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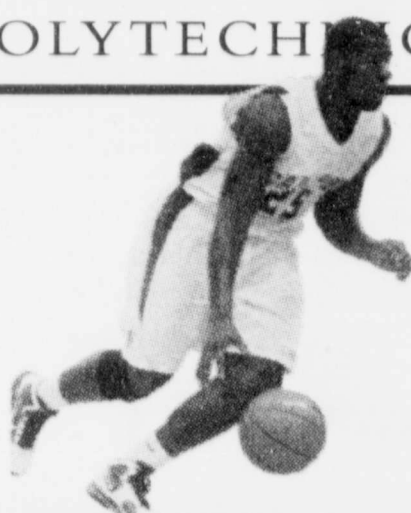
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National movement for public education tomorrow

Organizations state- and nationwide unite in support of California public education

Katie Grady
MUSTANG DAILY

From preschoolers to professors, thousands from California to New York plan to stand together on March 4 as part of a "day of action to save public education."

The California Faculty Association (CFA), students and supporters from all segments of public education have been planning for months to join forces on Thursday to "Mobilize for Education," a movement that has now sparked interest from other parts of the country and from other nations.

"It's really a great opportunity for college students to stand up for education," said Matt Hardy, spokesman for the United Educators of San Francisco.

Stemming from the budget cut protests at UC Berkeley last fall, roughly 800 activists got together to discuss what to do next. The result? A national call for education and a day of unified action.

After passing a resolution for a day

of action in December, the CFA's Board of Directors encouraged campus chapters to hold visible and effective displays.

"The idea is for something to happen everywhere on that day at every campus ... whatever people felt appropriate," Brian Ferguson, CFA Communications specialist said.

Not only are all 23 California State Universities, the majority Universities of California and most community college campuses participating throughout the state, but organizations in 17 other states will be marching along with

California.

"I've been doing this for years, and I certainly haven't seen anything like this," Hardy said.

Alabama University in Montgomery is hosting a statewide rally at the Alabama State House where more than 2,000 participants are expected to attend. There will be a walk-out at New York University as well as a rally at City Hall. The list goes on with schools in Michigan, Rhode Island, Texas and Minnesota, among others.

"There is lots of less formal action going on," Ferguson said. "People are hearing about what's going on in California and want to do something

of solidarity."

Considered by the faculty association to be a historic movement for education, social media has been a major player in expanding the movement to not only the rest of the nation, but the rest of the world.

"A university in Mexico will be holding demonstrations and ... the March 4 action will be endorsed by a group of educators in India," Ferguson said.

On or near the campuses, par-

ticipants will gather through rallies, demonstrations, marches, sit-ins or class walk-outs. Cal Poly is hosting a "Rally in Support of Public Education" at the office of state Senator Abel Maldonado from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

There will also be on-campus events held all day Thursday as part of Cal

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Stricter noise ordinance enforced in San Luis Obispo starting Friday

Jessica Barba
MUSTANG DAILY

San Luis Obispo police can now issue multiple noise citations to residents, charge violators up to \$1,000 in fines and hold property owners responsible for tenants accused of disturbing the peace when the city's new noise ordinance is enforced this Friday, March 5.

San Luis Obispo Police Chief Deborah Linden proposed five strategies for stricter noise enforcement during a city council meeting Sept. 29; the strategies were then unanimously approved by the council on Jan. 19 when they were presented by Police Operations Captain Ian Parkinson, who is also running for San Luis Obispo County sheriff.

Parkinson said despite the number of noise complaints dropping from almost 2,800 in 2008 to 2,700 in 2009, city officials hope to see it drop even further.

"I do not expect any citations to go up. However, if people do not comply, then there will be an increase," Parkinson said.

Under the new ordinance, resi-

dents deemed noisy by their neighbors after 10 p.m. will receive one warning and their address will be added to the 'premises list.' Residents are eligible only for one warning within a nine-month period before receiving a citation. Parkinson specified that warnings are not required, and if the violation involves significant disturbances or the violator is unruly with SNAP officers, they will face an immediate fine.

A \$350 fine will be given for a first offense, a \$700 fine for a second violation within a 12-month period, and a \$1,000 fine for a third violation within the same year.

Students appear to be the majority of the targets for the fines, said business administration junior Becky Foster. Foster recalled how her friend hosted a dinner party with six guests and received a noise violation. She also added that because many students feel powerless to the new legislation, they are less likely to speak out against the new law.

"I think it is really unfair and they are taking advantage of a huge

demographic. It seems more about the money than keeping the peace," Foster said.

If a tenant receives a violation, a letter will be mailed to the property owner notifying the owner of the charge. The property owner could also be fined if the tenant continues to violate the noise ordinance.

In the past, realty agencies like McNamara Realty have placed a noise clause in their leases that would charge tenants \$400 to \$450 if they receive a noise violation. With the new legislation, the realty agency plans to continue to enforce the clause, as well as charge tenants for the fee the agency is charged by the city.

The city will allow first-time violators to pay for their fine by doing community service at a rate of \$10/hour.

The city is expected to discuss stricter legislation for parties or 'unruly gatherings' within the next few months; the legislation may lead to citations for everyone who attends these events.

Iraqi elections have high stakes, but low bar

Hannah Allam
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

BAGHDAD — The candidates include sitting judges and journalists who are covering the elections, but in Iraq, no one's complaining about conflicts of interest. Handing out guns,

cash and appliances to woo voters? No big deal. The names on the ballot include officials accused of large-scale corruption, fielding death squads and spying for Iran.

Iraq's chances to become a bea-

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Amira Faris, a 40-year-old biologist, and her sister, Khuloud Faris, 41, a psychologist, debate politics as they stroll past campaign posters in Baghdad Feb. 26. Iraqis enjoy poking fun at candidates ahead of the March 7 parliamentary elections.

Rally

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Poly's own "Day of Action Against the Budget Cuts." Starting with a walk-out in the morning, students will convene at Dexter Lawn before marching to the administration building for a rally.

Erik Fernandez, an architectural engineering junior is part of a recently formed group called "United We Stand for Education" at Cal Poly. The group is helping to organize the day's events. He said materials will be handed out at Dexter Lawn about the budget cuts and butcher paper will be available for students to write answers to provocative questions.

"A lot of students at Cal Poly are apathetic," Fernandez said. "Hopefully we will be able to unite more students under a more formal, organized group in order to educate on budget cuts."

There will also be a video camera where students can give testimonials. The footage will be part of a documentary covering the day's activities that will hopefully reignite student interest later on, organizers said. The group plans to show the film during spring quarter during a student-organized town hall meeting in the middle of April.

"It's not just about March 4, it's about the days after," Fernandez said.

Biological sciences sophomore Haydn Mitchell is also a member of the group and an organizer for the March 4 day of action. He said this is a unique event for Cal Poly.

"I was sitting in a room weeks ago planning this, and now it's happening, and people are actually interested," Mitchell said.

Mitchell is helping plan a teach-in on the effects of budget cuts in the University Union. They will be showing a video of the Berkley demonstrations and interviews with Governor Schwarzenegger as well as skits performed by students. This will also be added to the documentary.

"We are doing the documentary to keep the spirit alive and keep up awareness," Mitchell said.

The CFA chapter president for Cal Poly, Richard Saenz, is part of planning the rally at Senator Maldonado's office on Marsh Street. There will

be speeches by sponsoring organizations and education dignitaries. He said he's been e-mailing superintendents of county schools, high school principals, President Baker and the president of Cuesta College to come speak, but he hasn't heard back from any of them. He also invited Senator Abel Maldonado to come out and speak.

"We should see easily 100 people," Saenz said. "With many more than that, it's going to be hard to keep people on the sidewalk, which we are supposed to do."

The California Federation of Teachers Unions from Cuesta and Paso Robles will be there.

"It's not too often you get students together to do protests like this," Saenz said. "I thought that was nice that this was happening for Cal Poly."

"I'll tell you what I told a cynical faculty member. We certainly aren't going to keep what we have or get any more if we don't say anything," Saenz said. "We have to remind them that we are here, that we need the money and that education matters. If we don't say a word, we might get forgotten. This will at least keep us in the forefront."

"We are trying to make it a positive rally," Saenz said. "It's kind of like motherhood and apple pie; who's going to be against us?"

At the same time, the Marsh Street rally ends, a coalition of student and educator groups throughout the bay area are holding a rally at the San Francisco Civic Center.

"There will be a massive rally in San Francisco," Hardy said. "We are expecting about 5,000 plus in an effort to bring attention to the devastating cuts to education in the past few years and the true cause of those cuts," Hardy said.

Hardy believes that an event like this will only make a difference if it's seen as the beginning.

"What I can say for students down there is, come out on March 4, but be prepared to fight the next day," Hardy said. "That's what it's going to take for colleges to win, but it's not going to be easy."

"You'll see on the news the rallies in Sacramento or San Francisco, but now you can say there's one on Marsh Street too," Saenz said.

Election

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con of democracy for the Middle East are uncertain at best, but the outcome of Sunday's vote is sure to send ripples throughout the region, whether Iraqis stack their next government with Western-backed, self-proclaimed nationalists or pick Iran-allied religious conservatives.

The parliamentary polls may be messy and disputed, but — in stark contrast to the election of 2005 — they'll be shaped mostly by Iraqis themselves.

"In the beginning, we were very happy with the role the Americans played regarding elections and creating a culture of democracy, despite the fact they divided Iraqi society into three parts: Shiite, Sunni Arab and Kurd," said Mohammad al-Kinani, the head of Ayn al-Iraq, an Iraqi group that's monitoring the elections. "They imagined at the time that accords between these groups would be enough to establish a democracy," he said. What was missing was a "culture of democracy," including free and fair voting, transparency, accountability and the news media as a watchdog.

Security has improved considerably since 2005, and U.S. officials hope that Sunday's elections will be "good enough": not too bloody, not too fraudulent, not too influenced by "neighboring countries," which is code for Iran. As one Western diplomat described it, on condition of anonymity because of the situation's sensitivity: "As long as they're better than Iran or Afghanistan." Recent elections in those countries led to violent, protracted battles that have yet to be resolved.

In other words, just make the vote smooth enough to send home foreign troops and let Washington focus on a similar exit strategy for Afghanistan. Saying that aloud is taboo, however, and U.S. military commanders and embassy personnel have been instructed to talk only generally about election security and to stay tight-lipped on politics as the vote approaches, several Americans said privately.

Many Iraqis think that's fine.

"If Iraq were a patient in the intensive care unit, the doctor would be supervising and attending him for long hours every day. But if he were to get out of the danger zone and become better, the time and attention given to him would be reduced as a result," said Sadiq al-Rikabi, a close adviser to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

The Bush White House had high hopes for the elections of 2005, the first since the ouster of the late dictator Saddam Hussein in 2003. Americans played a major role in that vote — from securing polling places to training candidates to forcing compromises that eventually led to the current Shiite Muslim and Kurdish-

handle any disputes.

U.S. officials all the way up to Vice President Joe Biden complained about the last-minute disqualifications of hundreds of candidates without due process under the guise of rooting out former members of Saddam's Baath Party. Iraqis swatted down the critics with accusations of American interference with their country's sovereignty.

"We hope that the United States will respect the results of the election and will allow the political entities that win the election to lead Iraq," said Abbas al-Bayati, a Turkomen legislator who's running on a slate with large Shiite factions.

