Bad grade? Blame it on the classroom

Where you sit and how you sit in a classroom can determine your performance

By Michelle Castilla
Daily Staff Writer

The next time you walk into a classroom, stop and notice the classroom layout—because where you sit may affect your grade.

An individual’s choice of seating and the classroom’s desk arrangement affect the learning process, said Don Maas, professor for the University Center for Teacher Education (UCTE).

And not only can this affect learning, he said, it affects the interaction between student and teacher and student to student.

“If a student sits in the back corner, it implies avoidance,” Maas said. “Students who sit who sit at the back of the room are disconnected from the professor.”

English professor Dick Simon agreed.

“The student sitting in the far corner with a reversed baseball cap scrunched up by the door is the greatest challenge to involve,” he said. “I know he’s bored and doesn’t want to be here.”

It’s easy for a teacher to prevent this problem by simply rearranging the desks, said Sue McIlvire, professor for the UCTE.

“If it’s possible, the teacher can reshape the classroom to get the configuration they want.”

However, most university professors do not rearrange the room, Maas said. They usually leave it as is.

“Also, research indicates that once a student establishes their space, they tend to continue to stay in the same place,” he said.

“It’s comforting for students to know the people around them.”

The three most common desk arrangements are the U-shape, table clusters and traditional rows.

Maas said the U-shape is his favorite layout because the arrangement facilitates good eye contact, maximizes interaction and creates more participation.

Business professor Rami Shami said the U-shape provides quality class interaction that is superior to other arrangements.

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Where students sit in a classroom can be a determinant for their success/Daily photo by Joe Johnston

SLO City Council votes to require parking permits at Park View

By Matt Lazier
Daily Staff Writer

Amid pleas of both support and passionate displeasure, the San Luis Obispo City Council approved the development of a new residential parking permit district Tuesday night by a vote of 4-1.

With SLO Vice-Mayor Dodie Williams dissenting, the council honored a petition submitted by residents of the Park View homes area and established the district around Del Norte Way, Ramona Drive and Del Sur Way.

The district will establish parking restrictions in the area from midnight to 7 a.m. These restrictions will take effect in mid-June at the earliest, according to Public Works Director Mike McCluskey.

Local attorney Stephen Hall, speaking on behalf of a group of proponents for the district, gave background on the reasoning for the district.

“The quality of life is deteriorating in this neighborhood,” Hall said. “Front yards are not safe for children, and parking can not be had in front of one’s own house.”

Hall also said the petition was prompted by recent mass gatherings in which non-residents have littered, damaged and stolen property and even used residents’ yards as “public bathrooms.”

Several residents spoke in support of the district, saying the area’s narrow streets are often impacted with double-parked cars.

“The neighborhood has deteriorated and we have a parking problem, regardless of the cause,” said Gary Simon, a resident of Del Sur Way.

According to McCluskey, the City Council received the petition for this district in September of 1995. Seventy percent of the residents on the petition favored the parking district.

Several Park View residents who addressed the council at Tuesday’s meeting disputed the 70-percent figure, and said the parking district is aimed at Cal Poly students who rent homes in the area.

“The real motivation of this is an attempt to rid the neighborhood of students,” said Rod Carscaden, a Park View resident.

“We need to work towards mutual respect, not discrimination.”

The rules of the parking district state that each residence would be allowed two parking permits. Most of the homes in the area house short, single-car drivers, which would mean that many student renters, who have four or five unrelated residents per house, would be unable to obtain sufficient parking permits.

Residents can only obtain additional permits if an original is lost. The first replacement permit would cost $15 and the second would cost $25. All permits expire and would become void, McCluskey said.

“Any time we’ve been asked to move a car, it has been by the owner.”

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Arrested player’s future uncertain on and off court

By Greg Manifold
Daily Student Sport Editor

The suspension of men’s basketball freshman Da’ Monn Sanders Tuesday resulted from his April 12 in connection with the use of a stolen credit card, Mustang Daily has learned.

The Athletic Department announced Tuesday that Sanders was suspended indefinitely for breaking team policy.

Sanders admitted Wednesday to taking the wallet and expressed remorse about the entire incident.

