No mission is impossible for alum

By Cassandra Jones

Geoffrey Wheeler, a 1983 graduate, stands in front of his business in Thailand. The Centre for Vocational Building Technology employs 10 people and makes roofing tiles.

He decided to help people, but he didn’t want to be a missionary. He graduated from Cal Poly as a mechanical engineer in 1983, and after graduation he asked himself, How can I get these two aspects to work together?

Wheeler found his answer, but not until he went to Thailand.

Before Wheeler traveled to the “Land of Smiles,” however, he needed to go through some experiences that would influence the course of his life.

To know Wheeler at Cal Poly was to remember. He participated in world hunger conferences that later formed the Campus Hunger Coalition.

“I was very active and became (CHRC) president for a year,” Wheeler said.

Through CHRC, he encouraged dorm residents to fast for a day and to donate the money that would have been used for food to the Church World Service.

Aligning his major with God produced a challenge that eventually brought him to a campus counselor.

He remembered reading this quote during his visit: “Due to circumstances beyond my control, I’m captain of my ship, master of my soul.”

“From this, I knew I needed to take responsibility of my life and do what I wanted to do with it,” Wheeler remembered.

One day in the library, soon after his visit with the counselor, he came across a magazine called “Appropriate Technology.”

“In this, I found where engineering fits into missionary work,” he said.

Wheeler learned that the application of appropriate technology is to provide people in less-developed areas with jobs and aid using the technologies and resources available to them.

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Students turn senior projects into ventures

By Robin Nichols

Senior projects are something that some students dread, some look forward to and all have to complete. This Cal Poly student took advantage of this requirement and made their idea into reality.

Business senior Eric Medina decided to start his own clothing line, Pen 15. He remembers getting the idea for the name when he was young.

“Someone wrote ‘Pen 15’ on my notebook and said, ‘You’re part of the Pen 15 club.’ It meant penis because it looks like that (when the figure 15 is used),” Medina said.

The theme of the line is five separate dimensions: surf, skate, snow, sex and sound.

“The target audience is people who are into fun, active counter-culture. Humor is a major part of it,” Medina said.

The clothing line stemmed from his actual senior project, which is an integrated marketing plan for his business 450, promotion strategies, class. He brought together tools learned in business classes, such as advertising, Internet marketing, sales promotion and event sponsor- ship.

The marketing plan would be pitched to venture capitalists, people who could sponsor the company. It would outline to a potential sponsor

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English-language program earns students credit

By Kara Knutson

The best-kept secret on campus doesn’t want to be kept secret anymore.

Started in 1991, the Teaching English as a Second Language Certificate Program is in the Cal Poly catalog, but few students know about it.

The TESL program is open to all majors and provides students with the background and skills needed to teach the English language.

Assistant English professor Johanna Rubba said most native English speakers don’t think about the rules of the language. In the TESL program, students learn those rules. They take 30 units in subjects such as theoretical and applied linguistics, intercultural communication and TESL theories and methods.

“Students walk out of the program with knowledge of the process of learning a second language — the cognitive processes people go through and the typical difficulties they experience,” she said.

Rubba added that TESL is ideal for students who are interested in teaching in a bilingual program or in a school that has students with different linguistic backgrounds.

English senior Julie Langenheim said that the TESL certificate also facilitates travel and learning. She is currently interning at EARTH University in Costa Rica and teaching an ESL (English as a second language) class to complete the certificate.

“There are students who are English majors, or who have a high proficiency in English and are interested in travel and learning from other cultures, it is the perfect path,” she said.

“I am now able to follow my dreams and travel the world, while providing an important service and learning from every person and place I encounter,” she added.

TESL program coordinator Dr. John Battenburg said it doesn’t seek to make people monolingualists, where everyone speaks the same language.

“It encourages people to learn English, but also to maintain their own native language,” he said.

TESL raises an awareness of the English Language.

English senior Ryan Gallaher said that with the TESL certificate, students have opportunities that are unavailable
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For instance, he came across an article on Zimbabwe about a small-scale machine that made egg cartons. The people in that country were suffering from iron deficiencies because eggs were not in local stores and there weren't means to ship them. The machine was probably only produced enough egg cartons in a day that would last them a year, creating the need for this smaller and more appropriate machine.

Despite this profound discovery, however, Wheeler didn't pursue his own blend of engineering and missionary work right away.

After two years, he did something some might call drastic. He joined the Maryknoll Catholic Foreign Mission Society in 1985 and began studying to be a monk.

On this theological path, he traveled to Thailand and began to get to know the people he would soon spend his life helping. In 1987, he met one person who might have put a fork in his path, her name was Khamdaeni.

Khamdaeni and Wheeler began to correspond. At about the same time, Wheeler remembered that this was truly called to be a monk. It doesn't, he explained.

It was said that Khamdaeni, Wheeler and Khamdaeni's brother had a tin roof, and because it was the hot season, that roof amplified the heat even more.

Then, he remembered that magazine he first saw in Cal Poly's library. In it was an ad for making vibrated concrete roofing tiles. So, Wheeler ordered the kit, and with the help of outside investors, he taught some villagers how to make these tiles. More importantly, he taught them how to make money closer to home. At first, he only had four employees.

Later, the Centre for Vocational Building Technology was born, which today employs 10 people and makes more than just roof tiles. The villagers have learned to make compressed earth blocks and concrete tiles for outdoor walkways, as well as use the technologies and resources available to them. One such technology is a medicine bottle sold at the local pharmacy that the villagers use to dilute an additive used to make the concrete tiles stronger.

Giving people a chance to make a living near their families means the world to Wheeler, something he understood even better after the birth of his son six years ago.

Now that the dust from his journey is settling down, Wheeler can see what his life plan was all along. Like most journeys, however, Wheeler's is still continuing.

"Right now, the main thing in my life is to get my house built," Wheeler said.

And he and his wife are expecting their second baby in October.

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all the aspects of the business, such as how to get into the market and possible budgets. This will be used in the future when Medina plans to market Pen 15 clothing.

"I feel that my clothing would do well with people," Medina said. "I want it to be both a brand and a company, so that I could sell the clothing when we play."

After he builds the resources to start the business, he wants to relocate to San Diego. He has no plans to sell his clothing on the Central Coast.

Music senior Bill Selak also chose to utilize business skills for his senior project. He became producer and recording engineer for the record label Rockin Records, joining with music senior Brian Blackstock and label president Dean Disandro.

"My senior project was to produce a CD. It went from recruiting the bands to dealing with contracts to booking times with them, then recording, mixing and mastering," Selak said.

The CD that he worked to produce is called "Cycle," and it contains 12 songs from eight local bands.

"Our goal is to promote the local music scene, to give bands a way to get music out to the world," Selak said. "This gives students a chance to experience their music, connect artists and bring the community into it."

Selak chose this project because "Someone wrote 'Pen 15' on my hand and said, 'you're part of the Pen 15 club,'" he said.

Eric Medina business senior
of his major with an emphasis in business.

"I think Cal Poly only gives you so much real-world experience. I wanted to pursue a recording career, and this was how I was going to do that," Selak said.

Wheeler also had strong feelings about the local music scene.

