Wildflower Triathlon heating up
By Jennifer Thomson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It is known as the Woodstock of triathlons. It is the second largest in the world and attracts over 5,500 athletes, 900 volunteers and offers a $57,000 purse to the professional athlete who wins the long course event.

The 18th annual Wildflower triathlon, which runs May 4 to 6 at Lake San Antonio, is an event that challenges and tests the abilities of athletes worldwide.

All three triathlon events held during the weekend are known to be strenuous and difficult. The Long Course, Mountain Bike and the Olympic Distance Triathlons each consist of a swim, bike and run. The most difficult, the Long Course event, attracts many top name professionals.

According to a Wildflower press release, this year’s event boasts the strongest professional field in the history of the event, including last year’s returning winners Chris Legh of Australia and Jeane Krieman of Tucson, Ariz. The course includes a 1.2-mile swim, 55-mile bike ride and 13-mile run. There is also a smaller mountain bike course offered to other participants.

The Olympic course will host this year’s National Collegiate Championship for the 10th year where the Cal Poly Triathlon Club will defend their title.

Last year’s second place finish, according to a Wildflower press release, did not show up for the events. The event therefore has been named the 18th annual Wildflower Triathlon.

The first day of voting for Associated Students Inc. positions attracted hundreds of students to the polls Wednesday.

“it’s been busy,” said Joan Rich of the League of Women Voters, who was manning the Agriculture Building voting location. “The turnout has been modest when people are coming and going to classes.”

The League of Women Voters has been running the polling locations for a number of years at Cal Poly.

Dotty Connor, a member of the organization, said she thought the turnout thus far had been about the same as prior years.

Liberty Lewis, vice chair of the ASI Board of Directors, said that 746 students had voted by noon on Wednesday. The polls opened at 8 a.m. at five campus locations: Dexter Lawn, the University Union, the Agriculture Building, the Rec Center and Fisher Science Building.

Students were able to vote until 4 p.m., and those who didn’t vote Wednesday will be able to vote today at the same times and locations.

Carolyn Moffett, manning the Dexter Lawn location, agreed with Rich that the day had been busy.

“Maybe there’s more voting because there’s not as much wait,” Moffett said.

The process became computerized this year, and students are able to scan their ID cards, which automatically brings up their major information.

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Sleepover aims to create awareness about homeless
By Michelle Hatfield
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

There arrives in the evening with only a toothbrush and sleeping bag. I’ve checked-in, they fill out paperwork that keeps track of how many nights they’ve already spent there. They eat a simple meal of salad, pasta and bread, and go to bed. There will also be a talk by a speaker from Beyond Shelter who will help us understand the community about the issues of homeless.

“Beyond Shelter and Homelessness Awareness Week has two goals,” Schlager said. “It is to educate the community about the issues of homeless.

The sleepover starts at 5 p.m. Friday at the residence of Ty McCartney, 452 Printz Rd. in San Luis Obispo. Participants are asked only to bring a toothbrush and sleeping bag.

Schlager said people will check in, eat a simple meal of salad, pasta and bread, and go to bed. There will be conversation on the floor.

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High: 79° / Low: 48°
Rec Center taking reservations

By Jennifer Thomson

"First come, first served" and reservations please," are the new slogans of the Associated Students Inc. Rec Center. Every cardio machine, with the exception of the stationary bikes in the main exercise room, has been strapped with a pink or white sign-up sheet.

Fitness Coordinator Nancy Clark said she thinks the pink reservation sheet is a much better system than the old one that only offered first come, first served white sheets to users.

"The new pink reservation sheet is for participants to come in at any time during the day and sign up for a half-hour slot sometime during that same day. The old white sheets offer the machines at a first come, first served basis and must be used to sign up for a half-hour time block after a student gets to the Rec Center. All cardio machines are limited to 30 minutes of use by participants. The advantage to the pink sheets is that reserving a time early in the day holds a spot for the user no matter what. The disadvantage is that if someone only uses the machine for 20 minutes the machine is left unused for the last 10 minutes, which makes some students upset."

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who is currently homeless. Participants will have the opportunity to meet the shelter staff, Schlageter said.

"The sleepover offers a different perspective," she said. "People will have the entire night to think about the issue."

The second goal of the sleepover is to raise money for the Economic Opportunity Commission.

Schlageter said the EOC is a government agency that provides assistance to the disadvantaged of the county. The assistance ranges from providing shelters to health centers to thrift stores.

Each sleepover participant is asked to obtain $150 in sponsorship for the EOC. With room for 80 participants, Beyond Shelter hopes to raise $12,000 for the organization.

Although San Luis Obispo is an affluent town and county, Schlageter said that homelessness is a problem.

"Because San Luis Obispo is a tourist town, people don't think there is a problem," she said. "Although they may not be visible, it doesn't mean there isn't any less.

Schlageter said there are approximately 4,000 homeless people in the county. In addition to homelessness, being a problem, it is a prevailing issue. In San Luis Obispo County, there is one shelter for women, one for youth and one for all homeless, Schlageter said. This last shelter has 49 beds and an overflow section with 30 extra beds.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week starts Friday and runs through May 12. The week will feature seven events including a community meeting, a fast, a canned food and clothing drive, a hunger banquet and a benefit concert.

For more information about the events, contact Beyond Shelter at 756-5834 or visit the Web site at www.calpoly.edu/~scs.

