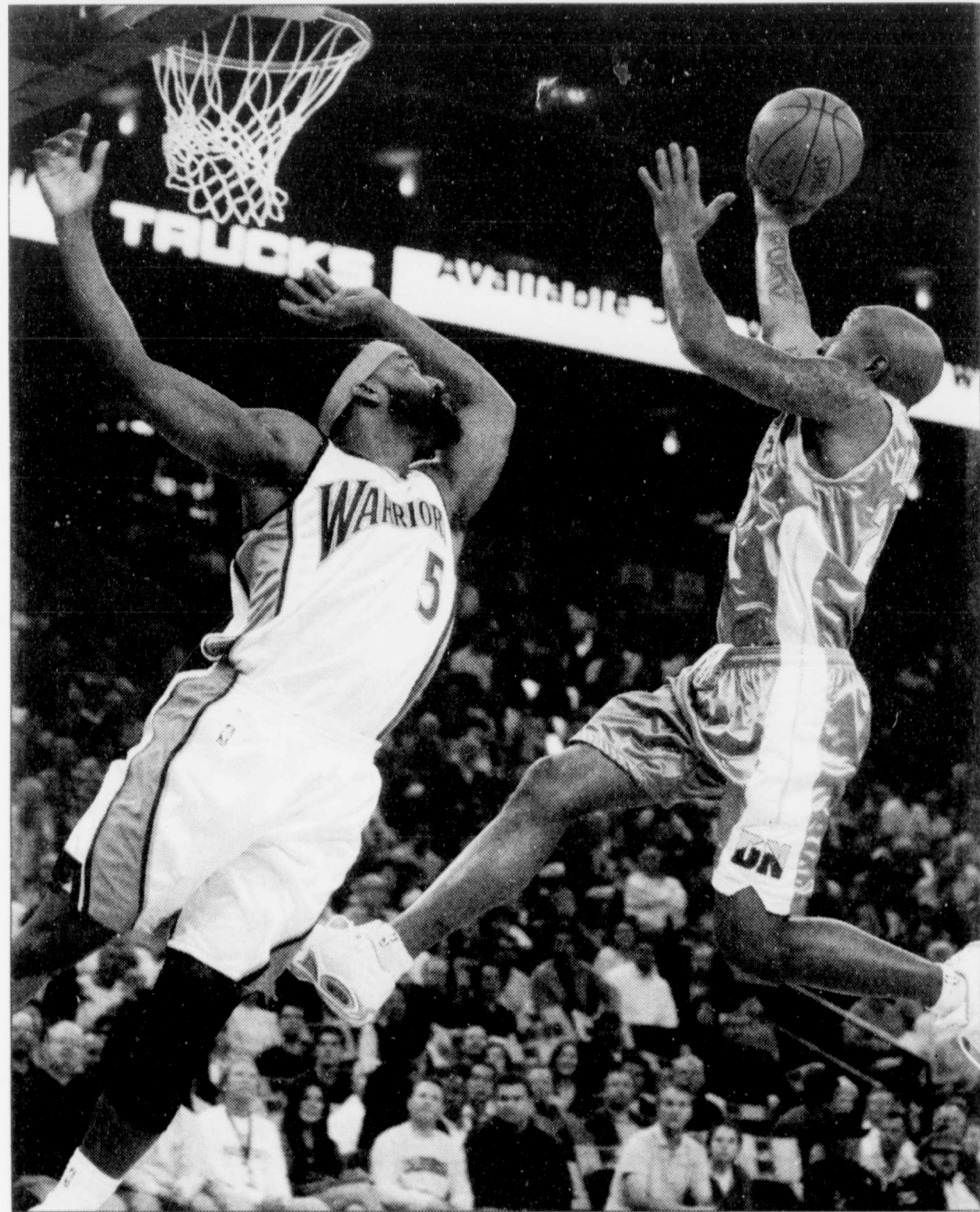
The notoriously slow-starting Warriors had their best opening quarter in months, taking a 37-22 lead after one for their best start since leading Cleveland by 16 after one back on Dec. 23. That advantage was quickly erased when the Iverson and Smith found their stroke and the Warriors struggled early in the second.

Denver scored 19 straight points early in the quarter, getting nine from Iverson and eight from Smith, to take a 43-38 lead. The Warriors missed their first eight shots of the quarter before Harrington's dunk with 5:48 left in the half.

The Nuggets led 61-60 at the break on Iverson's jumper with 2.1 seconds to play.

Golden State forward Brandan Wright and Denver forward Nene missed the game with groin injuries.