"There's so much talent locally that no one is doing anything. There's great music, and the music scene just sucks. It's very frustrating to an artist in the community," he said.

The CD is being sold locally at Cheap Thrills and Boo Boo Records, as well as in the University Union on Thursday and Friday. Selak is unsure of what the future holds for the company.

"We'll take it one day at a time. Each band will sell records individually or shows. If we're able to sell more than 1,000 (CDs) and be successful, the company will purchase more. We're talking to local radio stations, and KCPR will talk about it on the Local Beat on Wednesday night," he said.

"Student can learn more about Rockin R Records on www.epcweb.com.

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to others.

"You're pretty much hirable wherever you go because English is the new lingua franca (language) of the world," he said. "It's the language you need to know."

Battenburg said that English language teaching is in a multi-billion dollar industry worldwide and that the United States and Great Britain are very involved in it. TESL program participants can intern in international locations like Costa Rica and Thailand or locally at the California Men's Colony. TESL positions are currently available all over the world, especially in Eastern Europe and South East Asia. For example, graduates have worked in Botswana, Ireland and Kazakhstan.

"To get into the program students need to see me, let me know where they are, what they want to do, where they want to go and then start taking classes," Battenburg said. Gallagher said that he wanted to get his TESL certificate so that he could travel, but expressed concern about teaching third world countries.

"Teaching English to Third World countries can allow them to be more prosperous, but do I want them to emulate our rat race?" he asked. "That's the dilemma in teaching English."

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Cal Poly club to launch rocket

By Christine Powell

On June 18, the Cal Poly Space Systems club (CPSS) plans to launch a 19.5-foot rocket, named the StarBooster 200, which was built with a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) grant.

The motivation for the project came from Spacecraft Boosters, Inc., which presented a design to NASA and the U.S. Air Force for a reusable rocket booster system, called a reusable glider booster.

The aircraft, built for the purpose of exploring the concept of flyable booster rockets, is not a standard rocket configuration.

Boosters, or first stage, are used to power the main, or second-stage portion, of the rocket into space.

The event is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on June 18, 2000.

The CPSS has been working on the project for over a year.

The first-stage booster system that CPSS has created will drive the rocket into space, and then, when the rocket reaches its peak altitude, or apogee, a remote control system is switched on and the rocket is flown as a glider into a conventional aircraft landing.

In order to ensure that the rocket design would fly at the size that will soon be launched, the club has built and experimented with a total of five different-sized models since October 1999.

After building a 4-foot model, club adviser Diane Dettweiler wrote a proposal to NASA explaining the club’s project strategy. The response from NASA’s Langley Research Center was a grant of $4,000 and a digital camera for documentation and updated reports on the Web site.

Langley Research Center has begun a feasibility study of this project, which may culminate in a decision on whether to support the production of the StarBooster.

Having CPSS build a scale model of the rocket provides important flight characteristics, such as performing a stable climb, flying back and making a safe landing. The rocket will be demonstrated in order to decide whether or not NASA should fund the StarBooster reusable first-stage booster product.

CPSS, with approximately 30 members from the majors of mechanical, electrical and aeronautical engineering, has been working on the project for one year.

The project is student-run, and most of the work was done in the garage of club member and project manager Trevor Foster, an aeronautical engineering sophomore.

Dettweiler, Cal Poly’s first female faculty member in the aeronautical engineering department, credits the success of completing the project to the dedication that the students in the club have had throughout the year.

“CPSS has really dedicated people who are willing to do a lot of work,” Dettweiler said.

Dwight Vandenberg, a graduating electrical engineering senior and club member for three years, said the project has been beneficial because students were able to feel a sense of completion and accomplishment of a project worked on from beginning to end.

“Cal Poly’s philosophy of ‘learn by doing’ was really exemplified in this project,” Vandenberg said.

This is Dettweiler’s second year with Cal Poly, and she said that the project for next year will either be to make this one bigger or to test other designs for reusable boosters.

For more information, pictures and updated reports, visit www Calgary.edu/~aero/clubs/cpss.

Above, a recent trial run of a rocket model built in conjunction with NASA.

Left, several students from the Cal Poly Space Systems club carry a rocket prototype for testing at Maddox Farms in Fresno.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Online-only auction nets thousands for UC Berkeley

By Christine Powell

Wednesday, May 31, 2000

On May 7 through 20, UC Berkeley raised more than $172,100 for Cal’s athletic scholarship fund.

At the first university athletic department to conduct this big of an online auction, Cal’s athletic department partnered with online Yahoo! to make the online auction the biggest charity auction the Web site has ever hosted according to Yahoo! chair of the Cyber auction committee.

Holroyd attributed the auction’s success to its use of the Internet, which allowed hidden greater access than in a traditional auction format.

“You really have the potential for people to peruse all across the globe,” he said.

The auction’s success also hinged on the support of the University of California and Kevin Reness, associate director of communications and marketing, Holroyd said.

“If it wasn’t for that group of people, we would have very few items,” he said.

The auction boasted more than 300 items, many donated by Cal sports stars.

Former Cal water polo coach and two-time Olympian Kurt Everst auctioned off a coaching session for kids and basketball coach Ben Braun offered a dinner for 14 in Sonoma.

UC Berkeley alumni contributed to the auction as well. San Francisco Giants Vice President Larry Baer pitched a pair of Bell Park seats and the opportunity to be the Giants’ batboy or girl for the day.

Amy Salk, who works for the Oakland Raiders, donated luxury box tickets, which still for $1,000.

Not all donors were sports stars—plenty of fans chipped in.

Cal basketball fan and Counting Crows lead singer Adam Durante donated a signed electric guitar and concert tickets, which sold for $1,200.

The most expensive item, however, was a set of passes to an exclusive Super Bowl party hosted by in- demand Leigh Steinberg, which raked in $640.

If the university holds another auction, it will build on this year’s success. Holroyd emphasized that, as the biggest auction of its kind, this year’s event served an educational purpose.

“Most importantly, we’re well along the learning curve,” he said.

The Consultative Committee for the Foundation Executive Director would like to invite you to meet the candidates.

Sonder foundations have been scheduled for groups with common interests. If you are unable to attend your affinity group forum, please attend one of the other forums. All forums will be held in the Foundation Administration Building (15), Room 135 unless denoted by an asterisk*, which will be held in M15-124
Stir it up with New York Day

Sick of the homogenous peaking situation on campus? Aching for a bit of national media coverage for Cal Poly? Want to help the less fortunate of San Luis Obispo County? Concerned by our lack of diversity? Maybe just have a solution: New York Day.

I met an individual this past weekend, Jordan Small, who shared his vision for New York Day. This would then stimulate the humper-to-humper conversations, the ability to riot for the causes most important to each person, and the opportunity to riot for the causes most important to our campus. This would then stimulate the bumper-to-bumper driving conditions of New York City.

During the weeks leading up to the massive invasion, driving students would be encouraged to enroll in classes discussing New York etiquette and acceptable uses of profanity, which would also encourage students to embrace New York attitudes. On NYDD students would apply the knowledge gained by visiting obnoxious at another at one another in distinguished New York accents.