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and whatever our outcome is we're going to be 150 percent positive about it," said Brandon Drew, senior team member.

Drew said this year the team is stronger than in years past because of organization and structure within the team. It has built upon last year's assets and worked to become a progressive team, he said.

"The biggest thing we have is going for us as the camaraderie within the team," Drew said. "Our team just has the glue, and that's what we're really going on.

The team members said they won't make any assumptions going into the race, but they are hopeful of advancing farther than in years past. Drew said that too many things can happen in a race to make any judgment calls and they are going to do the best they can.

The team has 49 members participating in the Olympic course.

The collegiate team championship winner is determined by the combined times of the top three men and top three women with the fastest times. University of Colorado at Boulder is the reigning national champion and holds the record for the lowest team score at 5:57:100 percent positive.

Cal Poly senior triathlon team member Jake Matheny will be volunteering their time as a lifeguard this weekend. Matheny said he is looking forward to the weekend because it is a good time and she likes watching the events, especially from her front row seat on the water.

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The Cal Poly Triathlon team will be one team of over 45 colleges competing at the championships.

Individual competitors outnumber those participating as a team. Senior Eric Harper will be attending his first Wildflower unattached. A serious competitor and experienced triathlete, Harper said he isn't concerned about lack of support that he would otherwise receive from a team.

"Triathlon has always been an individual sport," Harper said. "Unless you're in the Olympics, there is no such thing as team competition."

Wildflower is a well-known event nationwide among athletes and spectators. Harper said it is unlike any other event he has ever attended.

"It's a huge event with a party-like mentality to it," he said. "There's never been a place where I've run before where I expect girls to show me their cleavage."

Hundreds of volunteers and guests will attend Wildflower this year, organizers said in a press release. Volunteers will dedicate 12 hours of their time during the weekend to make the event run smoothly. Volunteer work ranges from preparing food for volunteers to checking bikes for the racers to marking the course for each race.

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**Bombing survivors react to upcoming execution**

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Not all of those who were injured or lost loved ones in the Oklahoma City bombing will wake before dawn on May 16 to watch Timothy McVeigh die.

Athens Roy will kneel in church to pray for the man who murdered her mother. Rob Reddy, a survivor of the Oklahoma City bombing, will get ready for work the same as he does every weekend.

Deborra Wison will take her scarred grandpa to a park, where they will eat ice cream straight out of the can and study the clouds.

They are victims of the April 19, 1995, blast who think it is easier to heal if they try to go on with the lives they had before McVeigh parked a truck bomb in front of the federal building and killed 166 people.

They don't attend any anniversary ceremony or volunteer at the memorial site, telling their stories to tourists from all over the world. They don't like to talk to reporters.

"You can never forget it, but you move on," said LeVonne McCord, whose 8-year-old daughter, Neks, was injured in the Alfred P. Murrah Building day-care center. McCord, who helps other bombing survivors to the same, leaving the metal folding chairs facing the execution viewing screen empty.

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"After the shock wore off, I came to my senses," he says. "I started realizing that it was so self-serving of me. I could never begin to forgive McVeigh, but I don't want him killed."

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Bush takes steps in right direction on gay issues

I never thought I'd say it, but I'm impressed with President Bush. During his campaign, he made it clear that gay and lesbian people would not be welcome in a Bush White House. This certainly appealed to the conservative extremists who were at the heart of his run for office.

However, this month George W. Bush appointed a gay man as the director of the Office of National AIDS Policy. This appointment marks the first time that any Republican in the White House has named an openly gay or lesbian person to an Executive Branch position.

Some religious fundamentalist groups were outraged, looking to mobilize their forces in order to "stop Bush from promoting the homosexual agenda." The President's spokesperson simply said, "President Bush is an inclusive leader who appoints qualified people." Lynne Cheney, the vice president's wife, defended President Bush by saying "a person who is gay should have every opportunity."

Even more, the Bush administration retained an executive order from the Clinton administration banning the use of sexual orientation as a disqualifying factor in obtaining a security clearance. Some in the Bush staff was quoted as saying, "Why should sexual orientation matter?"

Did someone finally count all the votes and put Al Gore in office? The idea that gay and lesbian people should have every opportunity to embrace gay and lesbian equality?

Mike Sullivan, leader who appoints qualified people.

The Clinton administration appointed more than 150 gay and lesbian people to high-level positions in the government, the most appealing part of conservative ideology is the notion that government should be limited and non-intrusive into our lives. Republicans apparently agree that they want a smaller government, but it often seems as if they want it just small enough to fit into our bedrooms -- by supporting laws that define what consenting adults are allowed to do, and which genders are permitted to marry each other.

This only indicates that despite Bush's "progress," there is still much more to do. Let's not forget that the Clinton administration appointed more than 150 gay and lesbian people to executive positions. And Bush co-authored the 2000 Republican Party platform, which states "homosexuality is incompatible with military service." (Does anybody think there aren't already gay people in the military?)

It is time to let people decide for themselves what they do in private. We should convince conservatives to repeal anti-gay legislation that undermines the fundamental principle of limited government. We should make it clear that the president must govern with "compassion" as he has pledged earlier. And we must also support Bush as he explores his "inclusive" leadership.

Mike Sullivan is a computer engineering junior.

We've all seen people crossing around campus on them. We all know they are banned by the school's code. There are signs around campus with little pictures of them in cross-out circles. But students like Brandon Byrne continue to use them.