The Warriors set a franchise record with a crowd of 20,737, but have not won back-to-back games since taking three in a row March 7-12.



Denver Nuggets guard Anthony Carter goes up for a basket against the Golden State Warriors' Baron Davis during the first half of their game Thursday in Oakland.

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## Bynum still not cleared to practice with Lakers just yet

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EL SEGUNDO — Injured Lakers center Andrew Bynum saw a knee specialist in New York and still hasn't been cleared to practice, the team announced Thursday.

"This should not be seen as a setback in any way," said Dr. David Altcheck, who examined Bynum on Wednesday. "Andrew will continue his therapy program and workouts with the Lakers' training staff and will continue to be monitored until he can return to playing status."

Bynum has been out since Jan. 13, when he dislocated his left kneecap and bruised a bone landing on a teammate's foot while going for a rebound.

No target date has been given for Bynum's return, though he has been widely expected to miss the team's final two regular-season games and return sometime during the playoffs.

Coach Phil Jackson said Tuesday there was a chance Bynum might return for a Sunday game against the San Antonio Spurs, but called it a "long shot" and said it depended on his returning to practice by Saturday, which the team had hoped for.

Bynum was having a breakout season when he was injured, averaging 13.1 points, 10.2 rebounds and 2.06 blocked shots in his third year. He was leading the NBA in field goal percentage (63.6 percent) and was among the best in rebounds and blocks.

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# A's wrap up sweep of Blue Jays

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TORONTO — Travis Buck doubled home two runs in the 12th inning and the Oakland Athletics completed a three-game sweep of the Toronto Blue Jays with a 3-2 win Thursday night.

Buck went 3 for 6 with three RBI, matching an Oakland record with three doubles.

After starting the season in an 0-for-22 slump, Buck doubled in the second inning Tuesday and ended up going 7 for 16 with four RBI and six doubles in the series, boosting his average to .189. The six doubles in a three-game series are an Oakland record.

The Athletics have won four of six overall, and seven straight in Toronto in a streak that began during the 2007 season.

Chris Denorfia led off the A's 12th with a single, Bobby Crosby grounded out and Jack Hannahan was intentionally walked before Brandon League (0-1) loaded the bases by hitting Kurt Suzuki. Denorfia was forced out at home on Emil Brown's infield grounder before Buck doubled to left-center.

The winner was right-hander Joey Devine (1-0), who worked two innings after being recalled from Triple-A Sacramento earlier in the day when Rich Harden landed on the 15-day disabled list.

Keith Foulke gave up an RBI single to Vernon Wells in the bottom of the 12th but got Aaron Hill to ground into a game-ending 6-4-3 double play, picking up his first save of the season.