High-profile candidates have checkered pasts. Al-Maliki, a one-time Shiite Islamist guerrilla, has rebranded himself a nationalist and is reverting to sectarian rhetoric to win votes. There's Ahmad Chalabi, the former U.S. favorite who's now allied with militant, Iranian-backed Shiite groups. Yet another is Finance Minister Baqir Jabr al-Zubeidi, more widely known as Bayan Jabr, the man whom Harper's Magazine dubbed "the minister of civil war" because of the uniformed death squads that killed untold scores of Iraqis under his watch as interior minister.

"Some political parties took the sectarian and ethnic direction in the belief that such pushes might cover the failure to provide basic services," said Sheikh Sabah al-Saadi, a Shiite cleric and legislator whose pointed grilling of officials suspected of mishandling funds earned him a street reputation as an anti-corruption crusader.

"Today, people want to feel the real change that happened after 2003, and real change doesn't happen by switching out political parties or figures," al-Saadi said. "Real change happens according to principles of service based on the needs of the people."

Rumors abound of ballot-tampering, vote-buying and other alleged fraud, accusations that are likely only to increase after polls close Sunday.

Qassem Mohammed Abed, the Sunni governor of the western Anbar province has just returned to Iraq from the United States, where he received medical treatment after losing an arm and severely injuring a leg in the bombing of his headquarters in December.

Real change happens according to principles of service based on the needs of the people.

—Sheikh Sabah al-Saadi

former Cal Poly guard

led government headed by al-Maliki. When election day passed smoothly — despite the boycott by Sunni Muslim parties — U.S. officials in Baghdad and Washington made broad proclamations about democracy, transparency and freedom.

That talk quickly evaporated when the fledgling government, protected within the Green Zone from the violence outside, showed itself powerless to stop a sectarian war that raged for the next two years and left thousands of Iraqis dead.

Iraqi forces will be securing the country Sunday, mostly Iraqi monitors will be on the lookout for electoral fraud, and Iraqi lawyers will

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Californians to decide: Experience or fresh approach in state's next governor?

Jack Chang

MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Jerry Brown's official entrance into the governor's race Tuesday begins to frame a key question about who should lead California through its most difficult period in decades:

Should the next governor come with deep knowledge of how Sacramento works or bring a fresh approach crafted outside the political system?

The 71-year-old Brown is billing himself as the experienced veteran of the race, albeit one with "an outsider's mind" to go with a 40-year record in public service that includes stints as governor, mayor of Oakland and the state's current attorney general.

"The state is in serious trouble," Brown said in his online candidacy announcement, "and the next governor must have the preparation and the knowledge and the know-how to get California working again. That's what I offer, and that's why I'm declaring my candidacy for governor."

Republican candidate Meg Whitman, on the other hand, touts a career spent largely in the business world, including serving as CEO of the online auction firm eBay.

Whitman emphasized that difference in experience in her response to Brown's announcement.

"I have spent my career in the private sector, creating jobs and delivering results," Whitman said in a written statement. "Jerry Brown has had a 40-year career in politics which has resulted in a trail of failed experiments, undelivered promises, big government spending and higher taxes."

The third major candidate, Republican Steve Poizner, says he presents the best of both worlds, having started Silicon Valley tech companies and then worked for the past three years as the state's insurance commissioner.

At practically the same time as Brown's announcement, Poizner launched his advertising campaign Tuesday with a TV spot painting him as the true conservative in the race.

"There's three very different choices in the election," said Poizner press secretary Bettina Inclan. "One is a career politician, the other is a rookie, and then there's Steve Poizner who has the balance of both the private and public sector and who can bring the experience of finding solutions for California."

In public opinion polls, voters have split on whether they prefer political or private-sector experience in their statewide candidates even as they agree that the state's future looks dark, said Mark Baldassare, president of the nonpartisan research firm the Public Policy Institute of California.

Neither incumbent politicians nor captains of industry are necessarily beloved by voters in the current economy.

A December poll by the institute found that an equal share of likely voters — 43 percent of respondents — named experience in elected office as the most important qualification for holding statewide office as those who preferred experience running a business.

The poll results split along party lines, with 60 percent of Democrats favoring elected-office experience and 61 percent of Republicans choosing business know-how.

More than four-fifths of likely voters said the state was going in the wrong direction, the poll found.

"At the end of the day, this year, what Californians are going to value the most is somebody who has answers for our economic and fiscal challenges for California and who has the best proposals for turning the state around," Baldassare said.

Voters such as Sacramento resident Winifred Robinson, a Republican, said the experience question depended on the qualities of the individual candidate.

"Someone fresh coming in might come in with new ideas that haven't been tried but they aren't good ones either," Robinson said.

California voters have faced similar

choices before. Former Democratic Gov. Gray Davis won his primary against two wealthy opponents in 1998 on the slogan "Experience Money Can't Buy" — only to be recalled and replaced by Arnold Schwarzenegger, a celebrity with a spotty voting record who had never held elective office.

Brown raised that fear in his candidacy announcement by warning voters not to take a risk on "an outsider who knows virtually nothing about state government."

"We've tried that, and it doesn't work," Brown said. "We've found that not knowing is not good."

Whitman's campaign hit back Tuesday afternoon by distributing snippets from a 2003 Los Angeles Times story quoting Brown apparently downplaying the importance of experience in the governor's office.

"Most governors don't know that much about the workings of state government," the story quotes Brown saying. "They figure it out. They have beives of aides that are running around doing talking points and issues memos."

Whether voters care about Brown's long-ago utterances, however, remains to be seen, said Raphael Sonenshein, a political science professor at California State University, Fullerton.

"I don't think this election is going to turn on what happened in the '70s," Sonenshein said. "It's going to

turn on which party's voters are more enthusiastic ... and the role of government in California and nationwide as framed by the debate over health care and other issues."

What's certain is that Brown's announcement, along with Poizner's ads, kicked off in earnest a race that had been marked by both Brown's and Poizner's reluctance to ramp up their campaigns too early.

For months, Brown has avoided taking clear positions on major issues such as the state's budget crisis, prisons or schools, arguing that he was not yet a candidate.

Starting this week, Brown must start filling in the policy blanks with voters, said Democratic strategist Andrew Acosta, whose business partner Roger Salazar is helping to run an independent expenditure committee targeting Whitman and other Republicans.

Brown began doing that Tuesday by promising, in the only clear policy announcement of his speech, that "there will be no new taxes unless you the people vote for them."

"At some point, voters are going to want to know the vision that Jerry Brown has for the state moving forward," Acosta said. "Jerry Brown still conjures up a lot of images in the past because of his (history) in public office. This is an opportunity for him to articulate that vision."

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — When American kids reflect on their childhoods decades from now, snacks may figure more prominently in their memories — and around their waists — than meals shared around a table.

From 1977 to 2006, American children have added 168 snack calories per day to their diets, a study finds. They're munching cookies after school, granola bars on the way to piano lessons,

chips after an hour of soccer practice and peanut butter and crackers while waiting for dinner. For some, those extra 1,176 calories a week could amount to as much as 13 1/2 pounds of body fat a year.

Those non-meal noshes now account for more than a quarter of their average daily caloric intake, said Barry M. Popkin of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, author of the study published Tuesday in the journal Health Affairs.

The research establishes just how much the omnipresence of

snacks — and the \$68 billion-a-year industry that sells them — has contributed significantly to an epidemic of excess weight among U.S. children.

But even as public health officials remove sodas and fat- and salt-laden snacks from school vending machines, parents hoping to roll back the tide of snacking face some daunting challenges, including a food industry dedicated to satisfying the nation's voracious between-meal appetite with snack wraps, burger bites and miniature candy bars marketed as midafter-

noon pick-me-ups.

Charlene Miller, a South Pasadena, Calif., mother of two boys, said, "There's a lot of peer pressure" to ply kids with treats. At the beginning of basketball season this year, the coach of her 6-year-old son's team ignited a parental rebellion when he said there was no need for an organized snack after the kids' Saturday morning games.

"Some parents got really upset and said, 'But our kids expect a snack,'" Miller said. The coach relented, and each of Charlie Miller's

teammates regularly gets a "snack bag" — often chips, a packet of fruit-flavored candy and a sports drink — before going home to lunch.

Dr. Judy Palfrey, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, said the study's findings pointed to one of many factors that had pushed the nation's rate of child obesity to 16.4 percent in 2007 — an increase of roughly 10 percent since 2003 alone.


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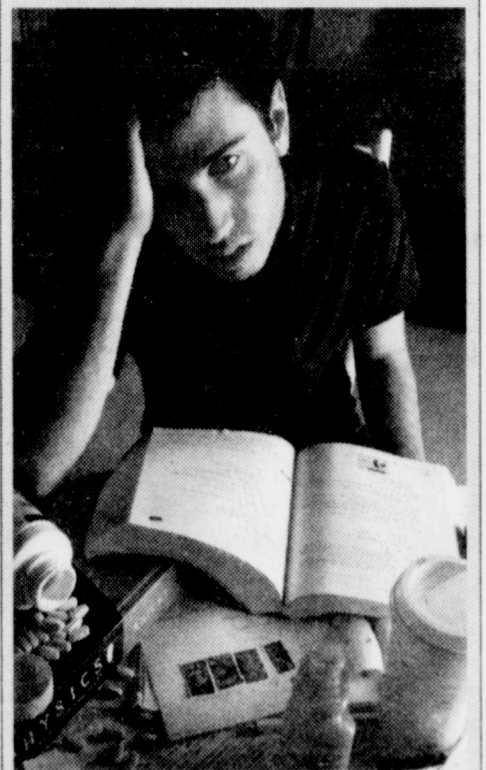
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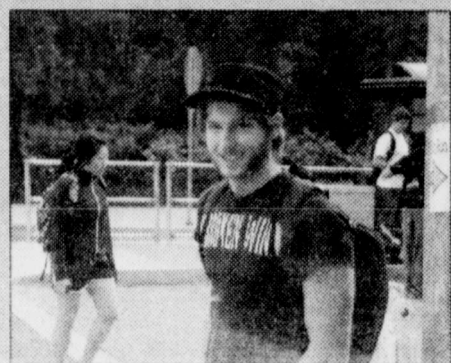
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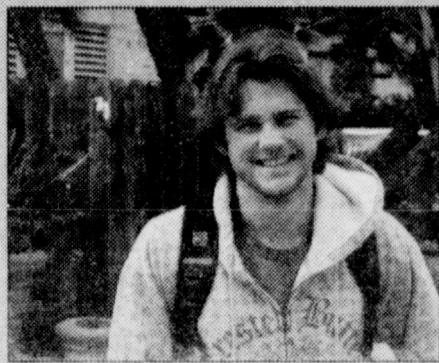
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"What would you do if a tsunami hit the California coast?"



"Go surfing even though I don't surf."

-Xander Bornzin, biomedical engineering senior



"I would put on swim trunks, grab a beer and ride the wave, bro."

-Ian Buck, civil engineering senior



"I would call my aunt and uncle in Bolinas and make sure they were OK. Then I would go to a high point and try to watch."

-Dominic Cacciatore, construction management senior



"I'd find a canoe and go to class."

-Sean Tran, environmental management and protection senior



"I'd head straight for Sierra Summit."

-Reece Engle, computer science senior



"Nothing. We are on high ground as it is."

