**Students may face two-year detour**

By Sarah Doub

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The recent rain in San Luis Obispo has damaged an underground segment of Foothill Boulevard, causing a possible 2-year inconvenience to Cal Poly students.

The portion of Foothill Boulevard between Santa Rosa Street and California Boulevard is weakening. The pavement sank after the last storm, making it necessary to divert traffic around the dip and create a 3-ton weight limit to vehicles.

"As soon as we were aware of the seriousness of the situation, we started diverting traffic," said Wayne Peterson, a city engineer. "The trouble is in the structural elements of the culvert that allows Stenner Creek to flow under the road."

The 3-ton weight limit has caused city buses to take a detour by way of the freeway. Three stops have been dropped for the duration of the problem.

"The average time added to the routes normally going on Foothill is about five minutes," said Kimberly Reynolds, a Cit Trans employee. "Four minutes without traffic and up to seven minutes with heavy traffic."

Cal Trans investigators from Sacramento came Wednesday to inspect the damage. They investigated the culvert under the road and recommended to keep the 3-ton weight limit. They also recommended performing extensive monitoring of the bridge and replacement as soon as possible.

Peterson said it could take up to a year to finish the plans, and a little longer to complete the bridge replacement.

"Hopefully a year from this summer it will be replaced," he said.

Peterson added that the bridge section of the road may be closed during storms.

"It may be closed completely if it gets any worse," he said.

If the bridge was closed, traffic would be diverted to the freeway, and campus traffic would need to travel on Highland Drive.

"Realistically, because this is under city control, there is little we can do about the increased traffic," said Cindy Campbell, associate director of University Police. "All we can do is give students information about the project and re-routing traffic."

Currently, there is one lane each way for the cars on Foothill Boulevard, but no bike lane on the south side.

"The bikes can go through the cones," Peterson said. "Bicyclists should stay off the area during storms."

Students who bike to Cal Poly do not appreciate the lack of space.

"The construction, or whatever it is, has caused me to merge out into traffic," said Nicole Marcella, an agriculture senior. "Cars don't expect you to be in their space, so it's really dangerous."

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**ASI keeps board rep**

By Adrienna Benjamin

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After heated discussion at Wednesday's Associated Student's Inc. meeting, the Board of Directors voted not to expel board representative Tim Nguyen.

Nguyen, who is a representative for the College of Science and Math, didn't attend his college council meetings, which all board members are required to attend. His absence from the meeting is what prompted the College of Science and Math to take action and try to expel him from the board.

Constitutions from the College of Science and Math told the board that they had warned Nguyen about his absences from the meeting and told him he would get removed from his position.

"I want to apologize again for my actions," Nguyen said at the meeting. "This is a very embarrassing matter for me and I thought we had already settled the matter of my expulsion."

At an ASI board meeting workshop, Monday board members decided that Nguyen would get a second chance at remaining on the board.

College of Science and Math constitutents, as well as other board representatives, were not happy with the board's decision.

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**The design of power**

Architecture junior Dan Clinger displays his design for a power plant Wednesday. In the midst of the energy crisis and need for more plants, students attempted to create designs that are aesthetically pleasing.

**Agriculture dean develops curriculum for Arab college**

By Raul Vasquez

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly Dean of Agriculture Joseph J. Jen has been invited by the chancellor of the United Arab Emirates University (UAEU) in the Middle East to help develop a new curriculum for the school's College of Agriculture.

In November 1999, Chancellor Mohamed Mubarak of the United Arab College University asked Jen to be part of a group that reviewed the University's master's degree program in agribusiness.

"The chancellor let us know that the Agriculture dean of the university was producing students who were no use to the nation," Jen said.

Jen suggested that the university develop a curriculum that emphasized a Cal Poly-like learning-by-doing approach.

Mubarak then asked Jen and Cal Poly's College of Agriculture to develop curricula in four new departments and eight majors of a new College of Food Systems at UAEU.

UAEU hopes to start implementing the new curricula as soon as this fall.

Jen is leading up a team of seven College of Agriculture faculty members that includes Associate Dean David Webster, Robert Rutherford, animal science; Mary Pedersen, nutrition; Kathleen McBurney, nutrition; Phillip Dubb, agribusiness; Marianne Wolf, agribusiness; and visiting professor Roman Toledo, food engineering.