“I just used poor judgment,” Sanders said.

“It wasn’t taken with intent, it wasn’t like I tried to take his wallet,” Sanders added. “I’ve never done anything like that before, and I don’t plan on ever doing it again.”

Men’s basketball Head Coach Jeff Schneider confirmed that Sanders had been suspended for the alleged theft, but did not elaborate.

“It’s our policy that we cannot comment until everything is finalized,” Schneider said from his office Wednesday. “At that time, we’ll be able to release a statement.”

The incident occurred in the lobby of the Tenaya Residence Hall. Sanders was arrested from a Tenaya resident called the police after he discovered his wallet missing.

The student, who wished to remain anonymous, said that he lost the wallet when he checked out a pool table.

“I pulled out my student I.D. to play pool,” he said. “My wallet must have fallen out of my pocket. When I came back 15 to 20 minutes later I noticed it was gone.”

The student said he then called the police whose investigation led to the arrest of Sanders.

Police recovered the card that evening and returned it to the owner.

“I feel bad for the guy that did (use the credit card),” the student said. “I didn’t lose anything from it, in just did give him out for a couple of hours until I got it back.”

“It’s terrible,” he added about the entire situation. “The opportunity was there. I know it’s tempting but it’s bad. What’s going to happen to him next?”

Director of Athletics John McCutcheon said he didn’t comment on the reasons behind Sanders suspension.

“He’s got personal rights that we’re being sensitive to,” McCutcheon said. “We took the action we felt was necessary regarding our policy.”

Cal Poly Investigator Mike Kennedy, who assisted the San Luis Obispo Police Department on the case, said he assumes Sanders was not originally taken downtown but not booked since the Police Department does not have a log of Sanders being jailed.

Kennedy said Sanders may face a host of different charges depending on how the District Attorney decides to proceed.

Possible charges range from petty theft, a misdemeanor punishable by a fine and six months in jail, to felony that carries up to a year in jail. Sanders would be charged with grand theft if he charged more than $400 dollars on the wallet.

Public Safety and the San Luis Obispo Police Department said they are still finishing the file on Sanders. When they finish the investigation it will be turned over to the District Attorney’s office.

From there it may take until the end of next week for the D.A. to decide on what type of charges Sanders will face. Kennedy said.

In retrospect, Sanders expressed regret to the person

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NATION

House Republicans break with the rank and file to unveil a new minimum wage bill.

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Questions raised over transportation of nuclear waste in San Luis Obispo

By Sandra Houghton
Daily Staff Writer

Representatives from several county, city and public interest groups struggled to see eye to eye at a meeting Wednesday afternoon in an attempt to establish a public committee to deal with the potential transport of nuclear waste.

About 30 people engaged in a lively discussion in a small conference room of the city-county library about how and the extent which the community should get involved in planning guidelines for future handling of Diablo Canyon's nuclear waste.

"We need to draw some ground rules about how we plan to move this waste from Diablo in the event that it needs to be moved," said County Supervisor Evelyn Deans, who led the meeting. She repeatedly stated that a narrow focus on transportation issues was necessary.

Others at the meeting disagreed that they should limit their efforts to the potential moving of waste.

"We need to look at the implications of on site storage as well," said June VonBoneden of Mothers for Peace. "Where are they going to put the (storage) casks? How long can they be stored? Technical questions like those should be a part of what this committee deals with."

Diablo Canyon has the capacity and government approval to continue to store its nuclear waste on site in its two cement pools, said Jeff Lewis, a PG&E spokesman.

"PG&E officials said they are unsure how waste will be handled after that date, especially since the federal government has met opposition to establishing a national repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada."

Transporting the waste to another location could be an alternative, Lewis said.

"In addition to debating over which issues to address, several people voiced varying opinions on the structure and procedure of the group."

Delaney organized the meeting after the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, the regional transportation planning agency, requested that a "public committee" address this issue.

"In the event that it needs to be moved," said County Supervisor Evelyn Deans, "we need to establish a public committee to deal with this issue." She said she wanted to keep the committee small enough and focused on "just one chapter of the nuclear waste issue" — the transportation of waste.