-Patrick Fina, environmental management and protection sophomore

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Justices ready to make gun ownership a national right

David G. Savage

TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — Most of the Supreme Court justices who two years ago said the Second Amendment protects individual gun rights signaled during arguments Tuesday that they are ready to extend this right nationwide and to use it to strike down some state and local gun regulations.

Since 1982, Chicago has outlawed handguns in the city, even for law-abiding residents who sought to keep one at home. That ordinance was challenged by several city residents who said it violated their right "to keep and bear arms" under the Second Amendment.

The case forced the high court to confront a simple question it had never answered: Did the Second Amendment limit only the federal government's ability to regulate guns and state militias, or did it also give citizens a right to challenge state and local restrictions on guns?

All signs Tuesday were that five justices saw the right to bear arms as national in scope and not limited to laws passed in Washington.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy described the individual right to possess a gun as being of "fundamental

character," like the right to freedom of speech. "If it is not fundamental, then Heller is wrong," Kennedy said, referring to the decision two years ago that struck down the handgun ban in the District of Columbia. Kennedy was part of the 5-4 majority in that case.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. called it an "extremely important" right in the Constitution. Justices Antonin Scalia and Samuel A. Alito Jr. echoed the theme that the court had endorsed an individual, nationwide right in their decision two years ago. The fifth member of the majority, Justice Clarence Thomas, did not comment during the argument, but he had been a steady advocate of the Second Amendment.

A ruling striking down the Chicago handgun ban would reverberate nationwide because it would open the courthouse door to constitutional challenges to all manner of local or state gun regulations. However, the justices may not give much guidance on how far this right extends.

Roberts all but forecast the court would issue an opinion that avoids deciding the harder questions about whether guns can be carried in public as well as kept at home. "We haven't said anything about the content of the Second Amendment," Roberts said at

one point. He added that the justices need not rule on whether there is a right to carry a "concealed" weapon.

A lawyer for Chicago argued that there is a long American tradition of permitting states and cities to set gun regulations. For 220 years, gun restrictions "have been a state and local decision," attorney James A. Feldman said. Cities should be permitted to set "reasonable regulations of firearms," he added, noting that Chicagoans are allowed to have rifles and shotguns in their homes.

At one during the argument, Justice John Paul Stevens suggested the right to bear arms could be limited to homes. A liberal who dissented in the earlier gun-rights case two years ago, Stevens said the court could rule for the Chicago home owners and say they had a right to a gun at home. At the same time, the court could say it is not "a right to parade around the street with a gun," Stevens said.

But that idea got no traction with the other justices, and a lawyer representing the National Rifle Association said the court should not adopt a "watered-down version" of the Second Amendment.

It will be several months before the court hands down a decision in the case of McDonald vs. Chicago.

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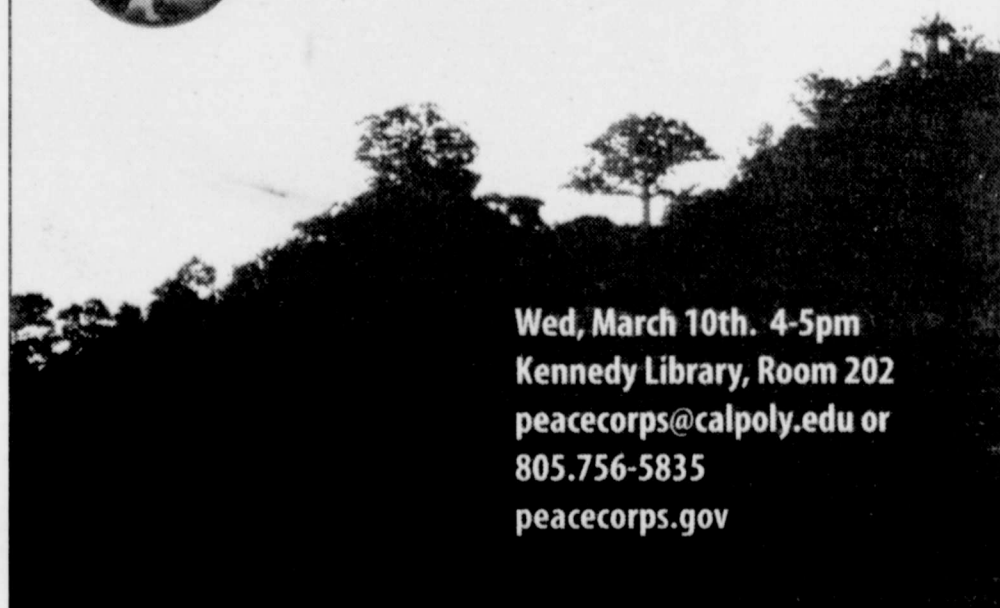
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SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT)

— A development plan that could lead to nearly 1,000 new homes is slated to go before the San Luis Obispo City Council tonight.

The 230-acre area stretches south from the city limits to the intersection of Orcutt and Tank Farm roads.

Adopting the Orcutt Area Specific Plan and certifying the project's environmental impact report is one of the last steps the council must take before declaring intent to annex the area. That decision could come in the next few months.

For more than 30 years, the Orcutt area has been identified by the city as having potential for residential expansion.

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CHICO (MCT)

— Resident of Chico, U.S. Olympic bobsledder Emily Azevedo could not steer clear of an elaborate homecoming.

Waving American flags and looking at the athlete with star-struck eyes, about 25 local residents met Azevedo at the Chico airport Monday afternoon, welcoming the native back from the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

Azevedo, 26, a graduate of Chico High School, placed fifth in the women's Olympic bobsled competition in Vancouver, British Columbia last week, culminating her Olympic dream Monday by returning to a Chico fanfare.

National

SEATTLE (MCT)

— Darcus Allen, the man who allegedly drove the killer of four Lakewood, Wash., police officers to the area where the Nov. 29 slayings occurred, was charged Tuesday with four counts of first-degree aggravated murder.

Prosecutors have not decided whether to seek the death penalty against Allen, 38, who was being held without bail on a warrant from Arkansas while prosecutors examined his role in driving Maurice Clemmons in a pickup to and from a car wash two blocks from the coffee shop where Clemmons fatally shot the officers.

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WASHINGTON (MCT)

— A food safety report by the Produce Safety Project (Georgetown University/Pew Charitable Trust) pegs the cost of food-borne illness at \$152 billion a year — much higher than figures used previously.

The report is expected to stoke the fire under Congress to pass a food safety bill, versions of which have cleared the House, and a Senate committee by making the case that such legislation is a matter of national economic well-being as well as physical health.

International

IRAN (MCT)

— One of Iran's most acclaimed film directors has been detained amid an ongoing official crackdown against the opposition, an official said Tuesday.

Jafar Panahi, an Oscar-nominated director of award-winning neo-realist films exploring Iran's social topography, along with his wife, 20-year-old daughter and 15 guests were reportedly arrested at his home Monday night under still murky circumstances for unspecified charges.

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PAKISTAN (MCT)

— The Pakistan flag now flies over the complex of caves and tunnels that Taliban and al-Qaeda extremists had made a logistical hub in Bajaur, part of the country's lawless tribal area.

The army has now secured a key supply route to Afghanistan and freed troops to tackle militants in the rest of the tribal belt.

Damadola, a cluster of villages nestled up against a mountain range that marks the Afghan border, was the last redoubt of the Taliban in Bajaur — and a former hideout of al-Qaeda deputy leader Ayman al-Zawahiri.

A U.S. drone strike in late 2006 missed him but struck a religious school, killing some 80 people, marking the start of the Islamist insurrection in Pakistan.

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"We see milk intake and meal intake are going down; the consumption of fatty and salty foods is going up. Everybody is very busy, on the go all the time, not having three meals at home," Palfrey said. American families need to "think about healthier replacements" for between-meals food, she says, and they need to hear those messages from their children's physicians.

"Remember the days when we used to get quartered oranges? Bring those back!" Palfrey added.

In 1977, just under 75 percent of kids between 2 and 18 consumed at least one snack between meals, according to the new study, which tallied the responses of 31,337 children and adolescents to four federally funded food surveys. In 2006, the proportion of kids who snack reached 98 percent.

That surge in snacking has pushed kids' overall intake of daily calories to an average of 2,099 a day — up by 100 calories a day since 1977, the survey reports. By 2006, 27.3 percent of the total calories — just under 600 calories a day — came in the form of snacks, the North Carolina research team found.

Meanwhile, calories consumed at mealtimes have begun to slide slightly since the last food survey was conducted in 1994. The result: U.S. children are consuming more fatty, sugary and salty foods and less of the dairy, protein and produce that predominate at

mealtime.

Sweet snacks such as cookies, cereal bars and cakes continue to supply the largest share of snacking calories, but the number of calories consumed in salty snacks such as popcorn, crackers and chips more than doubled from 1977 to 2006, the study found.

Study co-author Carmen Pierina, a researcher at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, said very active kids could burn snack calories through growth and physical activity, but children who are inactive, whose growth has slowed or whose diet is otherwise high in fat, will pack more of those calories not as muscle but as fat.

The snacking habit starts early, she added: Children 2 to 6 had the highest rate of snacking of all the groups surveyed.

Overall, snacks have become an integral part of American children's mobile and highly programmed lives: Toddlers en route to play groups are plied with nibbles in the car to stave off tantrums; school-age children are met with energy bars for the ride to lessons or sports activities; older kids graze as they contemplate homework and check their Facebook pages.

"They come home from school, they have a snack; we go somewhere in the car, we have a snack. We might get caught somewhere, and we should have some snacks just in case," says Katie Scrivner, a Los Angeles mother of three. "It's never-ending snacks around here."

Chile deploys troops in attempt to stop looting

Tracy Wilkinson and Patrick J. McDonnell

LOS ANGELES TIMES

CONSTITUCION, Chile — Chilean President Michelle Bachelet said Tuesday that nearly 14,000 army and navy troops deployed throughout Chile's earthquake-devastated coastal communities had contained looting and were clearing the way for aid to be distributed.

Speaking in Santiago, the capital, Bachelet said 50 military flights with food, water and other supplies were headed Tuesday to the hardest-hit regions.

"Our concern is to give security and calm to the population," she said.

"We understand perfectly the anguish and overwhelming needs of the people, but we know well that the criminal actions of small groups of people are provoking enormous physical damage ... and will not be tolerated."

An overnight curfew in Concepcion, Chile's second-largest city, was extended until noon Tuesday to contain looting and vandalism that plagued the area Monday.

On Monday, government troops had struggled to halt looting, rampant in earthquake-leveled parts of the country even as government troops deployed in armored vehicles and on horseback to restore order and protect shipments of food and water. Scores of people were arrested Monday for

having violated an overnight curfew.

With the death toll creeping higher, Chile continued to reel from Saturday's massive magnitude 8.8 quake, one of the strongest on record. At least 763 people were killed, the government said, and many remained missing.

Numerous oceanfront towns, such as Lloca, Dichato and Constitucion, were devastated first by the quake and then, minutes later, by a tsunami, a kind of seismic coup de grace.

"We need food! We need water!" said a beleaguered Cesar Arrellano on Monday. The municipal comptroller in Constitucion had received unrelenting reports of damage, death and the desperate need for help.

Concepcion seemed to be suffering the brunt of post-disaster chaos. Looters raided a firehouse in search of water and gasoline, which were in short supply; others later torched a shopping center.

Concepcion Mayor Jacqueline Van Rysselberghe said Monday that looters were moving in organized packs and attacking firefighters and city workers attempting to distribute water.