Jen said that the insights and experience that are gained from this project will be beneficial to both Cal Poly and UAEU. If the newly developed curricula work at UAEU, Jen may consider implementing them at Cal Poly in the future.

"We can experiment with it and then we can determine if it's right for Cal Poly," he said. "It's a tremendous opportunity for us."

Jen said the College of Agriculture has a history of developing programs internationally. In 1993, for example, it helped establish an agriculture program in Costa Rica. Jen also has a lot of experience internationally, specializing in the field of food science.

Jen was born in China and grew up in Taiwan. He received his bachelor's degree in agricultural chemistry from National Taiwan University. He came to the United States and obtained his master's degree in food science from Washington State University and a
San Diego family found dead

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A 5-month-old boy, a 4-year-old girl and a man were each shot in the head and killed, and a woman believed to be the children’s mother was injured, police said Wednesday.

The woman was in critical condition Wednesday after surgery for a gunshot wound to the head. Her name was withheld.

Police had responded to a 911 call from a woman at a home about 6 a.m., said police Lt. Jim Duncan.

Taylor Stiemigle, 4, Parker, the 5-month-old, and the woman were found in the living room of the white, single-story home. The man, Scott L. Stiemigle, 31, was found in a back bedroom. Police did not say if the man and woman were the parents of the children.

A handgun that had recently been fired was recovered from the living room, Duncan said.

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sentatives, argued to have Nguyen expelled from the board. Their motion failed as the board voted to allow Nguyen to keep his position.

“If you don’t pay attention to your own rules, then you won’t be taken seri­ously,” said Robert Deweerst, interim vice president for student affairs.

College councils from each of the six campus colleges meet weekly or bi­weekly to discuss issues regarding their respective colleges. One of the duties of a board representative is to gather input from the college council and report back to the board.

After the issue of Nguyen was resolved, another important issue was on the table. The inflationary fee adjustment question possibly to increase student fees. The proposal states that student fees do not accurately correspond with the costs to provide student programs and services.

Fees include instructionally related activities, health services, health facili­ties, University Union, campus academic programs and the Polyclub.

According to the proposal, the fee adjustment will keep student programs and services at their current level of quality.

Currently, inflationary fees are judged by the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) because it is argued to reflect the increasing cost of providing education.

Other schools such as Sacramento State and Chico State have adopted an inflationary fee index that uses the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which estimates changes in cost-of-living.

“I have done a lot of research regard­ing both the CPI and HEPI,” said Angela Hackett, representative for the College of Liberal Arts. “I did a lot of math and we use CPI, then in 11 years each student will save about $100.”

Hackett said it’s for the best interest of the students to use CPI for the future.

The board made changes to the pending resolution regarding the inflation­ary fees and will continue discussion at their next meeting.

**Students in public speaking compete in quarterly contest**

By Evany Gastaldo

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Speech students will get a chance to flex their public speaking muscles tonight at the speech department’s quarterly public speaking contest.

“This contest may be the first opportunity for many of these students to give a speech in a setting other than their classes, said TC. Winebrenner, director of forensics. It takes place every fall, winter and spring quarter, and all students currently enrolled in Speech 201 or 202 may compete.

"This gives them a chance to speak in a different context," Winebrenner said. "It gives them a chance to speak in front of a larger audience than they would in a class setting."

Most of the students are beginning speakers, he said.

"This contest allows the students to demonstrate some of the skills they’ve learned in their public speaking class," said Lisa Kowamura, assistant director of forensics. "It’s also a way for the department to do a service for the students, and give the teachers an opportunity to showcase some of their better students.”

About 65 to 75 students are expected to compete. Winebrenner said. They will be broken up into small groups for the two preliminary rounds and judged by two to three judges per group, Kowamura said.

Each judge will rank the top three people in each group, as well as give every contestant in the group a rating from "superior" to "poor," Kowamura said. The students will go through this process twice, each time in a different group with different judges.

Taking both factors into account, the top three contestants from among all the small groups will be determined, and they will compete in front of the rest of the contestants and all the judges. Kowamura said.

Each of the top three contestants will receive a trophy.

"This contest is an extension of the Cal Poly ‘learn by doing’ philosophy," Winebrenner said.