Others said they felt the committee should expand to include a broader scope of the public.

"We need the public at large involved in this issue," said Klaus Schumann of the Nuclear Waste Information Committee.

"We need a public announcement to let everyone know about it. We need a more democratic process than one government official handing out invitations."

Questions about the committee's final product, the extent of influence, and the utilization of an impartial facilitator were raised. But all were left unresolved.

As the hour-and-a-half meeting adjourned and the next meeting set for May 15, many expressed mixed feelings.

"I am not happy," said Sheila Baker, a Cal Poly dairy science junior representing Students for Social Responsibility. "I would like to see our concerns taken seriously and not as a debate."

Shirley Bianchi, representing the Diocese of Monterey, said she would also like to see our concerns taken seriously and not as a debate.

"It was like the first meeting of any group — chaos," she said.

Have we got a treat for you!

It's VISIONS, a special Open House edition of the MUSTANG DAILY. VISIONS will take the place of the regular paper in newsstands tomorrow. Also, there will be no MUSTANG DAILY on Monday. Check out our special Open House wrap-up edition on Tuesday. See you then.

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The blind leading the blind
by Rodrigo Espinosa

Relationships, commitment and the players who are a part of it all, yes, ladies and gentlemen, I am going to address topics central to this subject. I am by far no expert in the field. In fact, if you want to know how to successfully ruin a relationship, I'm your guy. However, I have gathered my focus groups (counselors and their classmates) and done some extensive research in the relationship, commitment and player areas. Before we start remember I am merely sending out an all-mail mail that I love to receive, please realize that generalizations are going to be abundant in this column.

I've said it before, and I'll say it once more, the most valuable lesson you'll take with you will be the ones you learn outside the ivory covered buildings. Men and women go about getting to know one another without any preparation whatsoever. Nobody ever warns us that men really don't know what they want, and women don't know where they stand. We stumble through the land mines of a relationship, and some come out extremely bruised. It's learning by doing at its best. In many cases it's a guessing game. Sometimes, for some people, their friends are the most valuable lesson that came out of my research/focus groups — women tend to want the majority of their life to be filled with a lifelong companion and hopefully a couple of critters to bring up.

The ones that drive their relationships. This could be very entertaining by doing at its best. In many cases it's a guessing game. Sometimes, for some people, their friends are the most valuable lesson that came out of my research/focus groups — women tend to want the majority of their life to be filled with a lifelong companion and hopefully a couple of critters to bring up. We see things differently, and for our generation which wants everything, nobody ever warns us that men really don't know what they want, and women don't know where they stand. We stumble through the land mines of a relationship, and some come out extremely bruised. It's learning by doing at its best. In many cases it's a guessing game. Sometimes, for some people, their friends are the most valuable lesson that came out of my research/focus groups — women tend to want the majority of their life to be filled with a lifelong companion and hopefully a couple of critters to bring up.

Rodrigo Espinosa is a speech communication senior who does no idea where he's running to because he's too blind to see.

COLUMN

The cruelly of rodeos
by Cosima Celmarysor

When someone's at their worst, how do you still find that deep love burning inside? Could I find a man who would still take me out for a romantic evening and buy me flowers, just because? I don't know what the figures are on divorce these days, but I do know that they are not getting any lower. Most of my friends' parents are divorced. How do I not become one of those figures? I know that I am only 21. I'm by no means looking for my mate. I'm actually enjoying for the first time in four years my freedom from any romantic commitments. Not that I'm not having fun flipping. But I realize that I want the majority of my life to be filled with a lifelong companion and hopefully a couple of critters to bring up. I want to be able to tell my kids what my parents used to say, that the kids have to do the dishes this evening because mom and dad are going upstairs to meditate. Yeah, right! Meditate with mother nature.

I want to grow old with someone and be able to count when each wrinkle on their face appeared. I've asked my parents how they keep this seemingly perfect marriage. Their answer?

"It's not perfect, Cosima. Maybe what perfect is, is finding that someone who you can go through all the hard times with and still be in love — Someone you can argue with, go through disasters with but still know you are going to come out of it stronger — together."

I've seen the hard times families go through. I've seen my family's own hard times, yet there is always this undeniable, unconditional love that strings us all together, especially between my mother and father.