Fire raged Monday in a downtown Concepcion shopping mall. A radio reporter said she saw people in a vehicle toss a Molotov cocktail into the collection of stores just before the fire erupted. Firefighters could do nothing: They had no water. The

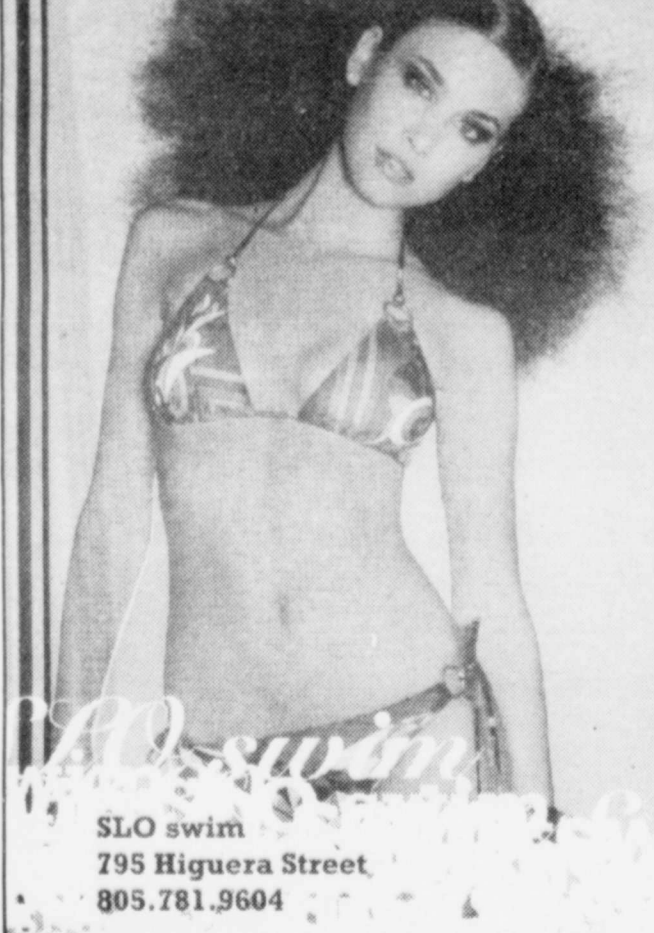
building, looted earlier in the day, was collapsing under the flames.

President Michelle Bachelet imposed emergency decrees, including putting the army in charge of hard-hit areas, measures not taken in 20 years.

In Constitucion, caskets were stacked in the town gym, which had been converted into a morgue.

Bachelet declared a 30-day state of emergency for the coastal states of Bio Bio and Maule.

Using the army for public security is still a sensitive subject in a country that endured nearly two decades of military dictatorship before the 1990 ouster of Gen. Augusto Pinochet's regime.



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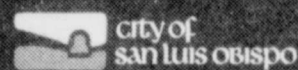
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Minervana performers speak, sing, dance for empowerment

Anieca Ayler
MUSTANG DAILY

An audience sits in a semi-circle before a group of barefoot female theater students dressed in black. The students are reciting lines of

a provocative excerpt of an empowering, ancient Greek play, in which four women talk about using sex — rather, their power to abstain from it — as a tool to manipulate men. The spectators laugh easily at the sexual jokes and clap

generously after the five-minute production.

This piece of "Lysistrata," written by Aristophanes, produced by student Melanie Marshall, was the first of seven short performances at Minervana, a Students' Stage

event sponsored by Women's Programs and Services for Women's HERstory Week that was held in Chumash yesterday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Students' Stage is a Cal Poly student-run theater program that aims to allow students to be actively engaged with theater.

The event lineup included another two short plays, two monologues and two musical acts by members of Students' Stage, made up largely of Cal Poly theater majors.

Before and after the acts and during intermission, students browsed tables displaying student visual art, which included presentation boards, photography, paintings and drawings, all with an underlying feminine theme.

Following the "Lysistrata" performance was a slam poem about

the continued oppression and objectification of women in America by Tiffany Daniels. A group of three then performed a scene of "As You Like It" by William Shakespeare, directed by Tonya Blanco, which centers on a heroine who disguises herself as a man.

Pianist Lucy McNamara played and sang "Wind Beneath My Wings" by Larry Henley, which she dedicated to every woman who feels she doesn't matter. After intermission, two student actresses relayed a scene that showed the struggling relationship between mother and daughter in "Mrs. Warren's Profession" by George Bernard Shaw, directed by Tia Andrews.

A self-written monologue performed by Anna Clauson was next.

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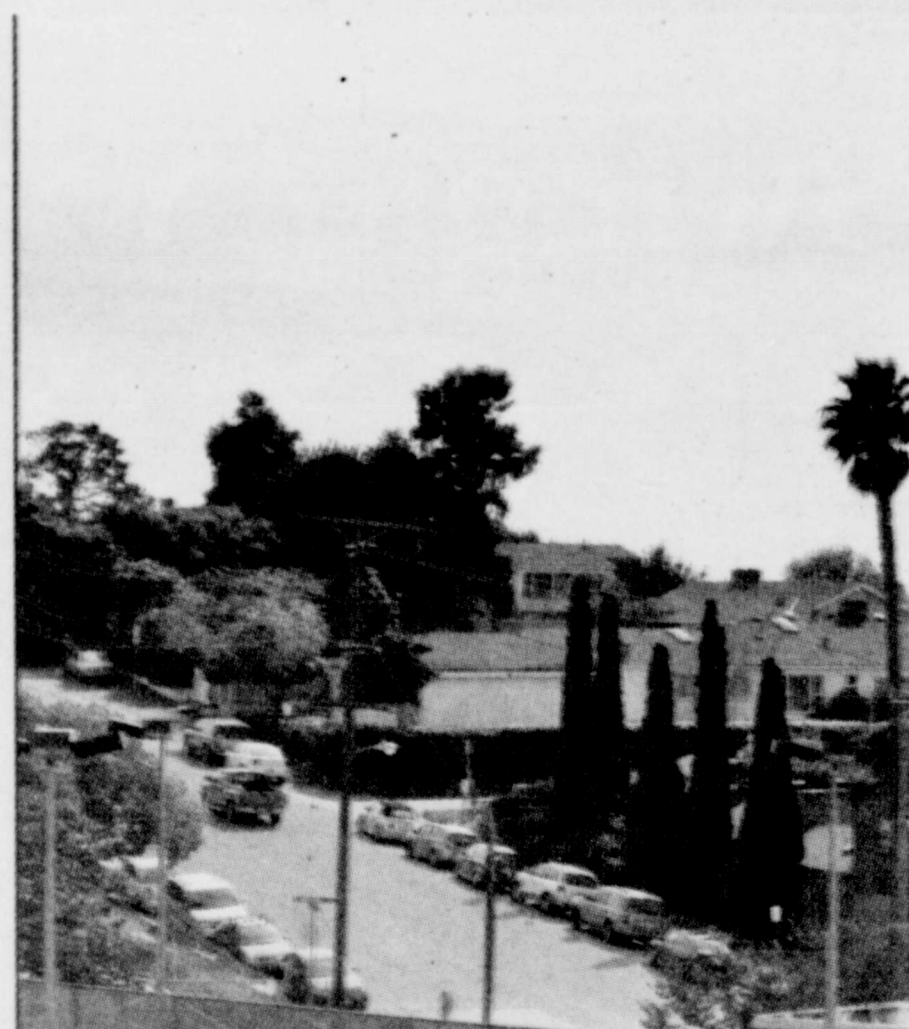
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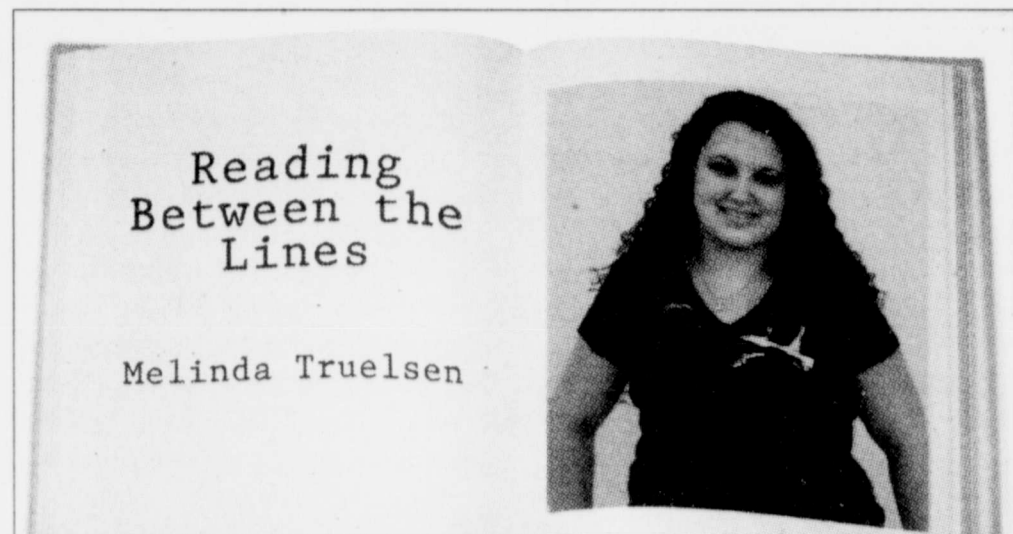
ANIECA AYLER MUSTANG DAILY

Members of Students Stage, a Cal Poly theater organization, performed a variety of pieces at Minervana, an event for Women's HERstory Week held in Chumash Auditorium yesterday.



picture of the day
by Ryan Sidarto
"Parallel parking"

Novel examines consequences of emotional abuse



What is a good novel? Does it have to have beautiful, lengthy prose? Something that has complex sentence structure? How about metaphors, symbolism and all of those other terms we like to toss around in literary circles? Usually, my answer would be yes to all of the above. However, I recently read a book that made me think twice about how I define a good novel.

"Because I am Furniture" by Thalia Chaltes is not a conventional novel. What it lacks in complex sentence structure, it makes up for in thought-provoking material and emotionally charged writing. Written as a series of verse poems, this novel's protagonist and narrator, Anke, reveals her life in an abusive home. Through a combination of poems, we get bits and pieces of Anke's life in a home with an abusive father who torments her brother and sister, but virtually ignores Anke.

Though not your typical novel, "Because I am Furniture" is a captivating read that will keep you hooked until the end. Since the novel is written for a younger audience, it is an easy read, but one that you won't want to put down.

Anke is a real and believable narrator throughout the novel as she describes in detail the emotionally turbulent home in which she lives. She constantly witnesses her father abusing her siblings, but for some reason, is herself saved from the abuse. However, it is soon clear that though she is not the victim of physical violence, she certainly is the victim of emotional and psychological suffering.

Anke is ignored by her father, and though she is thankful to be spared, she is led to question her own self worth. What is so wrong about her that he can't even waste his time to give her attention, even negative attention?

This is a question that we don't often hear, but to Anke, is quite important. She is left alone, isolated so deeply from the home in which she lives, that she slowly begins to fade into the background. She doesn't believe that she is worth anything. She is furniture — something that you are aware of being there, but don't care

enough about to do anything with.

In addition to her questioning her own self worth, Anke also feels a certain level of guilt over her being spared from her father's violence and anger while everyone else in her household is subject to his wrath. Her guilt is similar to what you hear soldiers undergoing when they have 'survivor's guilt.' She is grateful not to be a victim, but guilty at the same time that others are suffering in her place.