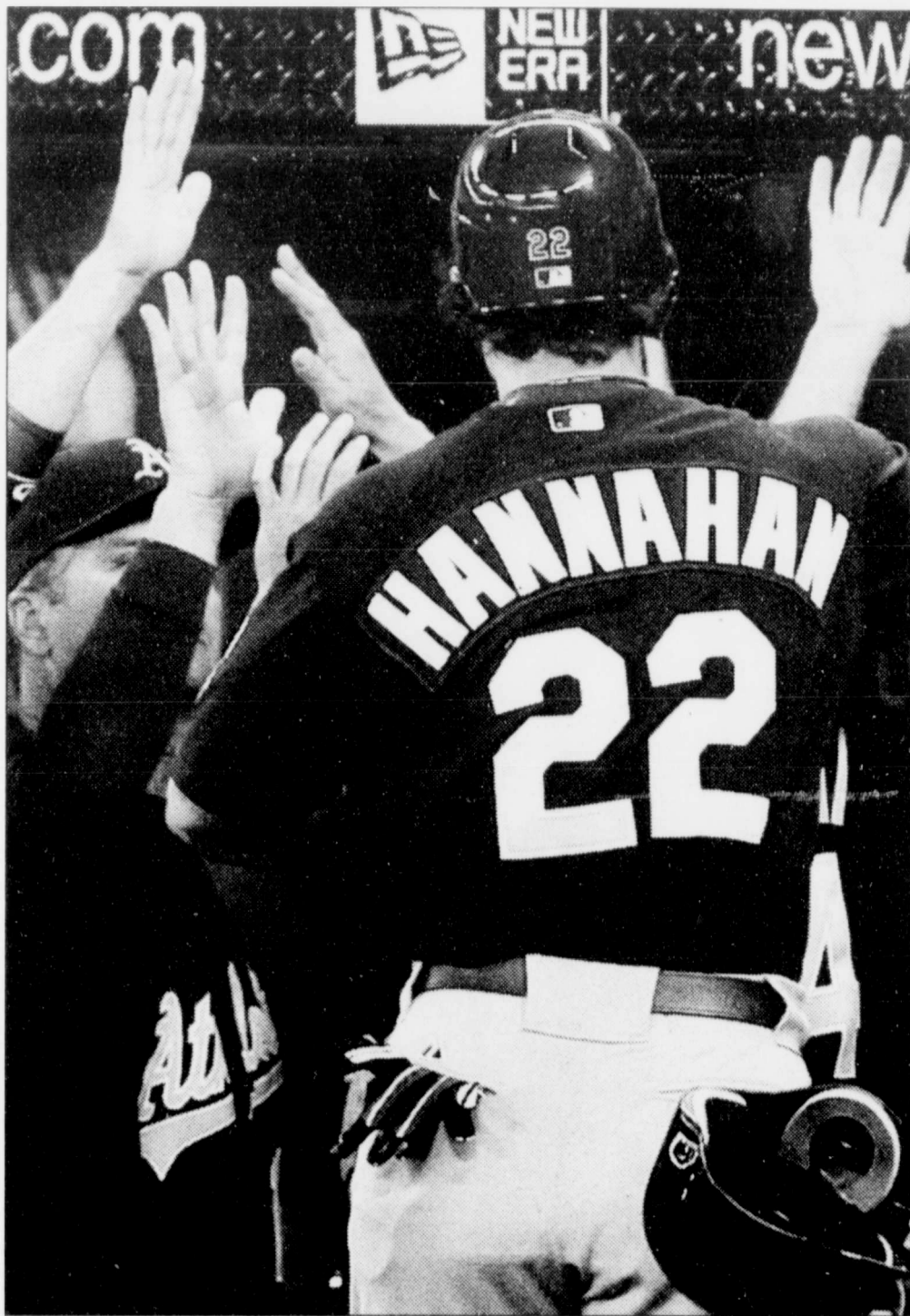
Oakland opened the scoring in the fifth when Ryan Sweeney singled with two outs and came around on Buck's double to right-center. Toronto tied it in the eighth against reliever Alan Embree. Marco Scutaro led off with a triple and scored one out later on Shannon Stewart's sacrifice fly.

Athletics left-hander Dana Eveland scattered three hits over 6 2/3 shutout innings, lowering his ERA to 0.66. He walked three and struck out six. Blue Jays right-hander Shaun Marcum allowed one run on six hits in seven innings, walking one and striking out eight.

Harden (strained back muscle) was placed on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 3, and will miss his scheduled start at Cleveland on Saturday.

Frank Thomas went 0 for 4 for Toronto with four strikeouts and two walks.

The Athletics' team record for doubles in a game is four by Frankie Hayes of the Philadelphia A's in 1936.



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Jack Hannahan is congratulated by his Oakland Athletics teammates after he scored during the 12th inning of a 3-2 win in Toronto on Thursday.

## Golf

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Dinh added that the fraternity is working primarily to attract students, especially those interested in the business field, to compete because many of the event's sponsors have internships and other positions available for students.

Tournament sponsors include Hubbs & Associate Consulting Group, Ameriprise Financial and Progressive Insurance.

Delta Sigma Pi is a professional co-ed business fraternity that organizes and participates in activities based on the three pillars of professionalism, brotherhood and community service. The fraternity of more than 50 members hosts company representatives, holds a variety of social events and participates in service projects such as taking children from the Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo to Cal Poly basketball games.

The golf tournament started as a fundraiser five years ago. Dinh explained the first two did not raise much money, but Delta Sigma Pi alum William Hills motivated the fraternity to get more involved and raise \$16,000 in the third trial. He also transformed it into the charity event it has been for the past three years.