My parents swear that this eternal love they share stems from the fact that they turn all their problems over to God. "Whenever we are going through a difficult time, we pray. We cannot do it all on our own. We pray for guidance and then even if things are difficult they always end up working out for the best."

They told me to always be honest. They told me that laughter can be one of the most healing remedies, so keep a sense of humor.

I think everyone in whatever "close" relationships they share, be it good friend, brother, mother, boyfriend or girl friend can benefit from these words. I know that when I have and can benefit from these words. I know that when I have and can benefit from these words.

I believe they have. Could I stay as passionate about my match we will won't be able to stay together? comes practically; I'm just finding the Central Coast. No, we are not talking about California rodeo events. We are talking about the "All-American" Rodeo, which runs at Cal Poly's Rodeo, animals will suffer in the name of entertainment.

Though rodeo proponents attempt to excuse these exploitative, violent events as "traditional family entertainment," the stark fact remains that animals subjected to rodeo endure choking, roping, tail-twisting, having their necks snapped backward and grotesquely twisted, having flowers, just because? And how when I get in that terrible argument or go through that disastrous time can I still want to be with that person?"
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Wednesday evening in the N.P. Davidson music building, right across the street from the U.W.

There, in the rectangular practice room with concrete steps in a semicircle around the conductor's
platform, a dedicated group of students meets with conductor and music professor
William Johnson to practice pieces for upcoming performances.

The Cal Poly Wind Orchestra is comprised of a diverse group of students
with one thing in common — a passion for
music and, in most cases, years of experience
practicing and performing.

Some of the orchestra members plan on pursuing careers in music, and a
few are music majors. But for most, playing with the orchestra is a hobby,
almost one at which they excel.
Skankin' Pickle rocked Atascadero Thursday night as part of the punk show featuring Blink-182, Good Riddance and Salag 13. 

By Mark Armstrong

Thursday night as Numbskulling for the second time in a stuffy basketball court into a

The backdrops for Silvagio's creative choreography in music by the Beatles and other 60s artists to add to the upbeat dances.

The '60s really come alive in the performance," said Kathy Schultz, a member of the ballet's board of directors. Last year's performance was a success. We are hoping for another good year."

And for the picky turtles and tuts? You won't be seeing any in this performance. Instead, young ballerinas swapping and dancing their way across stage will be decked out in '60s vintage costumes.

"The costumes are still being constructed," Brya said. "We're trying to get the 'real look' of the flower power era."

Young ballerinas from the age of 12 and up will take part in this event. According to Schultz, out of 34 members, 15 are apprendice.

Tickets range from $8 to $16. 

Call the Cal Poly Theatre ticket box office at 756-1421.

DeLonge elaborated on his comments from earlier in the show as he waited for Skankin' Pickle's last set. "Eddy is the man," DeLonge said. "We only want to work with Eddy. Our type of bands rely on him."

DeLonge said Numbskull Productions will be back in the San Luis Obispo area soon, with plans for shows from groups such as Sublime, Lagwagon and Guttermouth. No dates have been released yet.

Ban members from Thursday's show agreed. 

"They're insane," DeLonge said about the crowd during Blink-182's second show on the Central Coast. "A few spit at me, but I like it."
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it's hard to tell where singer Tripplet ends and the University Jazz Band begins. The band, under the direction of instructor Michael Fuller, opened the evening with

"The One," which the Wind Orchestra followed by being awed by the

awful and there's a lot of good. We've gotta be hot that evening, said conductor William Johnson.

"The strength of this band," said professor Fuller, "is that they have enormous enthusiasm and an altruistic spirit. Without that, we won't get anywhere."

not so as it appears. Just when you feel like you know which way the song is headed, Bonham suddenly changes it. There are subtleties in every song that

Though at first the dramatic changes would seem to shock the listener, they are well-arranged and flow together nicely. "The One" is evidence enough that there is bound to be a receptive listener.

The 12-song album is full of supporting tracks that make the listener want to buy the entire album. Without question, the songs "Mother, Mother" and "Divided We Fall" are the ones to seek out.