Throughout the novel, she asks herself why she is spared. Why must she sit and watch these events going on around her? Why can't she stop them from happening? Though these questions are quite important for Anke's development as a character, we don't discover their answers until the narrator herself does.

Anke's journey of self-discovery begins with something as simple as being accepted onto her high school volleyball team. On the team, she isn't ignored, she isn't pushed aside for the first time in her life. Rather than feeling the numbing sensation of unimportance, she feels alive and conscious of herself and her actions. She no longer fades into the background, she becomes part of something, she begins to take some control over her own life. Though the transformation is gradual, we eventually see Anke develop a voice of her own — one that won't accept her role as furniture.

"Because I am Furniture" comes to a climax of events that is completely honest and won't leave you wanting more. Although this novel is not an extraordinary example of beautiful prose or a literary masterpiece, it is still a great read. Thalia Chaltes tells Anke's story with honesty and simplicity, traits that we too often overlook in today's society. Chaltes reminds us of what it is like to be vulnerable, to feel lost, and how difficult isolation can be. This novel is a truly inspirational piece of writing that will leave you racing to discover the secrets and insights hidden within its pages.

Melinda Truelsen is an English graduate student and Mustang Daily book columnist.

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Three students from Campus Crusade for Christ hosted Project Orange Monday night at the Performing Arts Center. The goal of the project is to inform people about human trafficking.

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Project Orange, a group which aims to educate others about human trafficking, featured a documentary that included under-cover footage of police rescuing child slaves from brothels and slave-filled brick kilns Monday night at the Performing Arts Center.

More than 500 students watched

"At the End of Slavery: the Battle for Justice in Our Time," which took the audience inside the reality of buying and selling human beings in the Philippines, India, Cambodia and the United States. After the documentary, community member Cassie Azevedo discussed her trip to India in January. She stayed with a host family in Andhra Pradesh for two weeks and spent time with the

people of the country.

"We just kind of listened to the elders and the stories they would tell," Azevedo said. "I did a lot of questioning of my host family about human trafficking. They told me when you get home is when you will be able to make a difference."

Social sciences junior Sarah Wi-

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movie column

"The Hurt Locker" may take top Oscar

Michael Phillips

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The company picnic known as the Academy Awards will be held Sunday at the Hollywood Kodak Theatre, just down the boulevard from the famous handprints in concrete in front of Mann's Chinese. This year's tuxedoed and sequined picnic is laying out double the usual best picture nominees. Not since 1944 — the year "Casablanca" won for best picture of 1943 — has this happened.

A few weeks ago, I thought the Oscar was "Avatar's" to lose. Once the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced plans to expand the picture roster to 10, it seemed like

destiny. We're hacking our way out of a recession. We needed a box-office hero, and in the Oscar bash producers' quest for ratings fire, what could stoke it better than a big blue hit?

If "Avatar" does indeed win the top prize Oscar night, it will be the highest-grossing picture ever to do so. It is, after all, the highest-grossing film of all time, having zoomed past the \$2 billion mark.

But now I wonder. I wonder if the Oscar voters, having paid lip service to the big tent idea with 10 best picture nominees, will favor "The Hurt Locker" after all. Various oddsmakers keeping book on the matter peg it as

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Actress Anne Hathaway, left, and Tom Sherak, president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science, announce the best picture nominees.

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Poet brings women's issues to forefront at Another Type of Groove tonight

Daniel Triassi
MUSTANG DAILY

Poet Thea Monyee will be the featured performer at Another Type of Groove (ATOG), an open-microphone event hosted by the MultiCultural and Women's Centers in Chumash Auditorium tonight.

Monyee has delivered her poetry on HBO's Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry and on Black Entertainment Television's (BET) "Lyric Cafe" and "The Way We Do It." This will be her first time performing at Cal Poly.

Her poetry stems back to her childhood, when she grew up writing church stories and was involved in a rap group for a brief time.

"My dad was being a little Joe Jackson, so I had to back off," she said.

It wasn't until 2000 that Monyee began concentrating on her poetry career. Some of the influences on her work include her kids, her husband, her favorite literature and being a female.

With her soothing voice, her poems provide vivid visuals and emotions rather than punch lines. In her poem titled "Woman to Woman," Monyee describes a situation in which the woman her boyfriend is sleeping with calls her.

"I'm glad to be hearing it from the lips that left the lipstick on my man's collar, even though he told me he was working late trying to earn a couple of extra dollars," she recites.

Aside from the content of her

work, Monyee said being a woman has also affected her performance style. At the beginning of her career, she was trying to perform like the average male slam poet.

"The men were very physical and very loud," she said. "They never wanted to give up the mic."

Instead, she looked at strong female poets, not to mimic their style, but to identify what makes them comfortable on stage.

"I don't try to project out to the audience; I more so try to bring the audience in to me," Monyee said. "I think that's a thing women do very well as poets."

When Monyee isn't working on her poetry she works as a therapist. Going through a therapy program, people become more confident and comfortable with their flaws, she said.

Her album titled "In/Tuition" helped her therapy career. Monyee made the CD while getting her master's degree in marriage and family therapy. The album's title references college tuition and was used to raise money for her master's program.

Her therapeutic lyrics have found an audience among young fans. Event coordinator and architectural engineering senior Josue Urrutia started going to Another Type of Groove as a sophomore because of the talent like Monyee's.

"The first few open-mics I saw were incredible, the poets were pretty sick," he said.

Urrutia found Monyee's work on-



COURTESY PHOTO

Slam poet Thea Monyee has been featured on HBO's Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry and several times on Black Entertainment Television.

line through Def Poetry. At Another Type of Groove, they try to coordinate female poets whenever they can, Urrutia said.

Monyee will be performing as a part of Women's "HerStory" Month. Women's History Month was established in 1987. Author Robin Morgan coined the term "HerStory," to highlight the focus on women from a historical perspective.

Renoda Campbell, coordinator

for multicultural programs and services, wants students and community members who come to Another Type of Groove to draw inspiration from Monyee's perspective.

"Women have a different way of expressing themselves," she said. "It will be nice to hear a different message."

Another Type of Groove starts at 7:30 in Chumash Auditorium and is open to the public.

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an extremely close race. If "The Hurt Locker" wins, by most measurements, it will be the lowest-grossing Academy Award winner in history.

Critics groups worldwide have lauded director Kathryn Bigelow's drama, set in the worst of the Iraq war among a group of bomb tech experts. But when the Hollywood-centric Producers Guild of America chose "The Hurt Locker" over "Avatar" on Jan. 24, the winds shifted.

At an event recently, a member of the Writers Guild of America came up to me and we chatted, and he said that while he admired "The Hurt Locker," he didn't love the movie — it's just not "built" enough for his tastes. Others feel differently. I think the script's lack of customary war-movie narrative machinery makes it stronger, not weaker.

The voting rules have changed this year. In The New Yorker, Hen-

drik Hertzberg explained it this way: Voting members of the academy, 5,800 of them, "are being asked to rank their choices from one to 10. In the unlikely event that a picture gets an outright majority of first-choice votes, the counting's over. If not, the last-place finisher is dropped and its voters' second choices are distributed among the movies still in the running. If there's still no majority, the second-to-last-place finisher gets eliminated, and its voters' second (or third) choices are counted. And so on, until one of the nominees goes over fifty percent."

Does this mean an upset or two in the making? I would like that. The show, to be hosted this year by Alec Baldwin and Steve Martin, is always better for it.

But at this point a win for "The Hurt Locker" would not qualify as an upset. As Tony Bennett says in "The Oscar" (1966), the last word on this or any other subject: We'll see who's sitting on top of the glass mountain called Success, come March 7.

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The piece focused on a woman mentally and emotionally suffering from a miscarriage. The last number was a musical rendition of "Halo" by Beyoncé, sung by Olivia Tenney, accompanied by McNamara on piano and three dancers.

Theater sophomore Kyle McCurdy attended the event to support several of his friends who performed.

"I really enjoyed myself," he said. "It was really engaging."

He noted that even though it was clear the group didn't have much time for rehearsal, evident by the moderate use of scripts, the emphasis and messages about women were still clear and easy to interpret.

English senior Laura Brian attended the event for her women's theater class and said

the artistic female nude photography was one of her favorite parts along with the first play.

Theater sophomore Ellie Kovara, one of the managers of the event, said the opportunity to do something for this particular week helped to involve Students Stage in women's theater.

"For this event, we really wanted to empower creativity that's all around," Kovara said. "The visual art is created by students and the directing is by students — that's the focus (of Students' Stage)."

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etbrook, agricultural sciences senior Landon Friend and political science graduate student Bethany Lick hosted the event to encourage people to join the anti-slavery movement. Campus Crusade for Christ helped bring Project Orange to campus.

"The most realistic way to get involved is to educate yourself," Wietbrock said.

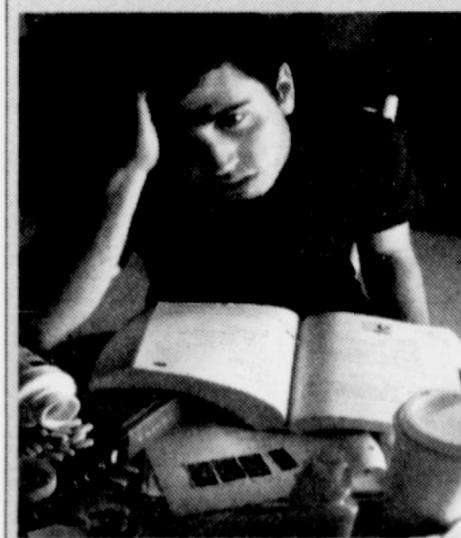
The students created a Web site for Project Orange and went to members of the greek system to tell them about the cause and ask whether they would like to get involved. Several sororities and fraternities got involved in the project; four have planned philanthropic events for next quarter. The events range from a barn dance to cleaning houses to raise money for Project Orange.

After learning about the prevalence of human trafficking, Wietbrock said she now knows the field she wants to pursue as a career.

"Now I want to spend my life as a social worker for women getting taken out of brothels in Thailand," Wietbrock said. "Prostitution and sex slavery is the thing that breaks my heart."

Megan Hassler and Alex Kacik contributed to this story.

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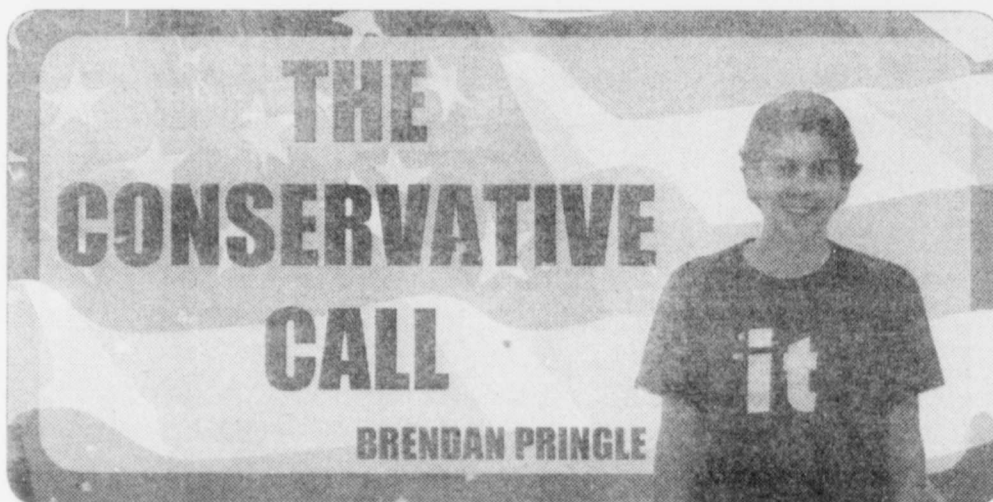
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"Inclusive excellence" isn't the key to increasing diversity on campus



While many of us are worrying about getting classes and graduating on time, Cal Poly seems to believe that diversity-based education is a much greater priority.