Commentary

His skateboard around campus most of the time now because he has received three citations for riding on campus. But since his bike broke, his skateboard is the only way he travels from his off-campus home to school every day. "It's how I get around," he said. I sympathize with skaters, everyone needs a way to get around. My transportation method of choice happens to be driving. In fact, I love driving, but when I get to school, I know I have to leave my car in the parking lot. It's just the easiest and safest thing to do.

During the day, the campus is filled with pedestrians. Polyview Drive and Via Carta are especially crowded with students and staff walking to and from classes. Adding other elements to the mix is just dangerous, especially since many people are too busy talking or doing some last-minute review for tests to pay attention to what is going on around them.

Tony Ardis said that when he became Cal Poly police chief in December 1999, he received a large series of complaints from people who had negative encounters with skateboarders on campus. Many students said that skateboarders had come too close to them while they were walking.

Ardis followed up the complaints by consulting the university's maintenance staff, which estimated that skateboarders caused about $20,000 worth of damage to the campus every year. Benches, railings and the like had to be repaired and re-painted because of damage caused by skateboards doing tricks. I don't know about you, but I pay more than $2,000 in tuition every year. That means that it would take a year's worth of tuition from about 10 full-time students to pay for the repairs caused by skateboarders on campus. I would much rather have my money go toward education than maintenance.

But the main reason for the skateboard ban is safety. Ardis said that his officers responded to a number of injuries that involved skateboarders. One skater tried to sue the school over the injuries he received when he fell while skateboarding, even though he knew skateboards were banned.

Many universities do not have skateboard bans, but they may pay a price. Last month at Sonoma State, a campus that allows skateboards, a student was killed while riding a skateboard. Ardis said. I like to avoid tragedies like this.

Students are allowed to ride bicycles on many parts of the campus. I have had some interesting encounters with bicyclists myself, usually because they rarely stop at stop signs, or signal their turns. The rules seem to have a double standard. "People ride around on bikes faster than on skateboards," Byrne said.

Ardis said the main reason that skateboards were banned and bicycles were not was because bicycles have brakes. I have a number of friends who ride skateboards or roller blades. I know that they just want to have fun or get where they are going, but campus just isn't a safe place to skate. I'd rather not have to take them, or anyone else, to the emergency room.

Anna Guilford is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.
The words "traditional" and "typical" definitely do not characterize the artistic production "Ex Anima."

The event combines several different media to convey the creative spirit. "Ex Anima" features acting, modern dance, mime, a chorus of singers, a soloist, live and recorded sound, dramatic theatrical lighting, throat singing and a didjeridoo player, said the concert's executive producer and Cal Poly professor Antonio Barata.

"This performance bridges a lot of different media," Barata said. "Anything you can imagine will be on stage. It's kind of a media event."

Barata said the concert follows the history of music and ends with a message about the creative spirit. He said that element is an important metaphor, but that the concert is not specific about what the metaphor actually is.

"We wanted to keep the end very open-ended so that people can see themselves in it," he said.

Barata said "ex anima" is Latin for "out of or from the soul." He said the name has meaning because the "story" of the concert is from the soul.

Among the different forms of media, Barata will perform Tuvan throat singing. He said the method comes from the Tuvan plateau, north of Tibet.

"The singing brings out the harmonics of the voice," Barata said. "It's a strange-sounding thing. Some people will not be able to believe that that sound comes from a human being."

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Rather than black tie, this event is ‘no tie’

By Jennifer Thomson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Hamlin Yoo, 13, won’t be the only kid at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday. A "No Ties Allowed" free dress rehearsal is being offered to the public at 1 p.m. the day of the San Luis Obispo Symphony’s final event in the group’s Saturday Series, geared toward the younger crowd of music aficionados.

"We’ve got kids that come in, they’re scared from the soccer fields, but they also take violin, and they come in and watch the dress rehearsal," said Sandi Sigurdson, San Luis Obispo Symphony’s executive director. "We know that we get students required to see something of live performances. Some are studing conducting techniques, sometimes they are studying under one of our musicians."

The symphony is offering the free dress rehearsal to the public as a service to the community. Sigurdson said it is a wonderful opportunity to introduce young children to classical music in a relaxed setting.

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She said that people may come and go at their own pace, as long as they like. It is ‘No Ties Allowed’ tree dress rehearsal is up the rehearsal," Sinardson said.

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From backpack to briefcase:
Six steps to success in the real world

by Ellen B. Polinsky
Career Services Guest Columnist

You’ve spent a lot of time preparing for your first job. You’ve written the perfect resume, honed your interview skills, researched the companies in whom you’re interested, negotiated the best salary/benefits package, found a company that fits your style and now, you’re ready to begin.

But hold on; you need to do a lot more to be sure that you’re ready to enter the work world and be successful.

Making the move from college to career can be a little like stepping through Alice’s looking glass. Your world seems distorted; you feel either too big or too little; you’re not sure which direction to go; and the people around you are much more in charge than you are. But, unlike Alice, you don’t have to fall down that rabbit hole unprepared for what you’ll find. Follow the six steps below and you can make your future a huge success!

STEP 1: Understand the differences between being a college student and a new professional.

What most students don’t know is that the first year in any job is different; it’s a separate and distinct career stage. You’re no longer in college, but you’re not really a complete professional yet. You have to give up your student attitudes and behaviors; leave your college days behind. Begin by being prepared for workdays that may get you noticed, but may also make you a burned out employee.