Students participating in the riots would watch film clips from last November's WTC protests and the more recent IMF gathering in order to make their notions as realistic as possible. Resident advisors, coordinators of student activities, and other campus staff — perhaps Judicial Affairs would like to get a piece of this action — could be trained in the art of crowd control. Fire hydrants could be utilized as a strategy planning area. And, finally, the rumors about how Yosemite and Sierra Madre were designed after pigs could be put to use as a strategy planning area. And, finally, the NYDD students would encourage students to embrace New York attitudes. On NYDD students would apply the knowledge gained by visiting obnoxious at another at one another in distinguished New York accents.

In a further effort to create a reasonable facsimile of New York, as well as aid the large number of homeless in San Luis Obispo County, homeless individuals would be invited to campus. If at any point, they were inclined to wash car windshields, drivers would be required to pay a minimum of $1 for the service.

Such an event would grab the national media and encourage students to embrace New York attitudes. On NYDD students would apply the knowledge gained by visiting obnoxious at another at one another in distinguished New York accents.

Letters regarding Barnaby Hughes' May 25 column

Column was slap in the face

Editor,
John Stuart Mill once stated: "War is a horrid thing, but not the most horrible. Far worse is the decay of the moral and patriotic feelings of those who feel nothing is worth dying for. It is only through the exertions of men better than them who keep them free." I am not sure if Barnaby Hughes intended for his column ("Freedom is not something to fight for") to be published before Memorial Day; nonetheless, it was. I cannot imagine a bigger slap in the face to the men and women who laid down their lives for Barnaby’s freedom to express the following statement: "The act of fighting for freedom is perhaps the worst hypocrisy of all since it masquerades as a noble, virtuous thing." Who are you, Barnaby Hughes, to question the nobility and virtue of the men and women who have died for your freedom? I understand your desire for world peace, but suggest that you have pursued it in a most hurtful and misguided fashion. I only hope that this letter causes you to stop and think for a moment on the pain and grief your article may cause to the friends and family of soldiers killed, whose suffering is worth dying for.

Ethan Guthauser is a history junior.

Freedom is not better than death — period

Editor,
"Freedom is not something to fight for," claims history junior Barnaby Hughes. Here’s a bit of history for you, Mr. Hughes. On March 23, 1775, Patrick Henry implied his fellow Virginians to draw up their arms in self-defense, ending his speech with those now infamous words: "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death." I am inclined to agree.

Mr. Hughes would lead us to believe that peace is more important than freedom — that compared to the supremacy of peace, freedom is but an ancillary. Peace is meaningless without freedom! Should I give up freedom for the sake of peace? They should just make signs with terse little slogans and picket their masters, right? A little civil disobedience will set things straight! Unfortunately, as history has often shown us, slaves’ right to read or write. Worse, any protests they may make, peaceful or not, are inevitably met with lethal retaliation. Make no mistake, civil disobedience is preferable to violence, but there are times when conflict becomes a necessity. Not only is peace more important than freedom to Mr. Hughes, but fighting for freedom “is selfish and hypocritical” and not worth dying for. I am both angered and insulted by these statements. Our grandparents fought and died to protect our freedom from the Nazis, who were so eager to take it. Should we have been tolerant of the Nazi agenda so as to avoid hypocrisy? The founders of this great country also fought and died for the freedom to which we have all become so accustomed. Were these acts of selfishness? We, as benefactors from their lives, ought to pay them some respect and honor their sacrifices. It is the least we can do. Thus your impudence, Mr. Hughes, is a slap in the face of all those who gave their lives so that their children and grandchildren might someday have the chance to live free and autonomous lives.

Views like Mr. Hughes’ have become all too common. Just as it is easy for the rich to spur those who work exhaustively to advance the social ladder, it is easy for Americans to frown at those who fight to earn their freedom.

Chris Ray is a Cuesta College sophomore.

Opinion

Respect freedom fighters

Editor,
Excuse me, but “freedom is dangerous”! What is that all about? Let me say that my friends and I were thoroughly disgusted to read “Freedom is not something to fight for” by Mr. Barnaby Hughes. Although he makes some outrageous claims, we must forgive Mr. Hughes. Who could possibly add 10 years to his freedom ripped out from under his feet for his unwise pursuit of our nation’s lost soldiers. How it can be possible to claim that freedom is not worth dying for is unbelievable to me.

Have we, in this beautiful country where nothing ever goes wrong, forgotten the millions of Jewish war prisoners held by German Nazis in World War II? Just one day in Auschwitz would have crushed me, let alone the years of terror that so many people lived through. And you dare to claim that “no matter how bad life could get, surely (it is) better to live than to die?” Obviously not, my friend.

And what of our own soldiers, who you seem so willing to protect, when you forget that they were deployed to protect us? Might I remind you that you may not even be right now right? It is for our quest to fight for democracy? Or would you have one to watch as your freedom was stamped out by an invading force, one who cared little to listen to your neighborly “peace talks”?

Some of us fight for ourselves and some of us fight for our collective freedom; either way, freedom will always be worth fighting for. True happiness will come through peace, but it serves us well to respect those who fought to gain that serenity.

Simon Hibbert is a city and regional planning sophomore.
Popular female models are hardly ‘typical form or style’

All models are beautiful. That’s why they get paid the big bucks to pose for a camera and have their faces plastered on page after page of fashion and advertising spreads. Here are a few definitions of the word “model” from the Random House Dictionary of the English Language:

1: “A person, especially an attractive young woman, whose profession is posing with, wearing, using or demonstrating a product for purposes of display or advertising.”

2: “A person, especially an attractive young woman, whose profession is posing with, wearing, using or demonstrating a product for purposes of display or advertising.”

3: “A person, especially an attractive young woman, whose profession is posing with, wearing, using or demonstrating a product for purposes of display or advertising.”

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5: “A person, especially an attractive young woman, whose profession is posing with, wearing, using or demonstrating a product for purposes of display or advertising.”

6: “A person, especially an attractive young woman, whose profession is posing with, wearing, using or demonstrating a product for purposes of display or advertising.”

7: “Of a typical form or style.”

Let’s start with No. 1. Models are typically tall (at least 5 feet 7 inches tall) and thin, have flawless complexions, and at least one feature that stands out.

In a society wrought with anorexic young people, is being “model-thin” overrated?

Plastic surgery is on the rise. Plastic surgery is on the rise. Plastic surgery is on the rise.

No one. There are no ugly models because no one wants to see them. Models are chosen for their beauty and their ability to capture attention and create desire.

The article profiled a number of women who had some sort of cosmetic enhancement done, including a woman who has her lips injected with collagen on a regular basis because she likes the pouty-lip look.

As far as definition No. 7 goes, models are not of a typical form or style. Something stands out about them that attracts and intrigues people to look at them and, in many cases, worship them.

These women who are paid to pose for cameras and make million-dollar examples of what is wrong with people why a new climbing wall is needed? Here they are:

No. 5: “A person, especially an attractive young woman, whose profession is posing with, wearing, using or demonstrating a product for purposes of display or advertising.”

In the Renaissance period, full-figured women were the subjects of paintings. In Elizabethan times, pale complexities were covered.

Today, tall, thin women and sharp-jawed muscular men are the ideals. How these ideals came to be, I cannot say. Regardless, they have become the standards, and the people who meet or exceed those standards become figureheads, or models, of today’s society.