This is not a new issue, but it has been surfacing more and more on our campus. Cal Poly has been sucked into the growing movement formally known as "inclusive excellence."

The meaning of 'inclusive excellence' seems to change with every description. This term, popularized by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), is defined as an effort to "fully integrate the diversity and educational quality efforts and embed them into the core of academic mission and institutional functioning." What frightens me about inclusive excellence is its vagueness and potential for extreme interpretation.

According to Cal Poly's Statement on Diversity, "The ultimate product of universities is education in the broadest sense, including preparation for life in the working world. In this regard, it is in the compelling interest of Cal Poly, the state and the nation to provide our students with an education that is rich with a diversity of ideas, perspectives, and experiences." The phrase "compelling interest" plainly suggests that professors may soon be mandated to teach according to these objectives, regardless of relevance.

AAC&U cites "decades of educational research" in their argument that "diverse environments are better learning environments."

Furthermore, they claim that our "collective failure to educate students of color and those from lower socioeconomic groups" have led to a "decline in higher education rates" among Americans. In their eyes, "inclusive excellence" will solve all of these issues. However, now is not the time to be focusing on achieving diverse environments. The way the budget is going, we are lucky to even have a learning environment. Cal Poly's Inclusive Excellence Council has taken on this AAC&U model out of blind ignorance to reality.

Nevertheless, national advocates for 'inclusive excellence' have deluded themselves into thinking that this is not the case. They claim "whereas excellence in the past has been equated with selectivity," excellence today "will be determined by high expectations," "high support," and "other general factors." This statement looks past the basic premise that selectivity highlights the students who have demonstrated their ability to achieve excellence. High expectations and high support provide absolutely no guarantee of a student's success. And what other "general factors" could possibly be more important than one's intelligence?

Through a recent inclusive excellence initiative, the City University of New York (CUNY) appointed Dr. Henry Vance Davis as the university dean for recruitment and diversity. The fact that this official handles both recruitment and diversity clearly insinuates the direction of this movement. What kind of example would Cal Poly

be setting if it were to start placing diversity at the same level as merit. Davis is ignorant to the fact that some qualified students will get rejected because they are not a minority. As Davis implies, students simply need to take one for the team, as "it takes everyone to make it work."

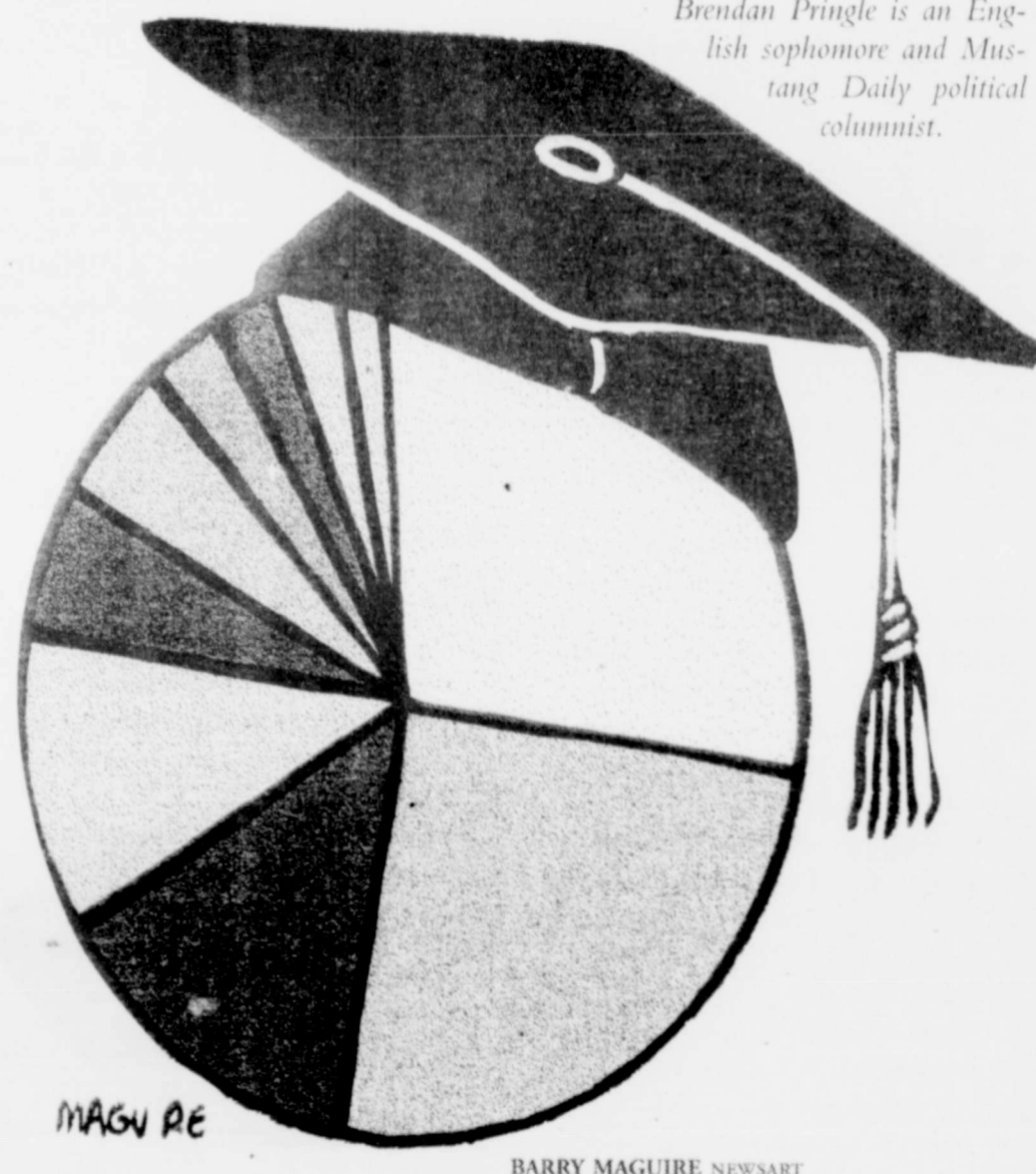
"Inclusive excellence" not only affects college students, but also faculty and staff. Provost Gregg Kvstad of the University of Denver (DU) has been looking into ways to "attract more faculty of color." DU Human Resources director Dick Gartrell even encourages "behavioral interviewing — things like, 'Tell me about a time when you worked in a diverse group.'" Which is more important to teaching: having experience in a diverse group or having competence and experience in a field of study? The push to "enrich" campuses with diversity has stepped its bounds. Professors should not be discriminated on the basis of their social history, and

should never be forced to teach to social objectives. They are here to offer unique insight on a specific topic — not to make us join hands and sing "We Are the World."

"Inclusive excellence" has good intentions but is unfair at the most elemental level. Cal Poly needs to recognize the flaws of this initiative and encourage other methods of promoting diversity on campus.

Now don't get me wrong. I believe that embracing diversity is necessary in just about any job today. But 'inclusive excellence' is not the answer. Students should not be forced to accept diversity. They should embrace it on their own. Diverse minorities need to achieve recognition and attention on campus through their own merit — not through 'institutional functioning.' This movement toward affirmative action echoes the reverse discrimination of the '70s. Although administrators may deny it, we all know where this is really going.

Brendan Pringle is an English sophomore and Mustang Daily political columnist.



In response to "Student survives on \$28 for 28 days"

First, I want to say I am glad to see the Secular Society back and open to working with students from all faiths towards a common goal to ensure equality for differing faiths in the political sphere.

However, as last year's president of the CP Brights, I also want to clarify some statements.

("We share common cause with supporting science and advancements and examining religion, but the Secular Society tries to stay as much as possible away from critiquing the religion itself because we want to create an environment that's open to people of all faiths,"

she said.)

I feel this statement is implying that the Brights is a group with a focus on critiquing religion, which is it NOT. Instead, as previously stated, it is a group that can be used as a constituent base for students with naturalistic worldviews. From the Brights website:

"The movement's three major aims are:

1. Promote the civic understanding and acknowledgment of the naturalistic worldview, which is free of supernatural and mystical elements.

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tance.

3. Educate society toward accepting the full and equitable civic participation of all such individuals."

—Misha Davies

In response to "Secular Society debates religion's role in public life"

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—Melissa

Lessons can be learned from European health systems

Trudy Rubin

THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

One of the most bewildering aspects of the current health-care debate is the failure to learn key lessons from health systems abroad.

Conservative talk show hosts decry the alleged evils of socialized medicine in countries with universal health coverage; they warn grimly of rationed health care. Yet there's

nary a peep from Rush Limbaugh or Glenn Beck, let alone Congress, about countries such as Germany, France, Switzerland, or Japan, where coverage is universal, affordable, and top quality, and patients see private doctors with little or no waiting.

And, oh yes, their health costs are a fraction of our bloated numbers: The French spend 10 percent of GDP on health care, the Germans 11 percent, and they cover every citizen. We spend a whopping 17 percent and leave tens of millions of Americans uninsured.

If you want a very readable short course on how European systems really work — as opposed to the Fox News version — take a look at "The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care," by

T.R. Reid, a former Washington Post foreign correspondent. You might also watch a fascinating 2008 Frontline series, available online, in which Reid was an adviser: "Sick Around the World: Can the U.S. Learn Anything From the Rest of the World About How to Run a Health Care System?"

So far, the answer seems to be "No," not because there aren't valuable lessons, but because politicians won't relinquish

their myths about European health systems. Reid takes up that task.

Myth No. 1, he says, is that foreign systems with universal coverage are all "socialized medicine." In countries such as France, Germany, Switzerland and Japan, the coverage is universal while doctors and insurers are private. Individuals get their insurance through their workplace, sharing the premium with their employer as we do — and the government picks up the premium if they lose their job.

Myth No. 2 — long waits and rationed care — is another whopper. "In many developed countries," Reid writes, "people have quicker access to care and more choice than Americans do." In France, Germany and Japan, you can pick any provider or hospital in the country. Care is speedy and high quality, and no one is turned down.

Myth No. 3 really grabs my attention: the delusion that countries with universal care "are wasteful systems run by bloated bureaucracies." In fact, the opposite is true.

America's for-profit health insurance companies have the highest administrative costs of any developed country. Twenty percent or more of every premium dollar goes to nonmedical costs: paperwork, marketing, profits, etc. "If a profit is to be made, you need an army of underwriters to deny claims and turn down sick people," says Reid.

In developed countries with universal coverage, such as France and Germany, the administrative costs average about 5 percent.

That's because every developed country but ours has decided health insurance should be a nonprofit operation. (We once thought that, too, until private insurance companies began buying up nonprofit

health insurers like Blue Cross and Blue Shield and converting them into profit-makers.) In France and Germany, health insurance is sold by private insurers, who can only charge fixed rates in the nonprofit health field, but can sell other forms of insurance for a profit.