STEP 2: Learn the Art of Being New

You’re back on the bottom rung of the ladder again. You won’t start at the top of the corporate pyramid, no matter what you think you deserve. Instead, you’ll probably have the same responsibilities as long term.

STEP 3: Don’t slow down and pace yourself.

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Learn to adjust your expectations— in fact, don’t be surprised if you feel like a freshman all over again. Hopefully you won’t be making copies or coffee, but you also may not be making important decisions in the beginning.

Although college has taught you how to think and solve problems, you are not yet trained in the basics of this new business and so the company may feel that you have to learn from the ground up. Become a savvy subordinate; know what you don’t know, and then learn it. Understand your new role; build a track record by finding opportunities and projects in which you can succeed. Avoid “big splash” strategies for making a good impression. Arrive on time; learn to use your time efficiently, work harder and smarter. Learn to communicate with confidence; to develop your written and oral communication skills and to set realistic goals.

**STEP 3: Adopt the Right Attitude**

In college, you’ve been used to getting clear-cut assignments, turning them in by the deadline (usually), getting them back with a grade attached and moving on to the next assignment. It’s not so simple in the corporate world. If you’re asked to draft a proposal and your boss doesn’t like your approach, it’s back to the drawing board. And, when you deliver the revision, your boss may say the style, format or tone is wrong. You’ll have to try it again.

Remember, C is no longer passing. In fact, now, nothing less than an “A” every time will do. In the business world, sweating the details isn’t the opposite of being creative. It’s also very helpful to maintain a style, format or tone that’s your own. Ask questions readily at appropriate times and listen to the responses. Be flexible and willing to take on and complete menial tasks, show that you’re willing to go the “extra mile” and do whatever is asked. Make the “right” mistakes; that is, those that come naturally from learning, not those that come from immaturity and impertinence.

**STEP 4: Learn the Company Culture**

You chose to work for this company, hopefully because you felt comfortable with its goals and mission and the people you met. Now that you are one of them, embrace the organization to show that you respect who and what it is and that you want to be part of the team. Find ways to fit in. Master the tasks of your job— acquire the knowledge, skills and abilities you need. Take the initiative to establish good working relationships with your peers and learn how to get things done. Be observant of written and unwritten company policy and norms. Listen to the grapevine, but don’t be a contributor to office gossip. Pay attention to the political climate. Finally, find a mentor to give you advice and help you to adapt.

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By Elizabeth Crosbie

IU Daily Student

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StreetSideInvestor.com, an Internet company created by Indiana University students, provides online financial information for individual investors. Since its launch in June 2000, StreetSideInvestor.com has been producing financial content.

Hundreds of young entrepreneurs have failed to keep their dot-com businesses alive. The team at StreetSideInvestor.com learned from the mistakes of some of these unsuccessful ventures. Instead of spending their revenue on advertisements, they focused on developing quality information for online investors.

The organization’s writing team includes four students, financial experts and two interns. They have published more than 90 interviews with credible sources, such as chief executive officers and business moguls from leading companies.

The team takes an active role in providing valuable financial information to individual investors. A large disparity exists between the type of information an investor with a large account receives and a first-time investor receives, said Danny Chan, chief executive officer and founder of StreetSideInvestor, Inc.

“We’re instruments for individual investors,” Chan said. “We bring you Wall Street.”

Neither Chan nor his co-founders, some of whom are his roommates, buy or sell individual stocks so they can supply their readers with unbiased and objective financial information, he said.

Chan said his writing team plans to translate its CEO interviews into Chinese, an action he described as a milestone for his company.

The StreetSideInvestor team recently partnered with a global marketing company, e21corp, based in Silicon Valley. The e21corp will translate StreetSideInvestor's interviews. The Chinese version of the interviews will be published through Internet portals serving the Asia-Pacific region, such as Yahoo China and sina.com.

“Together with StreetSideInvestor, e21 will facilitate communication between the East and the West and promote globalization of business,” said Joseph Sun, CEO of e21corp.

The companies united to distribute information to investors in the Asia-Pacific region, which is expected to house one-third of all Internet consumers by 2005, according to Jupiter Research.

Chan said this partnership is a major step for StreetSideInvestor. StreetSideInvestor has six employees and is based in Bloomington, while e21 has more than 100 employees with offices in Los Angeles, Mexico City, Beijing and Tokyo.

StreetSideInvestor also plans to start using message boards to interact with individual investors and provide them with instant information on individual companies. The team at StreetSideInvestor.com has been producing financial content since its launch in June 2000.
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From your first day, begin to build an accomplishment file. It may contain information on specific projects on which you’ve worked, memorandums of commendation, documentation of work performed outside the organization that spotlight professional abilities. It’s not a bad idea to keep a work journal or diary to serve as a reminder of what you’ve done. As part of your preparation, make a career plan in which you list and prioritize your goals.

**STEP 6: Managing Your New Found Wealth**

You’ve been saving on student loans, your part-time job and the few dollars a month your parents can spare. Now the salary and benefits you were able to negotiate may make you feel like a millionaire, but if you don’t manage them well, they won’t stretch nearly as far as you had hoped. A few simple tips may save you not only money but lots of aggravation. If you know how much comes in, how much goes out, then you’ll know how much is left over to spend or save. Sounds simple enough, but in reality, quite hard! Here are a few tips to help.