Sarah Goodyer is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letter to the editor

New climbing wall is exactly what Poly needs

No. 5: “A person, especially an attractive young woman, whose profession is posing with, wearing, using or demonstrating a product for purposes of display or advertising.”

The wall was indeed built 10 years ago as a senior project and was designed to last five years. It served its purpose well, but it’s deteriorating.

How about I build you a car for $10 per quarter, students can climb anytime they want on the wall. The new wall will be open longer and more often and will provide countless opportunities for students to challenge themselves, both physically and mentally. This new wall isn’t just a good thing, it is a great thing. It might just put that force of a gym — The Crux — out of business. It will be recognized as a landmark in an otherwise dreary looking University Union.

Like it or not, climbing is a great new sport with excellent people teaching it at the Escape Route. The students of Cal Poly deserve the best, and with this new wall, that is exactly what they’re getting.

Steve Schueneman is a Cal Poly materials engineering graduate.

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Letters to the editor

Creation, evolution are not mutually exclusive

Editor, I noticed that the Mustang Daily has had a lot of rhetoric regarding creationism and evolution. It appears that advocates of either feel that they are opposites. There are some who feel that both can coexist without problems. I am one of those people. You see, I don't think that creationism and evolution are necessarily antinomies. Neither needs to be set up in opposition to the other. Both may initially appear to be contradictory, but close analysis will show that discipline-wise, they can stand together.

First, let's look at creationism. Of course, this would need to be taken from a Biblical stance. Genesis speaks of the creation of the heavens and the earth and all living things. Thus, two conclusions can be reached by the Genesis account: God is an infinite being, and he created all things. Thus, my friends, is where the lesson ends. Christians, Jews and Muslims enjoy the text as prophetic. It speaks of the creation of the heavens and the earth and how it has come to be, not how I will end up to be.

Michael Deem is a philosophy sophomorome.

Judicial Affairs judged without due process Editor, I have resisted the urge to write several times regarding the subject of Judicial Affairs. However, after reading Shannon Akins' editorial "Judicial Affairs is just doing its job," May 24), I now need to put my 2 cents in. I was involved in a Judicial Affairs case that started in early November and was finally resolved in February. I was nervous going into my first meeting with Ms. Tegrezia; however, I was confident that once my side of the story had been told, she would understand that I was not guilty of the things I had been charged with. I was wrong. Ms. Tegrezia related to me during my initial meeting with her that she was not familiar with the specifics of parts of my case. However, at the conclusion of that meeting, she recommended a punishment — suspension for a quarter from the university — without looking into those specifics regarding my case. I was angry and appalled that I had been judged so quickly and that such a harsh punishment had been considered for me.

I left that first meeting feeling like I had no rights and wondering where I went wrong, when the truth was that I had done nothing wrong — just because I acted in a manner that Ms. Tegrezia did not agree with did not make my actions wrong. I spent the following meeting with Ms. Tegrezia trying to prove my innocence to her, when by law it should have been the other way around. I was entitled to procedural due process, which is designed by Webster as procedure "which bears before it condemns and renders judgment only after trial."

I took different paths to class because walking by the administration building made me ill. I considered transferring because I was so incredibly turned off by the response I received from Ms. Tegrezia, a representative of the university. Had it not been for the support of friends and family, the guidance of a professor, and the help of a lawyer encouraging me not to settle for the suspension, I could not have made it through the three months of emotional hell I had to go through because I was judged so quickly. In the future, Ms. Akins, you might consider being more careful about the stance you take regarding an issue if you haven't experienced it — especially if it involves Judicial Affairs.

Laura Dere is a kinesiology junior.

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Editor's Note:
Mustang Daily staff writers have been handcuffed, so to speak, for the last 141 issues. Day in and day out, we’re bound to the structured regiment of newspaper writing: leads, nut graphs, transitions, quotes — journalists live and die by these newspaper essentials.

That’s where Gonzo comes in. For the fourth consecutive year, Mustang Daily is breaking free of the cuffs and venturing into semi-creative writing. Gonzo started in 1970 by Hunter S. Thompson, a journalist disillusioned with news writing conventions. His article, “The Kentucky Derby Is Decadent and Depraved,” has become a model of journalism without the rules and without objectivity.

The stories included in today’s Gonzo edition follow in Thompson’s footsteps. They tell reporters’ stories about covering a story or about nothing in particular. They wander into fiction occasionally and they cut loose from traditional journalistic standards.

Andy Castagnola, editor in chief

Dodging the ‘no comment’ bullet

“Hi, this is Victoria Walsh from the Mustang Daily and I was hoping to speak to Ardith Tregenza,” I say to the voice on the other line.

“My name is Ardith Tregenza,” responds the voice.

Oh boy, here goes nothing.

I’m not hoping that Ms. Tregenza will shed some light on not only Judicial Affairs, but also some information regarding the J. Paul Reed case and just about anything else.

Usual. Usually she’s pretty tough about giving information, but I have a feeling this time it’ll be different. I feel good about interviewing her today. I’m going to turn on the old Walsh charm, and I know that I’m going to get this story:

“Ms. Tregenza, hi, how are you?” I ask.

“No comment,” she says.

No problem, I told myself. Do not take no for an answer. Just keep talking.

“Well, Ardith, I had some questions about J. Paul Reed’s hearing. Do you have to answer a few questions?” I ask.

“I cannot make any comment regarding J. Paul Reed or anything that can be used in a story about him,” she says.

Hey, not a problem, I’ve got more to ask.

“Well, OK, that’s fine,” I say. “I also had some questions regarding the policy that Judicial Affairs uses with case hearings. Can you tell me anything about that?”

“No comment. I cannot disclose any information at this time regarding that,” Tregenza says.

Well, I’m determined to find a way into this woman’s mind. I know I can do it. I will get her to comment on something, anything, please just make a comment.

“Ms. Tregenza, I was curious about people who aren’t members of Judicial Affairs manage to make a ruling in hearings, how did that come about?” I ask.

“No comment. I cannot disclose any information at this time regarding that,” Tregenza says.

Well, I’m through finding a way into this woman’s mind. I know I can do it. I will get her to comment on something, anything, please just make a comment.

“I’m here on another call but I know the driver in there. He’s a minor, so I can’t tell you much about his injuries,” he said. “They took the victim to Sierra Vista.”

I ran back to the car, and we drove back to the first hospital we had visited. No one there could tell us anything, so we headed to the police stations on Oce Street, where I tried to speak to the victim. See page 8.
Reno memories: fakes, faults and flights

One of the most difficult tasks as a sportswriter is having to go on the road to cover the kind of stories I hate having to write about, stories that have to do with, getting the story is always job No. 1. When the women's basketball team made it to the Big West Tournament in Reno, the Mustang Daily sent Russo and me to cover the tournament.

On paper, it was a fairly simple assignment, but we had no idea the cast of characters we would encounter.