These countries also hold down costs by making coverage mandatory and by using a unified set of rules and payment schedules for all hospitals and doctors. This does NOT mean a single-payer system or a government-run health system. But it does sharply cut health costs by eliminating the mishmash of records and charges used by our myriad insurance firms, who use all kinds of gimmicks to shift their costs.

A unified system makes it possible for France and Germany to use digital records; every insured person has a smart card that includes all his or her health information, further cutting the number of bureaucrats. U.S. companies

oppose such efficiencies, Reid says, "because they spend money on proprietary systems and no one wants to get together on a common system." Can we afford this stubbornness?

For those who think we could never make the switch to such systems, take note that Switzerland shifted from private health insurers to nonprofits in 1994. And it's hard to see how we can cut costs without reining in our private health insurers.

None of these European plans have to be adopted wholesale. Yet there's no sign we're even examining them for useful lessons. Some U.S. senators on the Finance Committee bought Reid's book, but have you heard anyone talk about European health systems? Of course not.

It's easier to embrace our myths and pretend managing health care best that's the biggest myth of them all.



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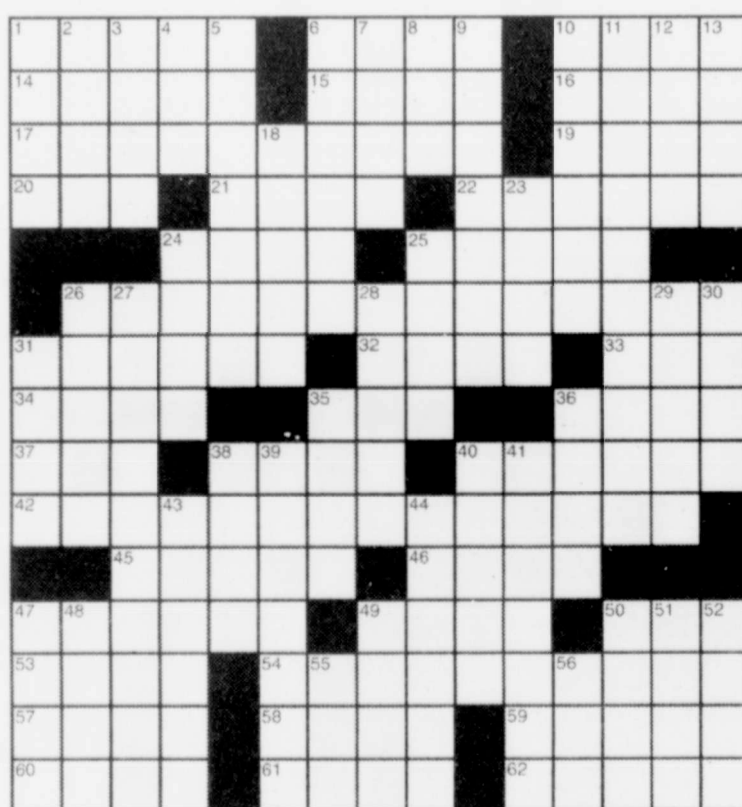
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 - "Damn Yankees" woman who gets what she wants
 - Mug spray?
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 - Suffix with convert
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 - Like some sums
 - Pay
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 - Hudson and LaSalle, once
 - Try to telephone some snowbirds?
 - Monopoly purchases
 - Modern addresses, for short
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 - Major in astronomy?
 - Calendario span
 - "Put ___ writing"
 - Back of a soccer goal
 - Con
 - Whimsical roll-call response
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 - Journalist Paula
 - Deli offering
 - Explore Yosemite, perhaps
 - Pickle
 - It may be sprung

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 - "Hush!"
 - "My pleasure!"
 - Classic theater name
 - Corrida cheer
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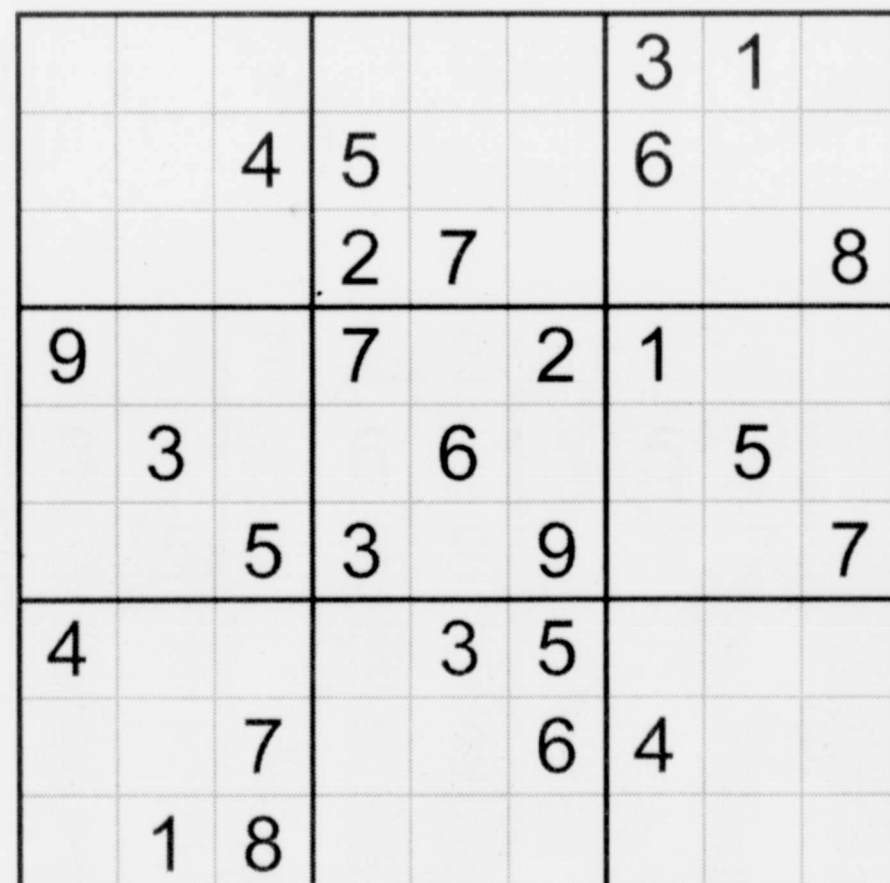
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10th-grade year." Taylor struggled with his athleticism and was "very raw," because he hadn't played organized basketball before.

Over the next summer, Taylor hit the weight room and worked on his cardiac endurance. His junior year, he was the second-leading scorer and top rebounder for the Wildcats and helped the team earn a conference championship, Mowbray said.

The next year, Taylor worked even harder, becoming a first-team all-conference player and led his team to a sub-regional championship, which they lost by two points. These performances led him to Hagerstown Community College.

"The thing about Will Taylor is that nobody that knows him has one negative thing to say about him," Mowbray said. "He's one of the most fun-loving individuals I know. But that doesn't mean he's not a competitor. He hates to lose, but he's a very kind-hearted individual."

Mowbray said he talks to Taylor about once a week, although he admitted he calls Taylor more than Taylor calls him.

"For me as a coach, it's without a question one of the most satisfying accomplishments I've been a part of," Mowbray said. "I'd like to think I had a hand in that, at least a little bit."

"As far as he's come as a basketball player, he's probably grown 10-fold as a person," he said.

Taylor was raised by his mom,

with whom he shares a strong bond, and still talks with once a day.

When he was 13, Taylor moved into a rural 10-bedroom house outside of Hagerstown, Maryland with 13 family members. His cousin, Jamaal Tinsley, who plays in the NBA for the Memphis Grizzlies, bought the house for his own mother, but when she passed away, Tinsley gave it to his family.

"I loved (that environment). I love to be around a lot of people," Taylor said. "I can study with noise 'cause there was always someone doing something."

Taylor is working toward a degree in social sciences at Cal Poly. He said because he grew up as an under-privileged child, he wants to be a social worker when he graduates.

"I used to go to Boys and Girls Club because I liked having someone to look up to like a role model," he said. "When I'm back home, I volunteer at Boys and Girls Club and help out with the kids."

In the immediate future, Taylor plans to finish out the season, lose five more pounds and develop his talent in his left hand. He is also looking forward to "doing what Californians do," in the offseason.

"Coach said I'm not going anywhere. But summer's going to be fun," Taylor said. "I'm a big fan of fishing. I'm going camping and fishing after the season. I love it."

—There is no relation between Will Taylor of the Mustang Daily and Will Taylor, Cal Poly athlete.

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1989, it was the school's first trip since 1942, when it won the title.

Montgomery hasn't won it all, but he took Stanford to the 1998 Final Four.

"What he did at Stanford, all those years, under such circum-

stances (stringent entrance requirements) ... " mused UCLA coach Ben Howland, who envisions Montgomery making it. "He built one of the best programs in the country there."

After Montgomery left Stanford, he went 68-96 in a two-year fling with the Golden State Warriors. That won't excite the Naismith folks, whose hall has become increasingly NBA-oriented, but it

shouldn't be fatal, either.

Back in a college atmosphere Saturday, Montgomery was breaking molds again as the Bears won their first conference title in 50 years. Noting the eclectic nature of the school and the setting, Montgomery said the championship "is not going to consume that campus. But in that facility at that time, it was as good as it gets."



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California clinched a share of its first Pac-10 title since 1960 with its 62-46 win over Arizona State.

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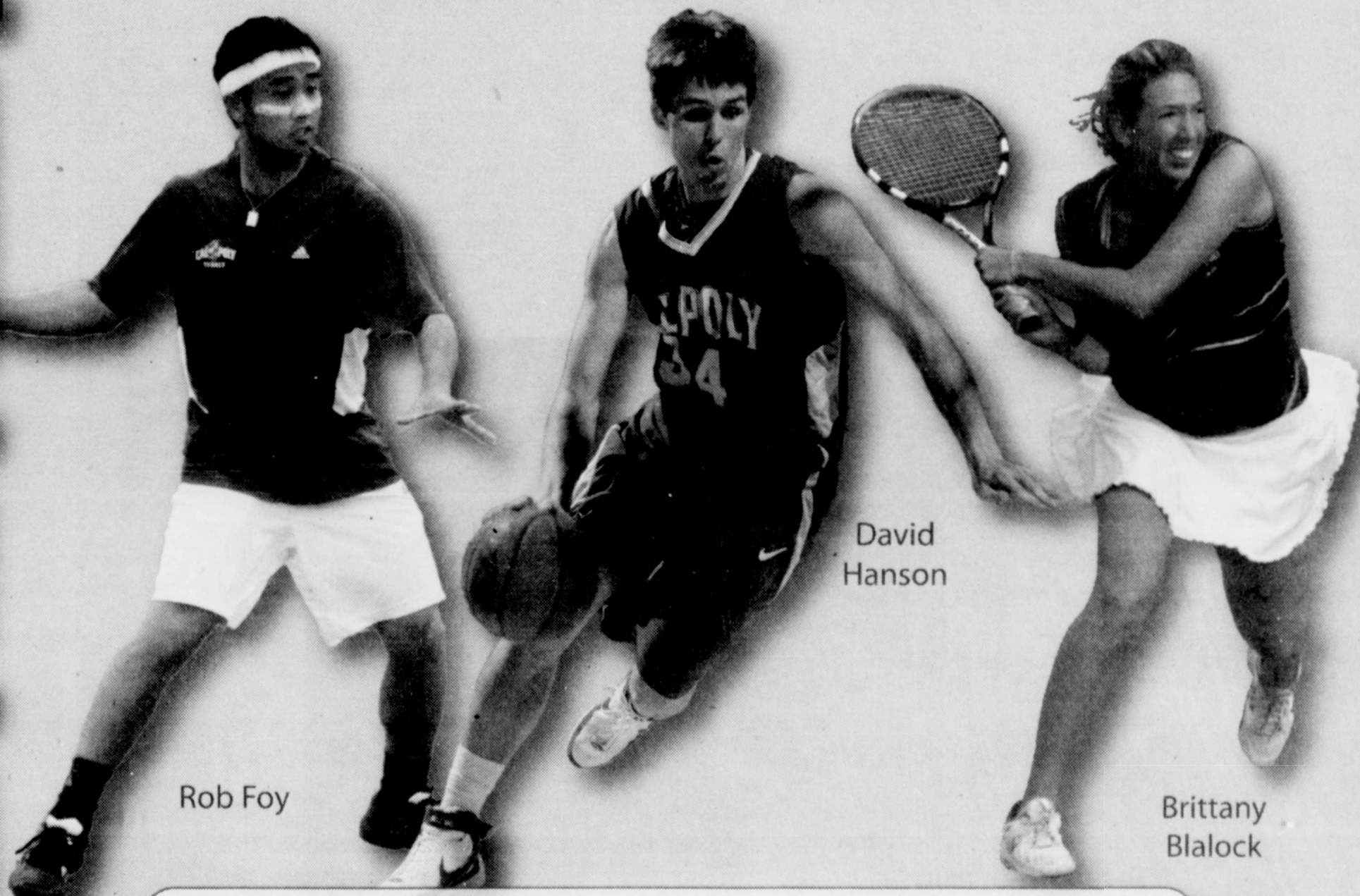
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Junior Will Taylor's work ethic pays off