On "Mother, Mother," she sings

sings what is comparable to a doo-wop tune. But don't expect any hot love scenes between the two. It is all in their verbal communication with each other.

But don't expect any hot love songs on the album, and represents a melodic beat that brings out the beauty of her lyrics and musical skills.

As a native of Eugene, Oregon, Bonham was originally a violin student until she moved to Boston to study the violin and vocals. In just three years, she has thrived and recently received several honors at the 1995 Boston Music Awards, including Best Female Vocalist and Best Single.

If Bonham sings with her unique blend of musical harmonies and colorful lyrics, soon she'll be singing before Alaskan hospitality to the Grammy Awards.

Bonham's first album looks toward success

By Greg Monhold

Conductor and Professor William Johnson helps the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra practice songs for the Open House Festival / Daily photo by Joe Johnson

ORCHESTRA: Members prepare for Open House

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Kris Mack, a biology major and music minor, sees his art as a hobby. "I love playing in the orchestra," said Mack, "It's awesome and there's a lot of good energy there.

Bonham has plenty of performing experience under her belt; she toured Europe with her high school band, performed for the Flagstaff Symphony when she attended Northern Arizona University and belongs to the San Diego Flute Guild.

"But I still get nervous every time I play in a concert," said Mack.

Conductor Johnson said he was "very impressed" during a recent session in which it was a difficult piece titled "Hamamatuto Overture," a song that will be included in Cal Poly's upcoming Open House Wind Band Festival.

Before the rehearsal began, Johnson, a stern, deeply spiritual, coached the orchestra with "we've got the beat, now really let them go.

The sound should fade away as if it were in a big hall," John son told percussion players as they began the piece.

When the ensemble had difficulty with a certain part of the song, Johnson had the members hum the notes to get a feel for it. "Don't worry about pitch," Johnson said, "Just play the piece smoothly."

"Let's sing rhythm.

On the next run through, they played the piece smoothly.

"The strength of this band," Johnson said, "is that they have enormous enthusiasm and an almost innate musical talent that manifests itself in their maturity."

"The weakness," he continued, "is that they are busy people who don't always have the time they'd like to devote. But their talent and enthusiasm make up for it..."

Conductor and Professor William Johnson helps the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra practice songs for the Open House Festival / Daily photo by Joe Johnson
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By Sam F. Katz

BEIRUT — Even as Israel raked Lebanon with new air attacks, the Lebanese govern- ment demanded changes Wed- nesday in a U.S. plan to stop the fighting. Beirut said the proposal would perpetuate Israel's control of its southern region and violate the basic tenets of a Mideast peace settlement.

Israel bombarded Hezbollah targets across southern Lebanon for the seventh straight day, and the guerrillas sent rockets crashing down on northern Israel. Two people were killed and 17 were wounded in Lebanon, police reported.

Some 400,000 Lebanese have streamed out of southern com- munities to escape the fighting, and they are squeezed into rela- tives' houses, cars, and crowded school classrooms. About 17,000 people have been evacuated from northern Israel.

The United Nations, Israel's main ally, and France, Lebanon's former colonial ruler, have been trying separately to broker an armistice. Neither proposal has been officially disclosed.

Lebanon's prime minister, Rafik Hariri, and foreign minis- ter, Farid Bweiz, criticized the U.S. plan, which demands an immediate Israeli withdrawal from the enclave it controls in southern Lebanon.

Bweiz, in Cairo, Egypt, for an emergency meeting of Arab League foreign ministers, said he had demanded basic changes in the proposals and was waiting to hear from Washington.

The U.S. plan, he said, would undermine a 1978 U.N. Security Council resolution that demands an unconditional Israeli withdrawal from the 400- square-mile buffer zone Israel carved out of southern Lebanon in 1985 to block cross-border attacks. Hezbollah has been fight- ing for more than a decade to free the buffer zone.

Bweiz also said it contradicted the land-for-peace principle of the peace process launched in 1991.

Fighting raged Wednesday, with fighter-bombers, helicopter gunships and artillery based in the Israeli-held enclave attack- ing guerrilla rocket launchers and hide-outs near the port city of Tyre and the market town of Nabatiyeh.