On Thursday, the first day we were up there, we had a bus day. After getting settled in our room, we needed a cab to the Lawlor Event Center. Luckily, neither Russo nor I were on the run from the law, because our cab driver, whom we later referred to as Bobert, was a bounty hunter when he wasn't driving people around the city. Bobert, who had put on considerable weight since his Star Wars days, told us about his idea to bring a 9/11 Hells Angel biker back from Oakland: "I told him we can get violent or he can come quietly and I would make sure he had a nice steak and got laid." It was at this time I decided not to bring my cab driver with us to a bad idea.

We got to the arena, and since we expected our cab driver wasn't going to make it, we tipped him well and got out the door.

At the arena, everything went wrong. After taking two photos, my camera's battery went dead. The only thing Bobert was using also wasn't working properly so we had to think of another plan to get to the stories at halftime. Russo and I tried to come up with a plan. It helped us that the New Mexico State band was playing the same song at halftime that they played during every timeout. The band director should have been fixed. Anyway, we decided to try the Business Center at the Sports Legacy Center to email our stories before deadlifts.

On the bus back to the hotel, Russo mentioned he looked a lot like journalism professor Mark Arnold. At the Ritz-Carlton, we had an hour to write and send three stories via e-mail. We had just one computer to use. As turn-out, Long Beach State's head men's basketball coach, Wayne Morgan, in the Silver Legacy's business center director. I met Wayne Morgan had a big laugh that came straight from the stomach — a great laugh except when you're foolishly trying to make deadlines. He couldn't stop laughing at that comic genius Harrison Ford in Indiana Jones. Thankfully, he turned the volume down 10 minutes before we finished.

With our assignments completed, we decided not to reward ourselves with some cold beer. We went to a small liquor store for a couple twenties and got a great story at no extra charge. The owner, named Charlie I think, was a small Asian man with a few teeth scattered in his mouth. He said he spent some time in Samoa with a woman who had raped him on the streets. The kind deed came back to bite him in the ass, he told us, as the woman stole more than $20000 from him. He said he was happy owning the liquor store, and I pointed out that no woman could ever think that house away from him. He agreed and said he ended every night with a bottle of Wild Turkey.

After a few cold ones, Russo and I went down to the media hospitality room in the hotel, where there was an open bar. After a few bottles of the Big West, three or four hours of quality work in the hospitality room had Russo and I ready to hit the tables.

I guess we were in the casino's preferred state of mind because we made a few mistakes. Russo spilled his drink on the craps table and later split three playing blackjack. Not to be outdone, I questioned a dealer, telling him to recost. I swore he had bottled. Needless to say, we didn't really do well, and when we talked about gambling the next day, Russo said, "We played crap last night!"

On the flight back, we landed two choice seats behind three ladies in their early 60s. They had flown to Reno to meet some guys for a weekend rendezvous. Apparently, Reno is not only "The Biggest Little City in the World" it's also a sex melting pot.

The vivid details of the ladies' conversation, coupled with a few too many Captain and Cokes the night before, led me to another story — an investigative piece on how well the planning's event bag works. Fortunately the hogs just in time. I guess it was just another typical road assignment. Yes, yeah, Cal Poly lost to Nevada in the first round.

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to get some comment.

As we turned onto Ows, we saw another mess of flashing lights just past the road's dead end. I noticed the kids to wait in the car, and I walked up to one of the parking lot.

An officer explained that the driver had rolled the car and taken off before being taken to custody. He dismissed me with, "You might want to try talking to the officials up at the station."

I went to the station. The doors were locked. I picked up the phone outside, and the operator instructed me to call the media information line for comment.

I drove to a friend's house and called Joe for one last time. After Friday's paper had gone to press hours earlier, the story would need to wait until Monday.

On the drive back to my house in Las Vegas, Ian and I were almost asleep with the night's adventure.

The next trip to San Luis in two years and all this happens. Wait till I go home and tell everyone about how I was riding with a real reporter and everyone. Amazing said.

I returned the kids to two worried mothers around midnight. Enhanced by the events of the evening, I sat back and listened to Ian and Ashley explain the drama.

I called the police line, finished my notes and put the story and myself to bed.

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Case, but any case in general? I asked.

"No comment," she said.

"Damn. There it went, I was so close."

"How long have you been with Judicial Affairs? I asked.

"No comment," she said.

My God, woman, can you comment on anything?

"Ahhh, can you tell me who killed JFK?" I asked.

"No comment," she said.

"Who will win the NBA finals, the Lakers or Knicks?" I asked.

"No comment," she said.

"My. Tregesen, you are a little bit country or a little bit rock 'n roll."

"No comment," she said.

"What makes you blueki."

"No comment."

"Is there a God?"

"No comment."

"Does Baker look like?"

"No comment."

"Do you think Judicial Affairs is trustworthy? I asked.

"No. comment."

Did you think I would be bold enough to write that comment?"

Cal Poly American"

"Health Kids"

Cal Poly's Community Service and Learning Center is recruiting Members for the university's new Americans Program, "Health Kids" which is funded by the national Corporation for National and Community Service.

Position Description

Collaborate closely with the SLO County Public Health Department to outreach to underserved families in outpatient areas of San Luis Obispo County. Provide health and home safety, nutrition, basic parenting skills, training on car seat installation and referrals to resources available to first time, low income families. Ensure that all children are enrolled in the Federal health insurance program for children.

Compensation

Serving as an Americans member is not a job; it is an opportunity to provide service to the community. To make this service possible, Americans provides its members with a living stipend of $5,175 for 900 hours (broken down into checks every other week: $5.75/hour) and an educational award of $2,362 provided after successful completion of twelve months of service.

Additionally, it is anticipated that some faculty will agree to make the Americans experience part of an internship, senior project or class project(s). Americans program coordinators will help Members to work out such arrangements.

Qualifications

• A sincere desire to help children in need and a genuine interest in the type of work to be done.

• Ability to work part-time (15-20 hours during the school year) for 12 months.

• Bilingual in Spanish is preferred

• Ability to work as a team in the development of a new program

• Applicant will be responsible for transportation (but will be reimbursed for mileage spent in conducting work on the job).

• By being involved with the Americans Health Kids program, you will receive many benefits by serving in the San Luis obispo community. To learn more about this exceptional opportunity.

Contact Sam Latrini at 756-5839 email stlatrini@calpoly.edu or Season Coman at 756-5834 seasonl@calpoly.edu or by Stop the Community Service and Learning Center, UU 217 D
A fanatics’ dream come true

W
ow, the perks of being a writer at Mustang Daily keep getting better.

I’ve been a fan of DJ Quik since I was 16 years old and his first album "Quik Is the Name" dropped in 1991. Oops, I just dated myself.

My loyalty grew stronger when Quik's "Rhythm of the Game" album broke two years ago. I still listen to both CDs — scar), I'm sure.

Anyway, when I heard KESQ 106.1 advertising that Quik was coming to Santa Maria, I wasted no time pitching the story to the entertainment editors.

As if Quik isn't his own one-man show, 2nd II None, HHC, AM/C and Mausberg were scheduled to come with him.

So, I started making calls trying to find out who the promoter was for this concert.

A few conversations later, I was in touch with 4 Reel Entertainment owner Chuck Dennis. He said that he would call DJ Quik on my behalf and see if he could get him to do a phone interview for my piece on the concert.