Will Taylor
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Will Taylor is similar to the Mustang men's basketball team: raw, energetic and ready to learn. Taylor, a 6-foot-6, 244-pound junior forward, didn't hit the courts until sophomore year of high school despite most college players starting in their early childhood.

But what Taylor lacks in on-court experience, he makes up for with tenacity and effort as a result of his past, men's basketball head coach Joe Callero said.

"The great thing about Will is you don't have to worry about his effort," Callero said. "(He) was late to the game, and we're a complicated team. But he's very coach-able ... and willing to improve."

Taylor came to Cal Poly from Hagerstown Community College in Maryland, where he was "waiting for someone to give him a chance," Callero said. This past summer, Taylor's then-Hagerstown teammate Amaury Fermin, signed with Cal Poly. Callero had seen Taylor on tape while scouting Fermin and was impressed but not convinced with his performance.

Callero invited Taylor out for a visit but couldn't pay for it because they had no more money for recruitment travel in their budget. Taylor recognizes "an opportunity

when he sees it," Callero said, and paid out of his own pocket for an audition with the Mustangs.

"He showed a great personality and a passion to commitment, and he's done that so far," he said. "He's transitioned great. He's a very positive and outgoing person."

Callero said he looks forward to Taylor's development heading into his senior year.

"He's not afraid to show his emotion and encourage his teammates. He's a great voice and presence for Cal Poly," Callero said. "He'll be a senior next year and has the potential to become a positive vocal leader."

Taylor said that although he is naturally a joker, he is trying to be a more serious and motivational team member. He said he tries to repeat what coaches say in his own words because he believes the team benefits more when they hear from a player.

"We voted a while ago, and I got voted most inspirational. But as the season is almost to an end, I'm trying to be more of a leader," Taylor said. "If you would have asked my teammates at the beginning of year if I was going to be a leader, they probably would've said, 'No.' Now I'd say they think I'm ready."

Taylor said his move to California from Maryland has been good for him and not just on the team; he likes the college, the style of play in the conference and the new friends

he has made on the team.

"The East Coast (pace of play) is so much faster than California," Taylor said. "California ball is so chill; it's more me."

Not that Taylor has been doing much hanging out since he came out this summer. Learning the details of Mustang play, dropping 15 to 20 pounds and feeling comfortable on the court has taken most of Taylor's time since he's been here.

"It's been a big change. Coach is giving me chances and understands I didn't play that many years," he said. "But I don't feel like I'm at a disadvantage. I had a childhood. Most Division-I players can't say that. I play hard. I might not be as skilled as everyone, but I give it my all."

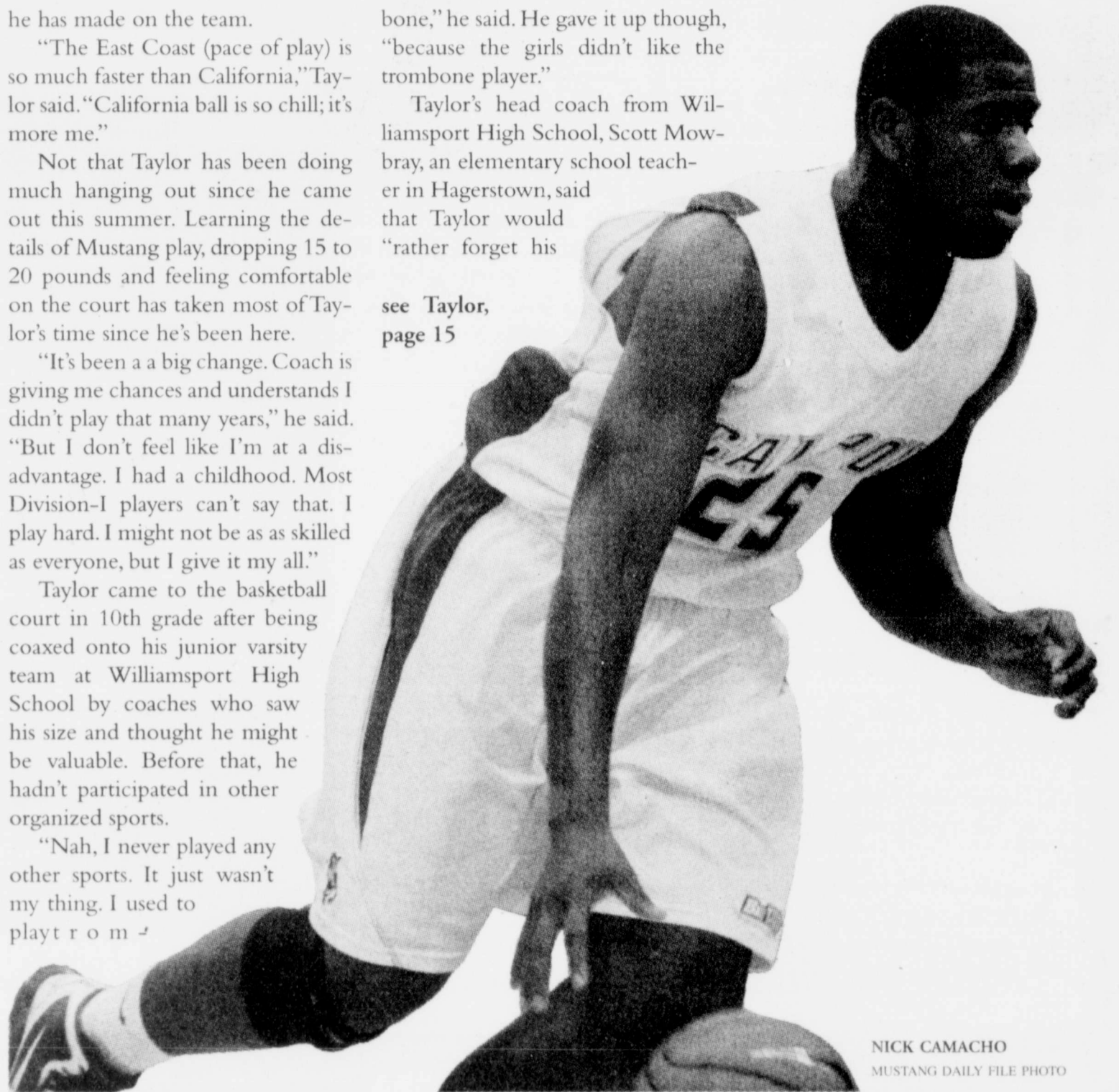
Taylor came to the basketball court in 10th grade after being coaxed onto his junior varsity team at Williamsport High School by coaches who saw his size and thought he might be valuable. Before that, he hadn't participated in other organized sports.

"Nah, I never played any other sports. It just wasn't my thing. I used to play r o m -

bone," he said. He gave it up though, "because the girls didn't like the trombone player."

Taylor's head coach from Williamsport High School, Scott Mowbray, an elementary school teacher in Hagerstown, said that Taylor would "rather forget his

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NICK CAMACHO
MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO

Mike Montgomery makes coaching history in Pac-10

Bud Witherst
THE SEATTLE TIMES

The other night, Northwestern lost badly to one of the worst teams in the Big Ten, Penn State, pretty much ensuring the continuation of one of sport's most head-scratching

streaks: The Wildcats have never played in the NCAA basketball tournament.

A little circuitously, that brings us to today's mission: praising Mike Montgomery.

It's a tricky and treacherous journey to the Naismith Hall of Fame

in Springfield, Mass. But Montie might just be treading it.

When the confetti floated from the rafters of Haas Pavilion on Saturday after California won at least a share of the Pac-10 championship, it meant that Montgomery had accomplished something unprec-

edented in league history. He's become the first coach to win conference titles at two schools.

The first of those, of course, was Stanford, where the academic demands are similar to Northwestern's. There, Montgomery took a program into the teeth of Lute Olson's colossus at Arizona and won three Pac-10 titles, and in his final 11 seasons with the Cardinal (1994-2004), never had a team finish out of the first division.

Now he's added another conference championship. Before Stanford, he debuted as a head coach at Montana (1979-86), where his Big Sky games record was 73-39 and he never had a team worse than fourth.

There are only nine coaches in the Naismith hall whose most notable work was done in the Pac-10: John Wooden (UCLA), Olson (Arizona), Marv Harshman (WSU and Washington), Ralph Miller (Oregon State), Pete Newell (Cal), Slat Gill (Oregon State), Howard Hobson (Oregon), Everett Dean (Stanford) and Sam Barry (USC). Only one of those, Olson in 2002, has been inducted in the past 20 years.

Montgomery has 589 victories, and when the season began, he ranked 75th all-time for winning percentage. Of the 74 he trailed, only 20 have more wins.

But that hall is pretty persnickety; victories don't necessarily equate to entry. Eddie Sutton has 804 wins

and he's not in. Neither are Lefty Driesell (786), Lou Henson (779), Jerry Tarkanian (729), and we probably don't need to detail the reasons why not) and Norm Stewart (728). Neither is Norm Sloan (624), who won a national title at North Carolina State.

If the hall has discriminating tastes, that should be a good thing for Montgomery. Anybody studying the arc of Stanford basketball has to be stunned by what he did there in the context of the program's history.

He succeeded a good coach, Tom Davis, who went 25-47 in Pac-10 games. The coach who preceded Davis, Dick DiBiasi, went seven years without a winning season. In fact, when Montgomery took a team to the NCAA tournament in

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MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Mike Montgomery entered this season with a 569-255 record in the college ranks and has posted 26 winning seasons, in 27 total. In his second year at California, he has led them to a 20-9 record with one game left in the season.

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