The judges are all upper­division speech communications students, he said. The students judge this and other community speech contests as part of their Advanced Forensic Activity course.

"Judging the contest gives the students an opportunity to learn to use their expertise in this kind of environment," Winebrenner said, adding that they may be called upon to use these skills during their career.

The contest begins at 6:15 tonight in building 10, room 231, and is open to anyone who would like to be part of the audience.

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Mistakes plague U.S. military


"There is a problem somewhere in our training," said Michael Fleisch, the father of one of those killed in Kuwait, 25-year-old Army Sgt. Philip M. Fleisch. "There are too many accidents happening," he told CBS.

In other recent military accidents, a plane carrying members of a National Guard engineering crew March 3 in Georgia, killing 21 people on board, and two Army helicopters collided Feb. 14 during a night training exercise near Honolulu, killing six men.

Two crashes last year of the troubled V-22 Osprey aircraft — which blends qualities of a helicopter and a jet — killed 23 Marines. A Pentagon review is under way.

In addition to accidents, there have been a growing number of incidents of technology failures. More than half of the precision-guided weapons the Navy used in the Feb. 16 attack on Iraqi radar sites went astray. Defense officials later said that on-board sensors had told the system the weapons were on target but failed to deliver.

And so far, the Pentagon has failed in two of three attempts to shoot down a mock ballistic missile in space as part of early testing of a national missile defense system.

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In other recent military accidents, a submarine collided with a Japanese fishing vessel off Hawaii on Feb. 9, killing nine people, including four teens; and why six military personnel — five sailors and a New Zealander — were killed on Monday when a Navy jet bombarded the wrong location during war games in Kuwait.

"There is a problem somewhere in our training, and I think we need to find out what the problem is and get it solved before we lose more people," said Mike Fleisch, the father of one of those killed in Kuwait, 25-year-old Army Sgt. Philip M. Fleisch.

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Leave my dog alone, love your very much

Hello, my name is Kari, and I bring my dog to school. In the beginning, it started gradually — just every couple of weeks or so. Then I started to do it more often. Soon, once or twice a week became the norm. I discovered that I couldn't get through the week without bringing my dog to school. Now I'm proud to say that I've managed to cut down — now I only bring my dog to school once a week.

OK, enough of that — this isn't Doggies Around Campus. I bring my dog to school because she's a great dog and I love having her around. I'm not sure what the school's official policy is about dogs on campus. I've seen other people with their dogs, although until this quarter, I hadn't seen anyone else actually bring their dog into class with them.

I've taken my dog into all of my classes, the library reserve room and the agriculture computer lab. I chose not to ask anyone for permission before bringing her because I didn't want a negative response before there was a chance to see how well-behaved she really is. So far, I have received positive comments from professors, librarians and lab monitors. In fact, the only negative comments I have received have been from students. So figure.

So this makes me wonder why some students have such a problem with her. I have had students come up to me and tell me that dogs have no place on campus. I had one person in one class ask me privately not to bring her because she had a bad childhood experience with a dog and was scared of them.

I totally respect that, and I stopped bringing my dog to that one class. It absolutely wasn't a problem. I just wish other students could respect my decision to bring her. I keep her in a corner, out of everyone's way. No one has to be near her or even look at her, yet some people still have a problem with it. But as long as professors, administrators, etc., don't mind me bringing her, I will continue to do so.

I'm lucky to live in a place where I can have a dog. I feel that the presence of a dog should be very serious, which is why I bring her to school. Getting a dog and not taking the time to properly train and socialize it is a guaranteed recipe for disaster. It's not fair to you, it's not fair to anyone who may come in contact with the dog, and it's not fair to the dog as well.

So come and meet my dog. Kiah. She's a two-year-old Lab-Malapomme mix. I got her from Woods Highway when she was six weeks old and scared of cars, crowds, men and women. Now she's a genuine goodwill ambassador — she even has a marking on her belly shaped like a smiley face. People have told me how amazed they are that she is so well-behaved, that they could never bring their dog to school because it would misbehave. While I can't take all of the credit for her obedience, I feel confident that she has been a part of it.

I'm very thankful to have had so many professors tolerant of her presence in their classrooms. If they aren't comfortable with her there, then I will respect that.