Think long term. Enjoy your newfound financial independence. Allow some of your urges to be satisfied, but don’t go overboard. Set a budget. Your first paycheck may look huge, but your expenses will be too. Establish credit. Open savings and checking accounts, but beware of plastic. Throw all but one of those “pre-approved” credit cards away.

Save. Financial planners recommend that you put 5 to 20% of every paycheck away before you do anything else. Invest for the future. This includes clothing for a professional wardrobe, transportation (a good car), stocks, mutual funds, bonds. Plan a tax strategy. Know what’s deductible and save your receipts.

It’s very unusual for someone to come out of college knowing exactly what to do and how to do it. Give yourself the time to learn what you need, and realize that it’s your responsibility to manage your transition into this new world. Remember—You’ve made it this far! You have your first real job! Make it fun, exciting and a terrific start to a successful career.

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Being the boss can offer great personal satisfaction, but with it comes the responsibility of making decisions and sticking with them. It is estimated that only 30 percent of all startup businesses in the United States are still in business after five years, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration. Poor management is listed as the primary cause of business failure. Year after year, a lack of managerial experience and aptitude has accounted for around 90 percent of all failures.

Another reason for failure is that owners underestimate how much money it takes to start a new business. There are a couple of different options to consider when planning the financial startup of a small business. Borrowing money is one consideration, whether from an individual, a bank or the government. There are government money programs, as well as government small business loans. Also, there are several bank loans available. A partnership is another option, although it might take away the idea of being in charge.

"I am in the process of researching what it takes to open a printing service," said Gregory Burch, an undergraduate business major. "I can't see myself working for anyone, so opening my own business after graduation seems like the most logical decision."

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Friday, May 4, 2001
That's my badly written Bush!

By Jenny Hansen
Managing Editor

Ripping on the president is a part of American pop culture that can't be avoided in politics. A new comedy series that takes that idea a step too far (and then some) is "That's My Bush!"

Created by Trey Parker and Matt Stone, the geniuses who crafted the wildly popular "South Park" series, "That's My Bush!" pulls out all the punches and directly jabs at President George W. Bush in a parody of his presidency.

The show is centered on the idea that Bush is not that bright, and although there may be truth to that notion, it is taken to a new low in the fictionalized story lines. One of the main reasons to watch "That's My Bush!" clearly is to come away with something more than making Bush out to be the biggest, dumber, Southern accent and all.

Bush is portrayed by Timothy Bottoms, an actor whose credentials do not add up to much more than a few TV show appearances. What Bottoms has going for him, though, is he's an uncanny resemblance to George W., making for a dead-on impression that would be best used at parties. Unfortunately, the show's writing is so bad that Bottoms must submit himself to clichè expressions and double entendres.

"That's My Bush!" which airs Wednesday at 12:35 p.m. on Comedy Central, wouldn't be complete without the First Lady. Carrie Quinn Dalm plays Laura Bush, the supportive, yet somewhat embarrassed, wife of the president. The real Laura probably wouldn't sweat at George's antics and high jinks (at least not in public), but the fictional Laura does this almost to the point of annoyance. She patronizes everything Bush does and she should because the show loves him stealing cable television and staging fake executions. Of course the show would characterize the First Lady as the more intelligent, all-knowing wife - it makes it easier to drive home the point that the creator think Bush is a bumbling idiot.

A few fictional characters complete the show's cast, namely Princess Stevenson (Kristen Miller) who is supposed to be Bush's executive assistant scheduler. With a name like Princess, the epiphanies everything associated with being a dumb blonde. While the fictional (and possibly the real) Bush may not be the sharpest knife in the drawer, Princess prances around the story lines in nothing more than an accessory, big breasts and all.

The show is done all in good fun - who could resist making fun of the president? The problem is that "That's My Bush!" does not put out anything its audience has not already seen before on shows like "Saturday Night Live." Parodies and spoofs can be fun, but when they are just stupid and not all that funny, turning the channel becomes all the more tempting.

Drew vs. Drew
Robotic French DJs from outer space

Drew P.: Daft Punk. You may not know the name, but chances are you've heard the music. Remember the dance hit "Around The World"?

Drew S.: Speaking of which, the two members of Daft Punk dress like futuristic onions to hide their identities. And songs like "Digital Love" and "Aerodynamic" prove their affinity for mechanical reverberations.

Drew P.: And don't even get me started on "Short Circuit," which is probably the craziest funk song you've never heard.

Drew S.: They've got some other songs on the album I really like. "Crescendoll." The furry key words in their sound really add a lot to the beat.

Drew P.: Yeah. Some of this gets a little repetitive after awhile. Like the 50th time the little guy says, "One more time." That was repetitive. Um, "no more times," little dude.

Drew S.: I can see where you would think that. House music is a genre that can only be tolerated for so long. I appreciate Daft Punk's artistic talent, but in my opinion, it's only music to dance to.

Drew P.: And to "cabbage-pitch" na.

Drew S.: Leave the dance moves at home, and save it for the mirror.

Drew P.: Yeah. Their music is a bit of a guilty pleasure, but nothing to be ashamed of. If you like disco-house music, this is your thing.

Drew S.: Daft Punk really put together a strong second showing with "Discovery." It's full of retro dance tracks that continually remind me of theme songs from '80s sitcoms. A great album, but a lot of repetitive themes.

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Drew vs. Drew: "Discovery"

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Drew S.: That's the one. Included on their debut album, "Homework," the song brought the French dance underground to the mainstream in 1995. The fuzzy keyboard reminiscent of "raaaawr" sound that vibrates with a repetitive, uncontrollable.