I faxed Mustang Daily letterhead to Dennis describing the kind of interview I wanted to have with Quik and he forwarded it to Quik's manager Greedy Greg. He said it was important that I like a positive story. I told Dennis that I love DJ Quik and that I could only write good things about him.

Well, if you happened to see the article it was between the crossword puzzle and some odds, like a dirty secret, you would have noticed that the quote was from Dennis regarding how many people he expected to come to the concert. I didn't get to interview Quik nor was it my best work — I know that.

However, I must say I had the best time at the concert. Because I had built a relationship with Dennis, I got to meet all the performers that night.

It's not that the concert was great. It was mostly a lot of local groups, and AM/C didn't even show. It started at 7 p.m., and DJ Quik didn't get there until 11 p.m., so you can imagine the down time. There were a few cut-ins in the audience to watch, though.

My friend Jamie and I weren't in the audience, however. We were on the side that was roped off for the special guests. We even got to go on stage when Quik was rapping. Everyone was disappointed that Quik only performed about five songs and they were all from his first album. It was something about a fight between him and his manager that prevented him from tapping from more recent records.

2nd II None was good, and Mausberg and HHC performed with Quik the whole time.

1 got to see what a concert was like behind the scenes. We rode along to pick up performers at the hotel and bring them back to the green rooms to perform. After, we parted with a bunch of cool people.

Well, you could tell by the smile on my face that I'll have something to talk about for awhile.

There is power in being the press, just not the money (ha ha).

I have known for a long time that I wanted to be a journalist. I've been a fan of DJ Quik since I was 16 years old and his first album "Quik Is the Name" dropped in 1991. I always wanted to cover a Quik show.

The concert was held at the California Intercolligate Press Association, a weekend-long journalism conference/awards banquet located in Claremont. I rode along with my companion in pop crime, Coco, for our five-hour road trip.

We knew where we were going. However, our missioning and bath-room-loving editor in chief neglected to give us an address. We were not frightened, for Coco and I had in our possession what many one-time pop stars claim on VH-1's "Behind the Music" — these green pills.

With no directions, our natural habit kicked in. We knew where we were going. We were given our Mecca — The Claremont Inn.

We were greeted by many dyslexic diggers with neon green shirts that read "Rad." I le said it was Mausberg, and he had on a healthy black mane of "Scooby Doo." And, after receiving directions from professional convenience store Keno and Lotto players, we would find our Mecca — The Claremont Inn.

We were greeted by many dyslexic Edens and Jordan students who managed to put the name "Daily Mustang" on our name tags and even spell our university correctly in Barbados. We were then given our keys to our bed-and-breakfast, or personal dressing room, later to be called "hell" by my colleagues. The room was immaculate. Fresh towels were hung in the bathrooms, begging me to take a shower. The beds were nice, inviting me to sink into the mattress, never to wake again. The little green triangular pills found in the drawer of the dresser screamed to me to be free, to be free, to be a pop star.

These green pills were new to me. How could a cleaning lady avoid throwing these away? They must be something special to these one-inch objects. At this point, I saw a ghost. He had on a neon green shirt that read "Rad." I le said it was Barbados, and the rest of the Daily Mustang crews were heading to the hotel bar. When they invited me to partake, I could feel my heart race. Was it from these magical green pills or was it because I was anticipating an audience? I was unsure. What I did know was that I needed to go. After all, Jordan Knight told me so.

As we walked to the bar, my heart's pace was at an all-time high. Lights came together, flashed, and then drifted away. When we reached the bar, I was convinced that I had reached my high. I looked around the bar and noticed that the lights shinned, and out ran the profession­al wrestler Edge with his music blaring, "You think you know me?"

"I know you, Edge," I cried as I looked around the crowded bar and spotted a karaoke machine. "You'll know me, too, you Canadian bastard!"

Bette Muller's "Wind Beneath My Wings" hit the other end of the speakers while I bought underaged Daily Mustang reporters alcoholic drinks. I was the only one in the audience who claims to be in a choir somewhere — most likely in Tone Deaf, Calif) singing along to Bette Muller.

I didn't know of my hopeful career when I first left for my trip. I, along with the Mustang Daily crew, were headed for the California Intercolligate Press Association, a weekend-long journalism conference/awards banquet located in Claremont. I rode along with my companion in pop crime, Coco, for our five-hour road trip.

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1999-2000 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- More of your Cal Poly Plan money goes back to your college
- Cal Poly Plan spending decisions made at the college level
- Student addresses no longer available for others to see
- Most participation ever in:
  - Culture Fest
  - Good Neighbor Day
  - Neighborhood Cooperation Week
- Aided in elimination of 1/3 set aside on student fees
- Improving University Union through the Master Plan
- Form 81 process made easier
- Closer than ever for Student votes in Academic Senate
- $29,500 directly to student clubs for events
  - Alpha Kappa Alpha
  - Filipino Cultural Exchange
  - Linux Users Group
  - Delta Sigma Pi
  - American Marketing Association
  - Music Appreciation Club
  - La Comision Estudiantil
  - Wind Orchestra Club
  - Newman Catholic Center
  - Vietnamese Students Association
  - Speech Communication Club
  - Society of Women Engineers
  - Chinese Students Association
  - Alpha Omicron Pi
  - International Career Conference
  - Women's Center
  - Black Student Union
  - Society for the Advancement of Management
  - Society of Civil Engineers
  - Polycon Committee
  - Running Thunder
  - Club 34 - Student Artwork Show
  - Ag Engineering Society
  - Lantern Festival
  - Ballet Folklorico
  - Xi Sigma Pi
  - Chinese Christian Fellowship
  - IFC
  - Panhellenic
  - Asian-American Bone Marrow Donor Program
  - Oaks Re-Entry - Earth Day
  - Wildlife Club - Earth Day
  - MECha - Chicano Youth Conference
  - IIE - Industry Networking
  - Computer terminals in the UU
  - Improved facilities in UU
  - Marquees coming soon!
  - Sponsor of Remember Week activities
  - Student Directory publication
  - Introduction of 911 safety tracking system on campus

- Improved relations with community through Student Community Liaison Committee
- Protecting Ag. land
- Fighting for an end to C-prerequisites
- Judicial Affairs working group
- IFC Standards Board assistance
- Campus Safety Walk

- ASI Students Win 3 More Wassons!
  Three students employed by ASI Rec Sports were honored this Spring as recipients of the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association's (NIRSA) William A. Wasson Award. Named for the organization's founder, the award is given to four students per region each year. NIRSA Region VI includes Alaska, Arizona, British Columbia, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and the Yukon Territory. Nominees must have a GPA of 2.75 or more, be active on campus and in the community, and either participate in or be employed by the institutions’ Recreational Sports Department.

The 1999-2000 recipients are: Jim Main (Facility Supervisor), Jennifer Phillips (Intramural Sports Supervisor) and John Voegli (Lifeguard). This marks the second consecutive year in which three of the four Region VI honorees have been from Cal Poly. Previous Wasson Award recipients from ASI Rec Sports are: Kristina Chavez, Allison Hansen & Nathan Martin (1998-99), Nina Ching & Bob Roth (1997-98), Brian Tomaoka (1996-97) and Danane Blair & Matt Schofer (1995-96).