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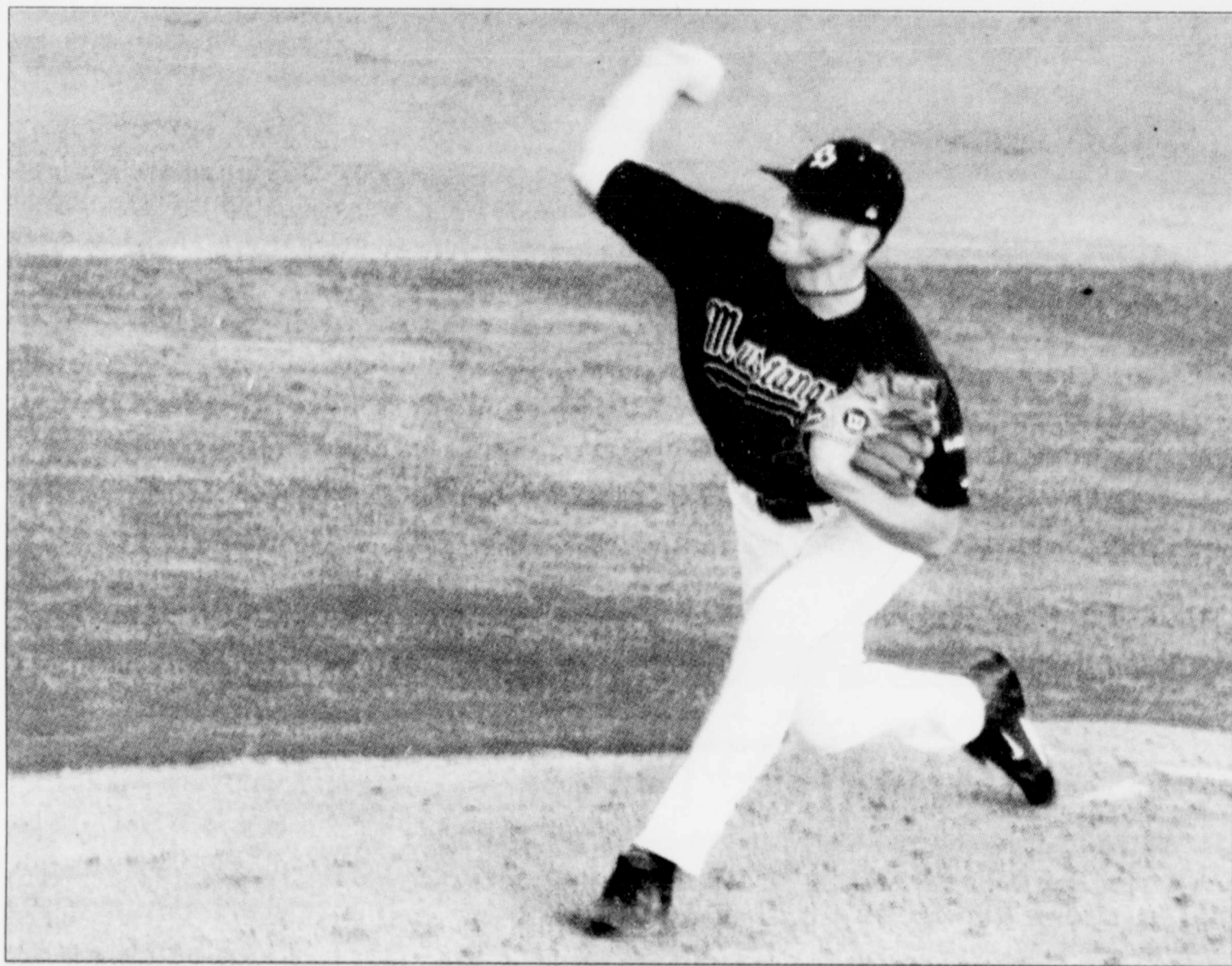
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baseball

## Mustangs resume Big West play

*Cal Poly looks for first three-game winning streak of season tonight*



BENJAMIN ROZAK MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly sophomore right-hander Kevin Castner gave up two earned runs in one inning of work during an 8-5 win over Fresno State on Wednesday. The Mustangs will host Pacific at 6 tonight at Baggett Stadium.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

At the start of the week, Larry Lee, head coach of the Cal Poly baseball team, wasn't willing to hit the panic button.

Even though his Mustangs had fallen to 1-5 in Big West Conference play, he said Monday it wasn't too late to turn things around. He may have been right.

Cal Poly, which entered the week having lost 10 of its past 12 games, ventured outside of conference play, winning 10-5 at Pepperdine on Tuesday and 8-5 against Fresno State at home Wednesday.

At 6 tonight, the Mustangs (11-17, 1-5 Big West) will look for their first three-game winning streak of the season while hosting Pacific at Baggett Stadium.

By all indications, the Tigers (7-22, 1-5 Big West),

tied for the worst record in conference play, could be a telling barometer of Cal Poly's Big West outlook.

Pacific, which finished seventh in the Big West at 16-43 a year ago, rank last in the nine-team conference in hitting (.237), staff earned-run average (6.55) and fielding percentage (.949).