But for now, I will continue to bring her with me.

Kari Savala is an English senior.

Boosted brains make creepy creatures

**It's one genetically enhanced creation versus another in Steven Spielberg's**

"Gee, Brain, what do you want to do tonight?"

"The same thing we do every night, Pinky. Try to take over the world!"

Maybe someday, mice could take over the world because scientists are making them smarter with human brain cells.

U.S. researchers have produced laboratory mice with human brain cells in order to develop treatments for human brain diseases like Alzheimer's.

The researchers, done at the California technology company, Stemcell Inc., breaks new ground by demonstrating that human brain stem cells can grow within a mouse's skull.

Irving Weissman, a Stanford University professor involved in the two-year research project, said the next step could be to produce mice with brains made up almost entirely of human cells — although he said there would have to be a thorough ethical review before this step is taken.

Elsewhere, in a study by British, American, Swiss and French scientists, mice were created with unusually long memories to make new drugs to prevent memory loss in human beings and to help distressed patients forget traumatic events.

These mice are created with a gene that blocks the function of a signaling protein called calcineurin in the brain. Calcineurin is thought to be a natural constraint on long-term memory. It speeds up the rate at which electrical signals in the brain die away, so that the messages they carry are not stored for long periods.

When its action is blocked, the electrical signals fade more slowly, so information is retained longer.

In mice tests, mice with the blocking gene remembered objects and surroundings for up to three days longer than ordinary mice. They also needed half the usual amount of training to learn to navigate a maze.

All this leaves me feeling uneasy. Ever since I was a kid and watched that movie called "The Secret of Nijh" in which the rats are really smart and rebel against the humans, I have had this feeling of unease around rodents.

Any animal with brain cells that are not its own is scary. There was this bad movie — "Deep Blue Sea" — a couple years ago about cunning sharks killing almost every character. The sharks were given human brain cells to cope with. I have had this feeling of unease around rodents.

My paranoia aside, this enhancement of mice minds is good for humanity. Already, they have found a possible solution to Alzheimer's. A new study in mice suggests that the plagues, or protein deposits, associated with Alzheimer's Disease can be cleared from the brain. Researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston were able to clear 70 percent of the plagues in just three to eight days.

Although the majority of plagues were cleared, no one knows whether the effect lasts. Scientists are now pursuing a follow-up study in which the mice will be evaluated periodically, even after plaques have been cleared, to see if the deposits build up again.

This is great. I've met people with Alzheimer's, and it's not an easy disease to cope with. My logical side says that smart mice should be used to find a cure for Alzheimer's. My illoyical side is still scared of rodents. According to the "Paranoid's Pocket Guide," rodents multiply so quickly that in 18 months two rats could have over a million descendants.

At this rate, Brain wouldn't have to hatch one of his elaborate schemes to take over the world — he can just use his millions of intelligent relatives.

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By Evann Gastaldo

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The Cal Poly Wind Orchestra will ring in St. Patrick’s Day with “An Evening at the Pops: Shades of Blue and Green,” a concert featuring special guest the Nuclear Whales Saxophone Orchestra.

“This is going to be a phenomenal concert,” said William Johnson, conductor and Cal Poly music professor. “It’s highly entertaining.”

Wind Orchestra One, composed of more musically advanced students, will perform the “blue,” beginning with Frank Ticheli’s “Blue Shades,” Johnson said. “I was looking for something really fantastic to perform, and we found this piece,” he said. “It’s a fabulous piece.”

In keeping with the blue theme, Johnson decided to have Orchestra One perform George Gershwin’s “Rhapsody in Blue,” accompanied by pianist William Terrence Spiller, music department faculty member. He then decided to add the “green” in honor of St. Patrick’s Day.

Wind Orchestra Two, composed of mainly younger musicians, will perform the first “green” pieces, including the end credit music from John Williams’ “Far and Away” score, as well as Percy Grainger’s “Irish Tune from County Derry.”

Wind Orchestra One and the Nuclear Whales, a Bay area-based saxophone group, will join Orchestra Two in performing an orchestral suite from Bill Whelan’s “Riverdance.” The will bring the number of musicians to more than 100, Johnson said. Carl Strommen arranged the four-movement orchestral suite from Whelan’s popular dance show, adding a percussion section in place of the Irish dancer’s tap sounds, Johnson said.