- Congratulations to those of you who will soon be Cal Poly graduates!!! And I feel for those of you who are no where close. Don’t get too down, because I know of a little place that will help you take you mind of the stress and frustration of school. It’s called the Escape Route and it is the site of Poly Escapes rental facility, lounge, and resource center. Come in and let us take you away. Poly Escapes leads an average of two to three trips every weekend. Come in and see what we have to offer. For questions call 756-1287 or stop by. We are located in the lower level of the UU.

- “I have never been able to say that one of my classes changed by life, but this one did!” – Recreation Administration Leadership Class. Come visit Chumash Challenge in the U.U. room 212 or call, 756-2628
We set out for our 420 mile journey on a mission.

Armed with a camera, a carton of Danishes and an obscene (not to mention illegal) amount of tricky greens, I made my way to the land of plastics. It's been called the City of Sin, but in my eyes, Las Vegas will always be the City of Mullet.

We arrived mid-day, releasing a load of smoke into the 100-degrees heat as we opened our car door. My Mustang Daily colleagues and I met in the hotel lobby, and I postponed my search until I found the comfort of a cold drink and carpet. Already, though, my droopy, slanted eyes had seen at least 10 mullets on a variety of males, females and questionable gen-

ers. Yet my drug-induced, sleep-deprived state kept me from pulling out the camera. I simply giggled, understanding the full moon would bring out the finest mullets to the col-

toral strip. I knew, between my observa-

cions and my mullet-less friend lagging behind, the time had come for action.

The routine ended on a high.

All notes were properly sung. All words were properly sung with added inflection. I was an official pop star—at least in my own eyes. "Great performance," Edge said as I walked off the stage. "You know, besides being a professional wrestler, I'm also an agent for numerous popular musical acts and would love to have you perform again sometimes."

"Thanks, Edge," I said. "Oh, yeah, by the way, thanks a lot for sticking in Americans with your Canadian crop like Alain Minnette. Michael J. Fox, Boy Saget and the rest of the cast of Full House."

Edge apologized for his lame home country and said that he hoped to help me out in the future. I told him that I would love to open for The Backstreet Boys this summer. I have yet to receive a call."}

she added, unable to look at the mullet's ever-oyent expression.

"All right," the mullet said. He placed his hairy arms around our bare shoulders and said. And in a flash, it was done — but our adventure was far from over.

I grabbed the camera and Melissa, and we headed down the strip as fast as my platforms would take me. Congressive laughter overflowed, and though we were still within earshot of the mullet, it could not be contained.

My cockle turned into a nervous giggle when I cricked my neck back into

long, slow strides, to see the mullet and his friends following us at a rapid pace.

The panic set in, and almost run-

ning, Melissa and I escaped to the Imperial Palace with the mullet hot on our trail. An escalator heading down into the story casino was almost our refuge — and almost Melissa's death. With her head turned backward in the direction of the approaching mullet, his ankle tangled on the spiky escalator stair. I reached for her arm.

And, in one of those moments that seem like all in slow motion, Melissa grabbed the mullet's friend my camera, handing the mullet's friend my camera, her ankle runted on the spiky escalator stair. I reached for her arm. She added, unable to look at the mullet's ever-oyent expression.

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Campus Services

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We will be reserving textbooks online for Fall quarter starting in mid-July. Stay connected this summer through our website www.elcorralbookstore.com

Customer Appreciation Sale June 5-8
Use that buyback cash and purchase Cal Poly clothing and gifts to take home for the summer - all at 20% off. Also save 20% on art, office and school supplies, general reading and reference books, magazines, greeting cards, graduation gifts, stationery and lots more. The sale is Monday through Thursday. Hurry in for the best selection.

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Texas A&M bonfire may end

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Jonathan Smith, associate professor of geography at Texas A&M University and chair of the Bonfire planning committee, said Bonfire should not occur in 2000 because there is no way to address all the problems cited in the Special Commission on the 1999 Aggie Bonfire Final Report before the fall.

"It was the opinion of the planning committee that Bonfire should not occur in 2000 and should not occur in its present form in the future," Smith said.

The need to modify and reform future Aggie Bonfires was expressed by many faculty members at the Faculty Senate Bonfire Forum Monday.

The open forum, held in Raider A, involved members of the Faculty Senate as well as other faculty members who chose to speak.

Although students were encouraged to express their opinions during the forum, none of the students in attendance offered their opinions.

Smith asked all of the professors in the geosciences department to send him their opinions on the continuation of Bonfire. One-third of all of the teachers in the department responded, and two-thirds of the respondents expressed the belief that Bonfire should be abolished.

"The disadvantages and detractions of the event outweigh the merits," Smith said. "My personal opinion is that Bonfire should not be reproduced in anything like its current form."

Both Smith and Rob McGeachin, an associate professor at the West Campus Library, discussed having in their arguments against Bonfire.

McGeachin also cited the University's waste of natural resources and the lack of control over a student function as reasons to discontinue the tradition.

"Even events such as Replant are minor efforts in comparison to the amount of timber cut down every year," McGeachin said. He then asked the audience, "How many students flunked out their freshman year because they spent too much time working on Bonfire?"

McGeachin said he has heard some of his colleagues say that "we're (Texas A&M University) even more of a laughingstock than ever" after the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse.

"The opinion of this institution in the eyes of our peers is in jeopardy if we let Bonfire continue," McGeachin said.

Faculty members from various departments shared their opinion that Bonfire should be discontinued, and some people part of the blame for the collapse on the faculty.

Thomas Blasingame, an associate professor and assistant department head of petroleum engineering, said he felt faculty could have helped prevent the collapse.

"The faculty was responsible. This was an accident, but we should have taken action. I cannot and will not tolerate another accident like this on my watch," Blasingame said.

"I view November 18 as the worst day in Texas A&M's history, mostly because it could have been prevented," Blasingame said. "I thought the spirit should burn — Bonfire should not."

Still other faculty members, including David Barrow, an associate professor of mathematics, said Bonfire should not be kept as a tradition if reformed.

"It's their (the students') tradition, but there are adults officials who make sure that they adhere to strict rules, and there are sanctions and penalties," Barrow said, using football as an analogy.

"Possibly we need an oversight board. We need something to give them an incentive to pay attention to corrections that need to be made," Barrow said.

Second UC Berkeley protester arrested in city parking lot

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — Nearly 50 demonstrators and two Berkeley City Council member crowded onto the Underhill Parking Lot this weekend with plush couches and television sets to protect the arrest of a UC-Berkeley student.

Robert Berdahl, a professor of law at Berkeley, said the student was arrested last Thursday after a five-hour protest outside the campus police station.

The student was charged with possessing stolen goods and declined bail.

"It was worthwhile," Salshur^ said. "It was a legitimate political protest."
schools are recognized for dynamic people such as Tennessee (Peyton Manning), Penn State (Joe Paterno), Indiana (Bobby Knight) and Michigan State (Magic Johnson).  

Cal Poly doesn’t have this going for it but it could.  

While it would be great to have Cal Poly recognized for one or two dominate sports, it can’t be planned. However, Cal Poly athletics could, and should, promote its many notable athletic alumni.  

The first name on that list is undoubtedly John Madden.  