Drew S.: I'll ignore that one - way too 90s.

Drew P.: But when you think about it, Daft Punk is pretty much a tribute to the '80s. These guys are in love with vocoders, guys are in love with vocoders, futuristic and retro devices used to give the impression of mechanical reverberations.

Drew S.: Speaking of which, the two members of Daft Punk dress like futuristic onions to hide their identities. And songs like "Digital Love" and "Aerodynamic" prove their affinity for mechanical reverberations.

Drew P.: And don't even get me started on "Short Circuit," which is probably the craziest funk song you've never heard.

Drew S.: They've got some other songs on the album I really like. "Crescendoll." The furry key words in their sound really add a lot to the beat.

Drew P.: Yeah. Some of this gets a little repetitive after awhile. Like the 50th time the little guy says, "One more time." That was repetitive, um, "no more times," little dude.

Drew S.: I can see where you would think that. House music is a genre that can only be tolerated for so long. I appreciate Daft Punk's artistic talent, but in my opinion, it's only music to dance to.

Drew P.: And to "cabbage-pitch" na.

Drew S.: Leave the dance moves at home, and save it for the mirror.

Drew P.: Yeah. Their music is a bit of a guilty pleasure, but nothing to be ashamed of. If you like disco-house music, this is your thing.

Drew S.: Daft Punk really put together a strong second showing with "Discovery." It's full of retro dance tracks that continually remind me of theme songs from '80s sitcoms. A great album, but a lot of repetitive themes.

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Bush’s first 100 days confirm his inexperience

Thanks to a Republican majority in Congress, and the fact that President Bush surrounds himself with a cabinet more politically experienced than he is, Bush has erred a relaxing honeymoon period and has been allowed to proceed without any serious roadblocks, and he has been given several opportunities to take center stage on foreign policy issues, an area many people doubted he had the experience to handle.

The result, in a country where public perception drives political action, has been a president who has talked the talk but has done little to convince the public he is capable of walking the walk.

Presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin said on msnbc.com that she detected a lack of presidential charisma in Bush during his first 100 days that people “have to feel that joy, feel that energy. I don’t feel people saying, ‘Yeah, he’s my president.’”

The key word in that statement is the word “yet.” President Clinton recovered from a nightmarish first 100 days and Bush has plenty of time left to leave a positive legacy on his administration. In order to do so, however, he needs to remember a theme he consistently reiterated during his campaign. He promised to work closely with both Republicans and Democrats to “end partisan politics in Washington.” That translates into a president who is interested in compromising with different viewpoints in order to best represent the people.

This approach was called into question on numerous occasions during his first 100 days in office. One of his first executive orders reversed Clinton administration policy and left the door open for faith-based organizations to receive federal funds in order to deliver social services. This announcement called into question Bush’s ability to govern independently of the far-right wing fund raisers that supported him throughout his campaign. It also brought into question an issue on which many people were concerned with upon Bush’s election: his commitment to separation of church and state.

The cornerstone of the president’s campaign was an across-the-board tax cut ranging from $1.2 to $1.6 million per family. Many political analysts felt the close results of the election would leave Bush open to compromise on the dollar amount of the tax cut, but in his recent budget proposal to Congress, he proposed the exact $1.6 million cut. The opposition to Bush’s plan pointed to deep cuts in vital social programs, Medicare, Medicaid and interest rates as not supporting the president’s plan. Not only does the cut fly in the face of bipartisan politics, it also goes against what many perceive as a cornerstone in the economy. And while many people continue to ignore the truth, the fact remains that an across-the-board tax cut, such as Bush is proposing, benefits the wealthy rather than helping education, housing and middle and small class families.

Bush trouble continued when he refused to promote campaign promises and backed out of the international Kyoto treaty that would have reduced greenhouse gas emissions worldwide. His failure to follow through with the treaty requirements have angered environmental groups as well as European countries with whom the treaty. His environmental policy has faced further criticism for his support of Environmental Protection Agency administrator Christine Todd Whitman’s decision to support the Clinton administration regulation significantly lowering emissions in power generating plants and water.

To his credit, Bush has surrounded himself with people who have political experience.

Chancellor doesn’t speak honestly

In Tuesday’s Mustang Daily, you published a letter from Chancellor Reed titled “CSU: focuses most on teaching students.” Unfortunately, this is not the truth. Reed’s statements suggest an effort to deceive Cal Poly students rather than inform.

1. Reed: “The California State University (CSU) faculty average annual salaries of $52,000, 25 percent higher than the national average.”

FACT: The California Post-secondary Education Commission (CTEC) reports that the average salary of full-time CSU faculty is $54,268. Average salaries of CSU faculty are about 4 percent below PUBLIC faculty at a comparison set of 20 institutions developed by CTEC, using data provided by the chancellor’s office.

2. Reed: “Over the past four years, the CSU faculty salary increase has totaled 23.5 percent compared to the national average of 14.9 percent.”

FACT: Over the past four years, the actual average salary increase was 18.4 percent from 1996-1997 level of $59,317.

3. Reed: “Last year, the CSU (faculty) salary increase was 6 percent, compared with the national average of 3.5 percent.”

FACT: Last year’s CSU faculty salary increase was 4.2 percent.