The Nuclear Whales, who use all seven existing types of saxophones, will also perform alone, Johnson said. “They just blew me away (when I saw them perform),” he said. “They can play classical music, they can play jazz, they can play popular music. They mix it up, and go from one to the other.”

The Nuclear Whales’ performances are very spontaneous, Johnson said, adding that...
Come one, come all – to the circus!

By Evann Castaido
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

When I was little, my mom had this cute tradition of making us green eggs and ham for breakfast during St. Patrick’s Day. But it’s not “just” children’s programming, he said. “We are fond of saying that something appeals to the kid in all of us. Well, the Family Event shows appeal to the adult in all of us, including our 6- to 12-year-olds.”

The New Shanghai Circus will perform many fantastic feats, such as balancing chairs on one person, at its show on Sunday. The New Shanghai Circus will perform at 3 and 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $10 and $14, with child and student discounts available, according to a Cal Poly Arts press release. Tickets can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center ticket office, or by calling 756-2787 or faxing 756-6088.

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Marijuana culture is celebrated in the United States, Canada, Australia, and even Japan, Singapore and Russia.

Locally, McCarthy’s Irish Pub will be serving green beer from 6 p.m. until 2 a.m. The Graduate will be offering green beer in addition to mystery green shooters, Irish whiskey and Irish music during the day. But if these two don’t satisfy the Irish thirst, SLO Brew will be serving green beer as well.

So, “here’s to absent friends and happy the day.”

Marijuana they may not decide what they will play until the day of the perfor-

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER celebrating St. Patrick’s Day will tour-leaf shamrocks in one hand, Irish walking down the street, holding ounce of green St. Patrick’s Day offers more than green beer and cabbage by Sonia Slutzki
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Some of them can place both legs behind their heads, another can balance numerous benches on his face and others can ride a bicycle with 10 of their close friends.

The New Shanghai Circus will bring these acts and more to the Performing Arts Center on Sunday. “They will perform all the traditional acts (of a Chinese circus) and a few surprises as well,” said Ralph Hoskins, Cal Poly Arts director. “Even if you have seen a Chinese circus before, this still offers something new.”

China’s magic and acrobatic troupes are a tradition thousands of years old, according to the New Shanghai Circus’ Web site. The circus is a branch of the Shanghai Magic Troupe, which has been performing since 1919. In 1999, the New Shanghai Circus was invited to perform at the New Victoria Theater on Broadway, according to the Web site.

“They received great acclaim on Broadway,” Hoskins said. “They’re an outstanding circus – they are really skilled athletes.

Unlike most other Chinese circuses, the New Shanghai Circus uses Western music in their performance, Hoskins said.

“They tend to take a newer, more Western-friendly approach,” he said.

The circus also offers a full-length performance with two acts and an intermission, which is unusual for a Chinese circus, Hoskins said.

“Often Chinese circuses are fleeting, they can be rather quick,” he said.

“This one is neat. It is a nourishing afternoon of entertainment.”

The troupe will perform acrobatic feats such as chair balancing, multiple-person bike riding, group contortion, hoop diving, jar juggling and plate spinning, according to their Web site.

“It’s not like the tackle-tide, big-top, Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey at all,” Hoskins said. “It really is a fascinating glimpse into another culture. It’s spiritual, almost, but at the same time showing incredible agility and strength and feats of skill and daring.”

The New Shanghai Circus performance is part of the Cal Poly Arts Family Event Series. Of the approximately 40 shows Cal Poly Arts puts on each year, Hoskins said five are part of the Family Event series. These shows have lower-priced tickets and shorter performance lengths in order to encourage families to attend with their children, Hoskins said.

“It’s not just children’s programming,” he said. “We are fond of saying that something appeals to the kid in all of us. Well, (the Family Event shows) appeal to the adult in all of us, including our 6- to 12-year-olds.”

As an unlikewise color in Ireland. According to historychannel.com, families typically religiously attended church in the morning and celebrated in the evening, gathered around a hearty Irish stew with cabbage, ham and bacon.

“When I was little, my mom had this cute tradition of making us green eggs and ham for breakfast during St. Patrick’s Day,” Hoida said.