Freshman center fielder Nick Longmire, at .303, boasts the best batting average for the Tigers, who have fallen in 10 of their past 13 outings.

Cal Poly, which is fourth in the Big West with a batting average of .303, yet eighth in staff ERA at 5.83, has won its most recent five contests with Pacific, and 18 of the past 24 meetings.

First pitch Saturday is also scheduled for 6 p.m., while Sunday's is slated for 1 p.m.

## Pac-10 signees, Poly-bound guard to play in prep all-star game at Mott Gym

Donovan Aird  
MUSTANG DAILY

A handful of high school boys basketball stars headed to the Pac-10 Conference, one bound for Cal Poly and several others also on their way to Division I programs, will display their talents at Mott Gym on Sunday.

"This is a great opportunity to get a lot of this year's standouts together for our local community that enjoys watching basketball, and to acknowledge them for their abilities as well as their commitments to respective programs," game director Jon Sun said.

In the main event of the 1 Dream All-Star Classic, a Northern California squad will take the court against Southern California counterparts at 3:30 p.m.

Representing the northern contingent will be Justin Brown of Richmond's Salesian High.

Brown, a 5-foot-11, 190-pounder called by The Sports Xchange a "strong, athletic point guard who can penetrate and play defense," reportedly had been listed by Nor-CalPreps.com as one of the top five senior point guards in Northern California, and was one of three Cal Poly fall signees in 2007.

Headlining the southern roster figures to be Percy Miller, Jr. of Beverly Hills. Better known as the rapper Romeo (formerly Lil' Romeo), Miller has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at USC.

He'll be joined by Ribet's Malik Story (who has committed to USC, according to Sun), Price's Tyrese Breshers (Washington), Westchester's Oscar Bellfield (UNLV), Taft's Eugene Phelps (Long Beach State) and Westchester's Jarred DuBois (Southern Methodist), among others.

Playing alongside Brown, among others, for the upstate group will be Modesto Christian's D.J. Seeley (who has committed to Cal, Sun said), Archbishop Mitty's Colin Chiverton (St. Mary's), Antioch's Tim Williams (St. Mary's), William Brew (UCSB) of St. Mary's, Weston Ranch's James Nunnally (UCSB), Newark's Chris Jones (Fresno State), Branson's Oliver McNally (Harvard), Rio Americano's Drake Uu (Hartford), Archbishop Mitty's Enoch Andoh (Bucknell) and McClymonds' Frank Otis (Southern Methodist).

Prior to the state contest will be games between the Northern Santa Barbara County and San Luis Obispo County girls (12:30 p.m.) and boys (2 p.m.) all-stars.

"It will be great for them to play at Cal Poly — (Mott Gym) is such a great facility to be in," Sun said. "All the kids selected really deserve the opportunity."

Tickets are free for Cal Poly students with their Poly cards and \$10 for adults.

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— Jon Sun  
1 Dream All-Star Classic  
game director

## Delta Sigma Pi hosts charity golf tournament

Sara Wright  
MUSTANG DAILY

Business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi wants people to tee off not just for a trophy, but for a couple of good causes in its fifth annual Charity Golf Tournament for Local Charities.

This year's tournament benefits local chapters of The Work Training Program, Inc. and Big Brothers Big Sisters. The Work Training Program needs to renovate its transitional housing program, which is a six-resident home that offers living skills to more than 400 clients.

Also, Big Brothers Big Sisters aspires to start a "High School Bigs" school-based site program at Nipomo Elementary to match

high-school mentors with at-risk youth.

"We're most grateful for the help of Delta Sigma Pi," said Anna Boyd Bucy, associate executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Luis Obispo County.

Stephen Dinh, the tournament executive director and a business senior, created and sent an application through the United Way to nonprofit organizations in order to be selected as a beneficiary of the event.

He and other members of Delta Sigma Pi reviewed the applications and chose The Work Training Program and Big Brothers Big Sisters based on need and because they have not been selected as beneficiaries of the tournament before.

The fraternity anticipates 80 people will compete in this year's tournament,

and hopes to bring in double the \$6,000 last year's tournament raised for the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter in San Luis Obispo.

The event, which will be at the Monarch Dunes Golf Course in Nipomo, will be held April 26, but sign-ups end on April 16.

Golfing starts at 1 p.m., and other activities include a silent auction, raffle and contests such as the longest drive, the drive closest to the pin, and the best overall score.

"It's a great opportunity to be involved and give back to the community," Dinh said.



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In its third annual charity golf tournament, Delta Sigma Pi raised about \$16,000 in 2006.

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