4. Reed: “He says nothing about anything, much less a low 11.4 percent near the national average.”

Reed testified at the Feb. 25 meeting of the Assembly Budget Committee that it is 11.4 percent.

5. Reed: “Faculty workload in the CSU is greater than in the comparison institutions, and combined with comparatively low salaries, is a substantial impediment to the recruiting and retaining of quality faculty.”

5. Reed: “You may hear union activists claim that only 1 tenure-track position has been added in the last five years. However, the fact is that the more than 2.600 tenure track faculty hired over the past few years has maintained our low 1 to 13 student-faculty ratio, which keeps CSU class size small.”

FACT: The record of in FY89-90 to FY93-94 the CSU hired 9,245 full-time equivalent faculty students. The student-faculty ratio at the CSU today is about 19 to 1.

It is extremely disappointing that the chancellor prefers to use his letter to mislead the campus in propaganda tactics rather than speak honestly about teaching situation in the CSU system. The California Faculty Association (CFA) is strong in the CSU and has a clear and consistent educational experience for all of our students. We hope that students recognize their importance and use the CFA to make sure they are learning conditions.

Phil Fitzer is chapter president of California Faculty Association at Cal Poly.

Parking curb raises safety issues at night editor

For the first time in my two years here at Cal Poly, I felt unsafe walking home from the CSU parking lot to North Mountain. I was walking home past the R2 parking lot next to Yosemite Hall to the North Mountain hills in the dark and alone. I knew I had to be extra careful.

As you can imagine, after my late-night workout, I was pretty upset from overheated Campus Police at 1:10 a.m. to share my concern about this situation.

The campus police did offer me a night ride home. I chose not to accept the offer but thanked them for their help.

As I walked home, I thought of ways to be safe. I realized that I can’t feel I can’t feel safe on campus because I’m scared of losing my parking spot and my sense of security.

I spend $42 a quarter for a residential parking permit. Does that not entitle me to a parking spot close to home?

Jennifer Beard is a journalism senior.
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Hornets change mind on possible relocation

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Charlotte Hornets, barred by a throng of souvenir hunters and progress in their battle for a new arena, withdrew their application for relocation to Memphis, Tenn., on Wednesday.

Hornets co-owner George Shinn said he was thwarted in his plans to move Game 5 against the Heat played a part in his decision. A capacity crowd of 22,283 saw the Hornets win 94-75.

Charlotte's only other two sellouts this season had 4,320 fewer fans because the Hornets had lured over the "least desirable" seats until the playoffs.

"As much as the Hornets are an asset to the community, this community has been an asset to the Hornets, and this team belongs to the fans of Charlotte," Shinn said in a statement.

The Hornets applied with the NBA in March to move the team to Memphis. The Vancouver Grizzlies also applied to move to Memphis, and the NBA said it would evaluate both applications and decide which team, if either, would move.

Shinn and co-owner Ray Woolridge cited losses of more than $1 million a month, declining attendance and a need for a new arena with luxury seating. Shinn said he felt the need to further show a commitment to Charlotte and our fans," he said.

Donahue promoted to 49ers general manager

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — After learning at the side of Hall of Famer Bill Walsh for the last two years, the time has come for Terry Donahue.

The San Francisco 49ers on Wednesday officially promoted Donahue to general manager.

Walsh, who was brought back as 49ers general manager in 1999 and provided stability to a franchise which was in chaos due to ownership problems, will remain with the organization as a consultant.

Donahue served as director of player personnel for the last two seasons and was selected by Walsh as his successor. He is highly regarded in naming Chicago Bears director of scouting Bill Bees, who excelled as Donahue's recruiting coordinator at UCLA, as his director of player personnel.

Walsh, 69, recently conducted his final draft with the 49ers and continued to lay a foundation on defense for Donahue to build upon, selecting California defensive end Andre Carter with the seventh round. In 2000, Walsh drafted five linebackers- Julian Peterson, 25-year lease

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natural for any college team.

"Until you know your personnel, it takes awhile to know where players need to be on the punt team, kick off team or the kick return team," Ellerson said.

The first-year head coach said depth will be the team's major weakness.

"I don't see who we're weaknesses are on defense," Ellerson said. "But I know what they are on the offense to make things happen.

"Many changes will occur this season," and Ellerson said that having new systems on both sides of the ball will make the players more efficient.

"That system will evolve and mature," Ellerson said. "And the guys will grow into the system." Ellerson said some players stuck out to him as having a great camp, but he didn't want to name specific players in order to keep team unity.

"It was obvious to me who's recovery on the defense, and I have some guys who I'm encourage by," he said.

I'm not ready to say who is a weapon," Most players on the team have seen differences not only in Ellerson's coaching but also in the practices.

"Coach Ellerson is great," said senior defensive back Ken Wilso. "We needed new blood on the field and he brings the intensity that we needed." Wilson said that this season's spring training was different because they worked on more fundamentals. Other players agreed with Wilson and said Ellerson brings more efficiency to the team.

"We learned a lot during spring training," said senior defensive back Kurt Rubin. "One thing I liked was practicing in the morning instead of the evening." Ellerson said he cares what his players think because they share that excitement, something he felt the need to further show a commitment to Charlotte and our fans," he said.

"The guys here pay more attention to their education," he said. "They know that it will influence their life a lot more than football will." Coaching a team that is more focused makes Ellerson more enthusiastic about his job.