Even though green eggs are not a typical dish, corn, beef, ham, or cabbage, remains a staple meal of this holiday.

“We usually have our grandparents over for corn beef and potatoes,” said Will Hoida, a recreation administration senior.

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The New Shanghai Circus will perform at 3 and 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $10 and $14, with child and student discounts available, according to a Cal Poly Arts press release. Tickets can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center ticket office, or by calling 756-2787 or faxing 756-6088.

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So, “here’s to absent friends and here’s twice to absent enemies.”
Art gallery offers strict lines, sensual textures

By Janelle Fosskett

At first glance, it may look like simple rectangles, wood and paint. When these elements come together, however, they create a piece of abstract art in its purest form. These are the paintings of Stephanie Weber whose newest collection, "The Strict and the Sensual," will be on display at the Cuesta College Art Gallery through April 9. Weber is described as an abstract minimalist in the art community. Her multi-sectional paintings are organized in many configurations. Some paintings include three equally sized rectangles or squares of varying colors placed side by side. Other paintings are created by overlapping five differently sized rectangles and squares. The various sections of her paintings usually employ different textures as well. Weber describes herself as a lover of materials who uses wood, raw pigment and even ground glass to create her unique three-dimensional paintings.

She said her paintings are close to imbalanced, yet the sections hold together as one. She said each section is different, yet they are set up so they have a cracking energy between them. "I bring together opposite elements in a way in which they speak to one another," Weber said.

Art Gallery Director Marta Peluso said Weber's work is a strong representation of abstract art. "Her unusual use of balanced shapes and colors is what communicates emotionally with people," she said. "Her juxtaposition of colors and textures impressed me from the first time I saw her work."

Weber said the collection's title, "The Strict and the Sensual," was derived when she first saw Weber's work. "I think the 'strict' refers to the geometry of the hard lines and shapes," Weber said. "The 'sensual' refers to the textures, colors and the part of the surface that draws people to the pieces." Weber said her paintings are about nature in the broadest sense, so Weber decided to use it for the name of her collection. Peluso thought the description fit the Cuesta College Art Gallery though April 9. Weber is a professional artist who uses world, raw pigment and even ground glass to create her unique three-dimensional paintings.

"I think the 'strict' refers to the geometry of the hard lines and shapes," she said. "They aren't just squares and rectangles - they are more like painted sculptures hanging on the walls." Erin Gillis, an art history major at Cuesta, also enjoyed Weber's work. "I like how she uses one dominant color that sticks out," she said. "When you first see it and start analyzing it, you get a good sense of how you feel about it. The more you look at it, the more you understand."

Weber said the process involved in creating one of her paintings actually feels the opposite of creating abstract art. She said instead of creating abstract art, she tries to take abstract elements and make them real. "When something in the nature moves me in an emotional or psychological way, then I have something rich I can work with," she said.

"I am inspired by life and the richness of it," she said. "Weber graduated from UCLA as an art major, and she currently lives in the Berkeley area. "The Strict and the Sensual" gallery is open to the public.

Positive future for The Mother Hips

By Jeremy Cooke

Bringing back its "California soul" to San Luis Obispo, The Mother Hips will play SLO Brew on March 17 at 10 p.m. The band has achieved a devoted group of fans at Cal Poly.

"We first time we probably played here was 1992," said Tim Bluhm, The Mother Hips' lead singer. "We've always had really good support from San Luis Obispo." Currently Bluhm and fellow band members Greg Loucouno (guitar), Isaac Panco (bass) and John Horst (drums) live in and around the Bay area. With the attention, Bluhm is viewing things with conservative optimism. "We want our music to be heard by many more people than it is now, but we definitely have our reservations."

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Letters to the editor

Seek compromise for death responsibility

Editor,

I have to admit that I found Monday's Mustang Daily article of special interest ("Smart people make better vot­ ing citizens," Mar. 12) somewhat awkward, especially with the headline, "Into the room. Commitment is..."

"Voting Responsive..." it's easier than thinking." Of course, all the SPC 120 students out there noted the correlated message about serving imme­ diately, I originally thought Mr. Pratt was being too harsh. Then I noticed that the self-proclaimed Republican Jessica Williamson ("Don't forget to job to weapon making," March 12), which made me change my mind.