The former Cal Poly football player, Oakland Raiders coach and current FOX broadcaster could help put Cal Poly athletics on the map. But the man who has also become one of the biggest figures in sports video games doesn’t support Cal Poly athletics like he should.  

There are reasons why Madden is never at football games or other sporting events. The most popular rumor is that Madden is upset the football team plays in the same stadium that he played in when he was a Mustang and he doesn’t see the university making a strong commitment to make the football team competitive.  

The reasons for Madden’s lack of involvement are important. But the same, Cal Poly needs to make it happen. Get Madden here. If there was a disagreement in the past and it was Madden’s fault, Cal Poly must swallow its pride and apologize to him. If he wants money, give it to him. If he wants his butt kissed, then pack up. Even if Madden was the biggest jerk in the world, the benefits of having such a charismatic, respected alum would be well worth the hassle.  

Tossing Madden’s name around may encourage recruits, but actively promoting his involvement in Cal Poly sports would be much more beneficial. It starts with demonstrating that Cal Poly does care about its football program. The athletic department has done an excellent job increasing scholarships. That’s a good start. The next thing to do is build a new football stadium or renovate the existing one. The Sports Complex is not reflective of Cal Poly’s commitment to athletics. Athletics simply wouldn’t have had enough facilities if it wasn’t built. A new football stadium or a renovated Mustang Stadium would be a move that wasn’t forced on Cal Poly. It would aid recruiting and show Madden, better than words could, that there is a commitment to the program.  

Another good move to create an identity would be to name the stadium in Madden’s honor. Currently, the only remembrances of Cal Poly’s athletic history are small plaques in a room in Mott Gym. The name “Mustang Stadium” is dull. “John Madden Stadium” has an impact. It links the past with the present and gives athletes, fans and alumni a sense of tradition that is so obviously missing.  

The same thing should happen with the Sports Complex, a name that makes “Mustang Stadium” sound like pure genius. Forget Chris Smith. He could definitely have an impact, but the name brings up too many bad memories of the initial funding of the Sports Complex.  

The best name for the baseball stadium in the Sports Complex would be “Mike Krukow Field.”  

Like Madden, Krukow also broadcasts games. Yes, it’s for the San Francisco Giants and not at the national level that Madden reaches, but unlike Madden, Krukow actually talks about Cal Poly on the air. He talks favorably about his former college, and his performance is certainly deserving of the name recognition.  

Krukow is also a local guy who, with a little bit of coaching, could definitely become more involved in Cal Poly athletics. It would certainly give recruits a name they are familiar with and would help establish an identity.  

The big picture is that Division I Cal Poly is still developing. A little name-dropping would give recruits, fans and alumni an athletic identity to relate to and support. It would also give Cal Poly athletics professional standards to shoot for.  

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SLO Blues season underway

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One would think that Cal Poly baseball players would be tired following a 2-14 season that saw the team narrowly miss a post-season NCAA birth. Guess again.

Six members of the Mustang team are now scheduled to be part of the San Luis Obispo Blues roster. The Blues are a semi-professional baseball team founded in 1947, whose mission, as stated on their web-site, is to "build and develop and discipline in our young athletes using the sport of baseball." The Blues opened their season this past weekend with a three-game series against the Oceanside Waves.

The Blues dropped both games of their doubleheader Memorial Day, committing nine errors on route to 4-1 and 8-5 losses. This came on the heels of a dramatic ending to the Blues season opener Saturday.

Knight speaks on 'zero-tolerance'

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) - Bob Knight said Tuesday that he needs to control his temper - all of the time.

"This is the argument I'm making - zero tolerance," Knight said.

"If you took the percentages of times that I have really gone overboard in whatever way, in whatever circumstance, it's a pretty small percentage of all the circumstances I've been in," he told ESPN.

"To me, it is kind of a simple equation: I have to be able to do all the time basically what I've done most of the time now." On May 15, following an investigation into allegations that Knight choked a player during practice in 1997, university President Myles Brand responded for three games, fined him $5,000 and imposed the "zero-tolerance" policy that will

With the score tied 1-1 going into the 10th inning, first baseman Alex Chavarria sent a 3-2 pitch out of the park for the Blues' first win in front of over 1,000 fans in SLO Stadium. The Blues definitely reap the benefits of playing in a town with two collegiate baseball teams. Aside from the Mustang players, the Blues also have players from Cuesta College. Among the Mustang players expected to play are starting pitcher Tyler Fitch, outfielder Phil Thompson and Drew Eckland and several recruiters including Jason Kelley, David Krutch and Mitch Cifter. Fitch, in just his first season playing for Cal Poly, went 5-2 with a 4.65 ERA.

The Blues' next game is Wednesday when they play local opposition Pacifica Santa Maria Stars. The Blues' current record is 1-2.

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Poly sports could use an identity

In my final column of the year, it's time that some of those Cal Poly sports teams yearning for success take a look at how the most successful programs deal with their identities. A couple years ago the Mustang football team had big moments and a few advanced to the NCAA Tournament, but there is still work to be done.

Cal Poly athletics is basically missing one essential thing: an identity. A school's athletic identity can come in a variety of ways. Schools like Duke and UCLA (basketball), Wichita State and LSU (football) and Nebraska and Michigan (football) have solid overall programs, but are recognized for one consistently dominant sport. Other schools like Cal Poly are trying to find that identity. Joe Nolan, page 14

Right: Mustang senior Michelle George attacks the Stanford defense in a second-round match of the women's NCAA Soccer Tournament.

Below right: Mustang running back Craig Young became the school's all-time leading rusher, surpassing Antonio Warren's one-year-old record at Cal Poly's homecoming game.

Below: Freshman standout Worthy Lien made an immediate impact with the Mustangs as the team made the NCAA Tournament for the first time in over a decade.

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Kwanza Johnson

Former assistant

Poly assistant coach resigns

The Cal Poly Department of Intercollegiate Athletics has announced that men's basketball assistant coach Kwanza Johnson has resigned to become an assistant coach at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock. A Division I member of the Sun Belt Conference.

The announcement was made today by Director of Athletics John McCutcheon. Johnson was an assistant at Cal Poly for the past season, arriving from the University of Tulsa in 1999.

Cal Poly will begin a search immediately to replace Johnson.

Rice arrives without new contract

SANTA CLARA (AP) — Jerry Rice showed up at the San Francisco 49ers minicamp Tuesday, a week ahead of schedule, without a restructured contract. The 49ers and Rice, the NFL's leading receiver, continue to discuss a contract compromise that would free up space under the salary cap restrictions, allowing the team to sign a free agent.

Rice expected the talks to be completed before he showed up at the camp, but is now uncertain of his status.

"I don't think it's a done deal," said Rice. "We ran into some problems and we're not in agreement on some terms. It's taking a little longer. It's not a money thing," said Rice, who initially balked at the 49ers' request to take a significant pay cut. "But I don't want to play for free either. I'm here at camp trying to better myself. I hope it gets worked out."

San Francisco said it couldn't afford to keep Rice, the NFL career leader in touchdowns, receptions and yards receiving, unless he agreed to renegotiate his contract, which currently includes a $5.49 million cap figure for the upcoming season.