Two people were killed and 17 were wounded, including two U.N. peacekeepers caught in the cross fire in southern Lebanon, police reported. Also, two Nepalese soldiers were wounded in a guerrilla grenade attack.

The Iranian-backed Hezbollah fired three salvos of Katyusha rockets into northern Israel, wounding one person and damaging houses and cars.

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The Israelis launched their recent offensive to stop a series of recent Hezbollah attacks on northern Israel. But the offen- sive has only intensified the at- tacks, with the Israelis reporting more than 200 Katyusha fired in the past week.

Hezbollah says there are more to come.

Its Al-Manar television sta- tion broadcast warnings in Hebrew, Arabic and English tell- ing Israelis to abandon homes in northern regions targeted for at- tack.

The only way for Israeli set- tlements to be secure "is for our civilians — children, women, farmers — and villages to be safe from aggression," Hezbollah's leader, Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, declared.

Israeli officials said Wednes- day that the U.S. proposals in- clude placing international monitors in the field and getting Syria, the dominant power in Lebanon, to guarantee any agreement to halt the fighting.

Israel would also be required to declare that it has no claims on any Lebanese territory and would be willing to withdraw its troops from the buffer zone on condition Hezbollah is disarmed and doesn't attack Israel for a fixed period.

Like the American proposal, the French plan reportedly is based on a 1993 verbal agree- ment under which both sides agreed to stop attacking civilians.

Still, Prime Minister Hariri said, Beirut hasn't rejected either plan.

"We hope to see America and France cooperate together to make a joint proposal," he told a news conference after meeting in London with British Prime Min- ister John Major.

Two senior Israeli officials said Syria has been cool to the idea of a broad, new agreement and wants to restore the U.S.- backed verbal understand- ing reached after a similar Israeli of- fensive against Hezbollah in July 1993.

Israel's Prime Minister Shimon Peres said Wednesday that he wants a written agree- ment to end hostilities with Hez- boliah.

"If we reach something reasonable, practical, we'll sign," he said while inspecting an army base in northern Israel.

An envoy from Iran, Hezbol- lah's main backer, signaled sup- port for the French plan during a visit to Syria on Wednesday. But Foreign Ministry official Mohammed Kazem Khavansari dismissed the American proposals as "negative."
ORANGE, Calif. — Rod Carew's 18-year-old daughter died of leukemia Wednesday after the Hall of Famer's appeal for a bone-marrow donor drew 70,000 responses but not one match.

"All we did was we told her that we love her, that we're all here, and I just told her to have a safe journey," Carew, tears in his eyes, said hours after Michelle's death.

Michelle died with her father, her mother, Marilyn, other family members and friends by her side at Children's Hospital of Orange County.

Her battle against the disease had been followed by people nationwide after her father issued a plea in November for bone marrow donors.

"That unprecedented response, no doubt, will save the lives of other cancer patients in the future," hospital spokesman Orman Day said.

Carew, who starred with the Minnesota Twins and California Angels and is now an Angels batting coach, said: "When this started she just wanted to go to college and not only for her but for the other kids."

Michelle received a transplant of fetal umbilical cord blood on March 22 in an effort to rebuild her immune system.

It was tried as an alternative after no matching marrow could be found. Michelle's two sisters and her parents were incompati- ble. Her father is of West Indian and Panamanian ancestry; her mother has Russian Jewish roots.

Chemotherapy was used to kill the cancerous cells, but it left her body blistered and raw.

"The percentages weren't in her favor as far as finding a match," Carew said in the hospital lobby. "She just ran out of time. ... She just lost the battle."

The hospital received thousands of calls and letters. Many promised to be tested as donors. Some knitted snowflakes for this young woman who had never seen snowfall.

Michelle was diagnosed in September 1995 with non-lymphocytic leukemia. The transplant of the umbilical cord is a relatively rare operation.

"We really didn't have enough time to see the fruits of that transplant," said Dr. Mitchell Cairo, director of blood and bone marrow transplants at the hospital.

She died of cardiac and respiratory failure at 6:28 a.m., the hospital said. Since the March 22 operation, she had been kept in a sterile room, family and other visitors sealed off by a window.