Her letter goes something like this, but companies are going to make weapons of mass destruction whether you work for them or not. Take the job if it pays well. If you do die in war-like situations. Let's make weapons of mass destruction. Williamsons ("Don't forgo job to..."

The specific example Patrick used was our "way...precision missiles at them, since there..."

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Breaking down the men's NCAA tournament brackets

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Outside of Arizona and Illinois, the only team with real momentum is the Illinois State University Redbirds, as they march into one of the best regional games in the entire tournament.

Southeast

No. 1 seed Kentucky is a force to be reckoned with at the No. 4 position. The Wildcats played many great opponents this season, and Bradford shouldn't light it up for the Illini and Northwestern State and Tennessee, whose late-season collapse gave them a No. 8 seed.

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Illinois, Big Ten Player of the Year Frank Williams, has been tested early and often this season by playing a demanding non-conference and brutal conference schedule. Those tests will allow them to roll over play-in winner Northwestern State and Tennessee, whose late-season collapse gave them a No. 8 seed.

South

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The No. 4 against No. 12 matchup of Indiana and Brigham Young is one of the best early-round games in a while. That's assuming that BYU gets past Cincinnati (which should happen) and Indiana advances past Kent State. Indiana is riding high after finishing second in the Big Ten, but BYU can show the lights out. Every team needs a Cinderella team, and BYU is that team.

That slipper will be shattered by Stanford, whose game with Maryland has the potential for an upset. Maryland's season has gone up and down, but guard Juan Dixon has been consistent for the Terps. This game should go down to the wire, but Stanford will be going to the Final Four.

South - Southern Hospitality

The Devils aren't the only ones playing out this No. 1 thing. Defending champion Maryland State boasts the best point guard in the country, not to mention the best power forward in Jason Williams (he will be far from the ankle injury).

The key to last year's title run was chemistry, and the Spartans (24-4) bring back plenty again this season. Jessica Jackson and Charlie Bell do the dirty work and the team has the post-season experience to help guide them to the elite eight.

There is one piece of the puzzle missing, Mateen Cleaves, and no team has repeated since the 1973 season. On Friday night, eighth-seeded Fresno State (25-6) and Cal (20-10) will duke it out in the South's grudge match of the opening round. Bulldog leader Jerry Tarkanian hasn't won a NCAA game since his days at UNLV and still won't get any California love.

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Danlap said the team is keeping in shape, which has greatly helped their play.

"Everyone can play the 80 minutes, so we're subbing four, five or six guys every game," he said. "This helps wear the other team down, and once we get our offense going, it's hard to stop us."

Danlap added that Cal Poly rugby is especially known for being a hard-hitting team that gives every opponent a battle.

"Zanolli said there are many distractions the players will be dealing with since finals week is approaching and the team needs to stay healthy. But he said the goal at this point is keeping the team focused and extending the depth further into the season."

Cal Poly rugby will take on UCSD either Saturday at 1 p.m. The winner will advance to the National Sweet Sixteen Tournament, which will begin April 20 at Ohio State.

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trip to the NCAA championships is Strange (17-14) probably. He went 1-2 at last year’s tournament.

Strange qualified by finishing second at the Pac-10 Championships. He will face Eric Hall of Virginia in the first round.

Strange is 26-8 this season. He has earned bonus points in 19 matches by winning by major decision, technical fall or pin, and finished the season strong, winning 11 of 13 matches. He has struggled against ranked opponents, losing all six matches against them this year, including twice to No. 7 Nathan Coy of Oregon State and No. 10 Tyone Lewis of Oklahoma State.

Two Mustangs will compete in their first NCAA Championships. Strange qualified for the tournament after finishing fourth at the Pac-10 Championships. Following a three-week layoff to let a knee injury heal, he finished the season strong, going 6-2. His overall record is 12-6. Strange will face Michigan’s Mike Castillo in the first round.

Also making his first appearance at the NCAA Championships is Schenk. He went 23-15 this year, including a team-leading nine pins.

Schenk finished the season strong, finishing 14-5 of his 18 matches. He did, however, struggle against ranked opponents. Schenk had a 1:5 record, with the loss coming over No. 6 Chael Sonnen of Oregon, who he pinned after falling behind 11-0. He will face Ohio State’s ninth-seeded Nick Preston in the first round.