"You inherit a legacy, but you have to reinvent yourself a little bit of that every year, so you're going to lose guys who will graduate and there will be new players," he said. "The team dynamic changes every year, but we can't assume that because we had an enthusiastic team last year, we will this year."

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Sports

Mavericks try to run and gun to series victory over Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Dallas Mavericks delivered just what coach Don Nelson wanted - a return trip to Utah.

And the Mavs won't be wide-eyed and softly-kneed this time. They've got four games over.

"We've got Game 1, but we were too inexperienced," said Dirk Nowitzki, who was stripped while driving the lane near the end of the opener. "This time we're ready for a game, especially in the third game."

Championship. He recently defeated John Linden in the Valetudo - a fighting league where anything is legal - and is the current IFC champion for light-heavyweights.

Liddell's celebrity status within the sport of ultimate fighting continues to grow, and a victory over Randyland would add to his international prestige. A sign of how much respect Liddell commands in the sport is his emergence as a character in the Sega Dreamcast UFC video game. During a recent online sta­ tus, Liddell is living up to his nick­ name and taking things in stride. "Somebody out there doesn't seem to think you're cool," he said. "It's something that comes with doing well in the sport, so in that sense I'm happy when people recognize me." Ultimate fighting enjoyed early success on pay-per-view but was damaged by last year's Labor Day in Congress suggesting several congressmen that it was too soon. The UFC has since added more rules and has been picked up by many of the State Athletic Commissions as a result. While the UFC is not yet back on mainstream pay-per-view, Liddell's Friday night can be seen on satellite direct pay-per-view at 6 pm.

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"They did the most humili­ating," said Baker. "Each fraternity and sorority drew a player to 'sponsor.' If their player hit a home run, even if it wasn't anything over a hot dog and a soda. The fraternity or sorority won a $5 gift certificate. Best house in attendance won a pizza prize.

Theme nights are only one of many promotions developed by Cal Poly Athletics.

Targeted to Cal Poly students, they are not always successful with some of the different groups, said Chris Baker, assistant athletic director in charge of marketing.

"The main reason is either the shortness of time in getting informa­ tion to groups or coming up with an incentive," said Baker. "Free food only works so much.

But more nights, other pro­ motions for all athletic events include in-game promotions and sponsored contests. Gift certificates are won through contests, stickers are handed out to the first people through the door and T-shirts are thrown.

Larger contests have included promotions like the Staples Center Challenge and "Who's Got Balls?"

An airplane toss, called the Staples Center Challenge, tested all types of skills, from tossing darts in or near the San Fernando or Pepperidge suites to exchange a for a seat in the Pepsi suite during a Lakers game.

Students and San Luis Obispo resi­ dents folded planes with their names on them and threw them at a large barrel. The winner of the game went to a finals round at the end of the season with the final toss based on a point system.

"This is the second year we've done it," Baker said. "It is very pop­ ular."
**Ellerson pleased with spring progress**

By Adrenna Benjamin  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After only a month of committing plays and learning each player's skills, Cal Poly football coach Rich Ellerson has to sit back and let his players continue practicing without his guidance on the field until summer camp.

Last month's spring training was a learning process for both the players and Ellerson, who has coached football for more than 20 years and previously coached at the University of Arizona. This is Ellerson's rookie season and first spring with the Mustangs.

"I feel good about the team," Ellerson said. "I think we're at least as far along as I'd hope to be."

Ellerson said the team has learned a lot both offensively and defensively.

"He added that one of the primary parts of the football system is to make sure that the coaches are giving the players the best chance to be successful."

"We don't want someone to do something physically or mentally that is not suited for them," he said. "Our system is flexible enough to accommodate different strengths and weaknesses."

One of the weaknesses that Ellerson mentioned was the team’s kicking game, which he said was

**Cal Poly grad heads back to UFC octagon**

By Rob Cassel  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The challenges keep getting bigger for Cal Poly graduate Chuck "The Ice Man" Liddell, and Liddell is staying cool as ice.

He will battle Kevin "The Monster" Randleman Friday in a light heavyweight Ultimate Fighting Championship match that will be his biggest to date. The fight will take place in Atlantic City, N.J., at the Trump Taj Mahal. UFC matches are fought in an octagon instead of a conventional ring.

Liddell, who trains at San Luis Obispo Kickboxing, said he fights for the challenge of putting himself up against guys who are very good.

"I'm always striving to improve all the different areas of my game," he said. "My goals are to fight the most quality fighters I can and be the one left standing in the octagon. The worst feeling I ever had was losing, but that's in any sport that I've done. I hate losing."

Randleman is the former UFC heavyweight champion of the world as well as an NCAA Division I wrestling champion. He is dropping down to the light heavyweight division for a shot to battle champion Tito Ortiz, who is a friend and training partner of the 31-year-old Liddell.

The cutoff for the fight's light heavyweight division is 205 pounds, and both

**Aaron's record will be broken**

When Barry Bonds recently socked the 500th home run of his career at Pacific Bell Park, the debate over whether he could break Hank Aaron's 755 Homer mark before the ball had even splashed into McCovey Cove. 

When a player reaches an incredible milestone, it's not unusual for fans and analysts to speculate as to whether he is in reach of the record that

**Recent promos successful for Poly athletics**

By Dena Horton  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It wasn't an Inter-Fraternity Council meeting or a Panhellenic meeting that got Greeks together Friday night.

Greek Night at Bob Janssen Stadium had sororities and fraternities joining together to see FOOTBALL, page 18