The family had thought Michelle was going to die in December. For seven months, the Carews had stayed in a spare hospital room in a motor home in a rear parking lot.

Carew, a seven-time American League batting champion who retired in 1985, has been on leave from the Angels.

"She kept our spirits up by telling jokes," Carew said. "We would walk in the room and she would always say something funny to make sure we were smiling."

Carew, red-eyed, mustered a smile at the recollection.

"She became more famous than her dad," he said, "and we talked about that a lot."

A private memorial service was scheduled Friday in Santa Ana. The funeral was planned for Sunday at 11 a.m. at Temple Emanu-El in Minneapolis, with burial at United Hebrew Brotherhood Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Instead of flowers, the family requested contributions to the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation at Children's Hospital of Orange County, Box 1076, Orange, CA 92668-0076.

BROTHERS: Claimed self-defense in confession

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killing, the brothers said they had been at the movies and discovered the bodies when they came home. They suggested the Mafia might have been involved.

For six months, they spent lavishly from their inheritance. In March 1990 they were arrested, but it wasn't until June 8, 1993, that an attorney disclosed they would confess and claim self-defense.

The brothers said they were sexually and psychologically abused as they grew up and they finally believed their parents would kill them rather than risk disclosure of incest.

Prosecutors painted the brothers as greedy underachievers who killed to claim the family fortune.

They called witnesses who described how the brothers bought the guns, planned the killings, took time to reload one gun before the killing spree ended and then disposed of the guns as well as they were never found.

Defense lawyers tried to use the theory known as "imperfect self-defense," which held that a killing by one who believes he is in imminent danger can be justifiable even if that belief was unreasonable.

The judge disallowed the theory in the retrial.
WASHINGTON — Moderate House Republicans broke ranks and joined Democrats calling for an election-year increase in the minimum wage, a vote Sen. Bob Dole and other GOP leaders have tried to prevent.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey said through an aide that he had no plans to schedule the bill for the floor. But with Democrats also clamoring for a vote on a daily basis, other lawmakers and aides in the GOP leadership said the issue was virtually certain to reach the floor of the House, and conceded it may have enough support to pass.

"All of us believe that people who work a 40-hour work week ought to earn a wage they can live on," said Rep. Jack Quinn, R-N.Y., as he and fellow Republicans unveiled their bill Wednesday.

The proposal would provide for two separate increases of 50 cents an hour, one to take effect 90 days after the bill is signed by President Clinton, and the second boost a year after that.

Clinton and congressional Democrats support a 90-cent-an-hour increase over two years in the current federal minimum of $4.25 an hour.

Public opinion polls, including some taken for Republicans, show widespread support for raising the minimum wage. Organized labor favors the proposal, and Democrats have made it a central tenet of their attempt to appeal to workers whose standard of living hasn't kept up in recent years.

In the current, politically charged climate in Congress, Republicans have thwarted all attempts by Democrats to force a vote in the House. Dole, the GOP presidential nomine-in-waiting, has maneuvered mightily in the Senate to avoid a vote. On Tuesday, he pulled a major immigration bill off the Senate floor when Democrats sought to use it for votes on the minimum wage and Social Security.

"The Republican leadership is stifling the majority of the American people by refusing to raise the minimum wage... (they) won't even allow a vote," Vice President Al Gore charged.

But even as Quinn and other Republicans were holding their news conference, Speaker Newt Gingrich and the GOP leadership were backpedaling on the subject. House sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the leadership had begun discussions on trying to salvage some political advantage.

One idea, still in the discussion stage, would attach a provision to stiffen enforcement of a 1988 Supreme Court ruling that bars labor unions from using compulsory fees assessed to non-union workers for political purposes.

Gingrich also noted during the day that he had supported a 1989 measure that raised the minimum wage and included a sub-minimum training wage for younger workers. That bill passed with only 37 votes in opposition. Dole also supported the last minimum wage bill to pass Congress.

Ask the wether the issue would come to a vote this year, Gingrich said, "I don't know."