Cal Poly has averaged about four NCAA qualifiers since making the transition to Division I in 1985. The high total was in 1997, when seven Mustangs qualified for the championships.

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**McGrady, four others suspended**

COLUMBUS (AP) — Orlando's Tracy McGrady was suspended for two games without pay and fined $10,000 Wednesday by the NBA for hitting Sacramento's Bobby Jackson in the face with a ball and fighting with the Kings guard.

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Wrestling battles for All-American status

By Ryan Ballard

The time has come to make the dreams of four Cal Poly wrestlers a reality. College wrestlers covet the chance to gain All-American status. Four Mustang wrestlers will get that opportunity this weekend at the NCAA Championships, March 15-17.

Sophomore Andrew Ghant (141 pounds), junior Cedric Haunon (149), junior Steve Strange (174) and sophomore David Schenk (197) qualified for the tournament by virtue of top four finishes at the Pacific 10 Championships, Feb. 25-26. This comes following an off year in 2000 when only two Mustangs qualified for the NCAA Championships. The Mustangs will be looking for its first All-American since David Wells placed seventh at 158 pounds in 1998.

In order for the wrestlers to receive All-American status, they must finish in the top eight in their weight class. Haunon will lead the team into Carver Arena in Iowa City, Iowa. He has been on a tear of late and is currently riding a 22-match win streak. He has 37 wins on the year, just four short of tying the Cal Poly record of 41 held by Louis Montano (158 pounds, 1987-88). Haunon was given the 12th seed after winning the Pac-10 Championships and will face Tommy Davis of North Carolina State in the first round.

This is Haunon's second trip to the tournament. He qualified in 1999 before taking a redshirt year last season. Haunon has had moderate success against ranked opponents this season. He is 2-3, with wins against No. 10 Ryan Sharpet of Edinboro and No. 7 Jared Trigg of Oklahoma. He lost twice to No. 1 Reggie Wright of Oklahoma State and once to No. 12 Jon Mark Bentley of North Carolina. Making his second consecutive appearance, see WRESTLING, page 11

Football schedule finalized

2001 MUSTANG FOOTBALL

Sept. 1 Montana 6 p.m.
Sept. 8 Sac. State 6 p.m.
Sept. 15 at St. Mary's 1 p.m.
Sept. 22 at Montana State Noon
Sept. 29 W. Washington 6 p.m.
Oct. 13 Southern Utah 6 p.m.
Oct. 20 at UC Davis 1:30 p.m.
Oct. 27 at Airman State Noon
Nov. 3 at Weber State Noon
Nov. 10 Cal State Northridge* Noon
Nov. 17 at Northern Iowa 5:05 p.m.

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Playoffs loom ahead for rugby

By Janelle Foskett

Although the team lost to San Diego State 26-13 on Friday, Cal Poly is guaranteed one of 16 playoff spots if it beats UC Santa Barbara this weekend.

Team captain John Kunz said the match will be tough, but the team’s depth and experience should lead it to victory. “We have a much deeper team than we’ve had in years,” he said. “This is a great team that can play in any situation.”

Kunz cited a few players who have performed especially well this season. He said Rob McVicar is the team’s main offensive weapon, but Owen Hiltensiver and Ryan Archibald have also contributed to the impressive offense. Kunz said Rob Gernet and John Kendra have executed strong defense, and John Kollerer and Rod Stinson have played very well.

Kunz attributed the team’s success to its ability to methodically bring the ball up the field and also to good coaching. Head coach Charles Zamoli said the team’s experience is what has really fueled their success. “We’ve got a core of senior players who have been playing together for four years now,” he said. “Their playing styles are starting to gel, and they are really coming together as a team.”

Zamoli said the team in general has a depth that is unmatched. He said any team would be lucky if it had 15 guys with experience and ability, but he has 45 competitive players. “It’s a luxury to have this many playing talent on one team,” he said. Zamoli singled out Kunz and McVicar as players who are doing especially well this season. see RUGBY, page 10

Yesterday’s Answer:

Wake Forest won the NIT Tournament last season.

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Today’s Question:

What former NBA player besides Michael Jordan is mulling a possible comeback?

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