But by sidestepping a question, saying, "I don't know of any" when asked if a possible compromise was in the works, Armey issued a written statement that made no mention of the action taken by his GOP colleagues and renewed his opposition to the minimum wage. "This whole issue is a sham on the part of the Washington union bosses that fund the Democratic party," he said.

The moderate Republicans potentially hold the balance of power in the House on this issue. The GOP has a majority of 236-196, with one independent and two vacancies. And while Quinn said he expected the leadership ultimately to relent and schedule a vote, he pointedly referred to a little-used procedure in which a majority of the House can force a measure onto the House floor in defiance of the leadership's wishes.

Quinn was flanked at his news conference by 13 other Republicans, six of them from New York, and nearly all the rest from northeastern states. One of them, Rep. Christopher Shays of Connecticut, cited studies that he said showed the last increase in the minimum wage, in 1989, did not result in lost jobs, as opponents have charged.

Shays also said more than 60 percent of minimum wage workers are women supporting families. Recent public opinion polls have indicated far greater support among women this year for Clinton than for Dole.

Economics experts also cast doubt on the idea the minimum wage last was increased April 1, 1991, from $3.80 an hour. Supporters of a hike say that when inflation is taken into account, the minimum wage will soon be at a 40-year low unless it is raised.

Dole and other leaders last year took test votes on the subject, both of them close. Last fall, on a 51-48 vote, lawmakers signaled support for the subject.

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SUSPENSION: Sanders still wants to play for Poly

whose wallet he admittedly stole. "I apologized to him, to coach Schneider and the Cal Poly basket-
ball program, because Jeff Schneider is a professional," Sanders said. "I hope I haven't ruined it."

Sanders, originally from Tusla, Okla., started as a guard midway through the season for the Cal Poly and averaged 5.5 points per game. He averaged 17 minutes in 27 games.

Sanders was a part of a tur-

naround season for the Mustangs who finished with a 16-13 record, after going 1-26 the season before.

As for the future with the bas-
ketball team, Sanders is unsure.

"We'll make the determination (about where he stands with the team) at a later date," McCutcheon said.

Daily Sports Editor Melissa M. Gisler contributed to this report.
Ex-employee shoots three at Hughes plant

By Michael White
Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — A former employee opened fire at a Hughes electronics plant Wednesday, wounding an unarmed security guard and two others and taking one worker hostage before his arrest, police said.

Walter Waddy, 62, who resigned in 1993 for undisclosed health reasons, was unhappy about unspecified benefits, police Capt. Ron Green said. Hughes spokesman Esmery Wilson Jr. said: "I have no knowledge of that." The gunman wounded the guard and slightly wounded two employees with a .38-caliber pistol after arriving at the plant at 9:10 a.m., Green said.

"The suspect was inside moving around the building and at various points in time he had control of different employees and eventually made his way out to the back of the building," Green said.

At 10:25 a.m., the gunman came out of the complex holding a handgun to the head of a male hostage, Green said. A police officer ordered him to surrender and the gunman complied, the captain said.

Hundreds of employees evacuated the two-story building at the Hughes Space and Communications manufacturing complex during the height of the drama, Hughes spokesman Kenneth Bothwell said.

A guy with a gun! Everybody out!" a Hughes worker shouted to Mel Andrich, 53, of Lake Elsinore, a private contractor working in the building at the time of the shootings.

The plant just south of Los Angeles International Airport is part of General Motors' electronics subsidiary, Hughes Electronics Corp.

After shooting the Pinkerton guard, the gunman went upstairs to a computer room and wounded two Hughes employees, one in the shoulder and the other in the hip, Hughes spokesman Wilson said.

Ramon Ramirez, 60, of Corona, employed by Pinkerton since 1988, was in critical condition after surgery, said Warren Robak, spokesman for the University of California, Los Angeles, Medical Center.

Employee Joe Berlino, 41, of Corona saw a bullet hole in a metal door near the guard station.

"It's definitely traumatic to a lot of people knowing somebody can slip through security and start shooting," Berlino said. "Hughes security used to carry guns, but now these Pinkerton guards don't. All they can do is make a telephone call."

Pinkerton's 4-year-old contract with Hughes specified unarmed guards, said Derek Andrade of suburban Encino-based Pinkerton Security Inc.