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Culture

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Motorcycle

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Lewis returned to the hospital and a nurse told him the news. Hitchens had been on campus with a friend when he received Lewis' phone call. He headed straight to the hospital and found Lewis outside. "Stephen pulled up on his bike, and he knew," Lewis said. "He just started saying, 'No, no.'" Sherwood was pronounced dead Thursday evening at the hospital, police said.

The cause of death is unknown, but University Police Cmdr. Bill Watson said The Tribune that he might have died from internal trauma.

"I lost my best friend," Lewis said. "Stephen and I were better friends with Trevor than we were with each other. He was at the top of both of our lists. Stephen's really going to have to step it up to fill that guy's shoes because he was awesome." Sherwood grew up in Cayucos. After serving in the military for four years, he came back to the Central Coast where he studied at Cuesta College and transferred to Cal Poly last fall. He was expected to graduate from Cal Poly next year, Hitchens said.

Sherwood's greatest hobby was spending time with those he loved. He enjoyed life to the fullest with his good friends, Hitchens said. "If you look at his friends, they're from all walks of life," said Hitchens, who had known Sherwood since childhood. "He took everyone at face value, for what they were." Sherwood also enjoyed staying physically fit, playing football, wakeboarding, snowboarding and watching the Lakers. He was in the Army ROTC at Cal Poly, and he was extremely proud of his military career, Hitchens said.

Both Lewis and Hitchens said they remember Sherwood for pushing them to do their best in everything. "Trevor pushed Stephen and I so hard that both of us grew in the past year," Lewis said. "Trevor was my strength; Trevor was the reason I am who I am today. I dedicate the success of my senior year to Trevor and that's just not a statement of words, it's reality." Sherwood was the second Cal Poly student to die in a motorcycle accident this year.

Mechanical engineering transfer student Matthew McDonald, 24, died on Feb. 12 after he lost control of his motorcycle while doing a wheelie on Hathaway Avenue and crashed into a parked pick-up truck. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, motorcycle deaths increased by 11 percent in 2003. Sherwood was survived by his mother Jennyl Peery of the Bay Area, sister Joleigh Sherwood of San Luis Obispo and father Philip Sherwood of Montanta.

The viewing will be held Monday night at Wheeler Smith Mortuary, at 2800 South Higuera St., from 7-8:30 pm.

Services will be held at Cayucos Community Church, on the corner of South Ocean and Third Street, on Tuesday at noon. Family members and friends asked that those wishing to attend the funeral contact Hitchens at 524-7751 for more information.

There will be a gathering on Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the site of the accident.

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SACRAMENTO — With the nation's first legal gay nuptials nearly a week old, former presidential candidate Alan Keyes urged hundreds of gay marriage opponents at the state Capitol on Saturday to fight to limit the institution to straight couples only.

The purpose of marriage is to produce children, something homosexuals are physically incapable of, said Keyes, who ran unsuccessfully for the Republican presidential nomination in 2000.

While legislation allowing gay marriage was stalled in the Legislature, the rally was timed before the state Supreme Court deliberations and who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Reno, Nev. — A 12-year-old girl was arrested on suspicion of selling methamphetamine to an undercover officer in the downtown Reno casino area.

Police said the sixth-grader booked Thursday night could be the city's youngest suspected drug dealer ever.

"We don't see kids this age doing this," Reno police Sgt. Chuck Kendricks said. "This should be a message to parents: Do you really know where your kids are? Come on, 12 years old, Jesus, that's a disaster."

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NEW YORK — Tim Russert from NBC and a journalist from Time Inc. have received federal subpoenas to face questioning about the alleged leak of an undercover CIA weapons expert's identity, but both news organizations said Sunday they would fight the subpoenas.

The companies said the subpoenas came from a special grand jury investigating whether the Bush administration improperly disclosed the identity of the agent, Valerie Plame. After her husband, former diplomat Joseph Wilson, publicly challenged the White House's claim that Iraq had been trying to obtain uranium for nuclear weapons from Africa.

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Commentary
The end of an era has come. That's this last column. This is the last time you will be able to open Mustang Daily on a Monday to find our shining (or outdated) faces staring back at you. "Read us! Read us! We know you are sad."

And so are we, but we took about an hour to get through that first paragraph you just read because we couldn't see the computer screen through our tears. The flood of emotions leading up to this last column has been overwhelming. We've lost sleep, our grades have slipped and we've even given up drinking.

Just kidding. We still drink. How do you think we are coping with all this stress?

OK, to be honest, we really aren't that sad. Sure, we won't be able to claim celebrity anymore, but we've had a good run. If anything, this is a time for celebration because we know that no other columnists will be able to touch readers like we have. In a sense, we are going down as legends.

All right, maybe our heads are a little too big. But the real reason we aren't too broken up about this whole ordeal is because it has been a wonderful learning experience. And if we've learned one thing throughout the course of "Quit yer Bitchin"'s epic history, it is this. Don't take yourself too seriously or don't take us too seriously for that matter. We've spent many hours producing countless articles of brilliance. That's right, brilliance.

And it hasn't been easy. We have slaved, sacrificing valuable time with friends and family to deliver this masterpiece every week so we hope you appreciate it. And if you don't appreciate it, hopefully you've gotten a good laugh out of it at one time or another.

Our collective consciousness is telling us to stop being pretentious. Actually, we know that you appreciate our hard work, because we can't tell you how many times people have come up to us and said, "Aren't you that guy/gal who writes 'Quit Yer Bitchin'"? To which we humbly reply, "Yep, that's me." Nothing more, nothing less. No boasting or bragging about it. We leave that for the column.

It has been great to be welcomed into the hurs of our readership, and we will miss you. We'll miss the people who come up to us in the Wal-Mart parking lot, at parties, in class, downtown, anywhere and say "Quit Yer Bitchin"? with all the excitement of a 5-year-old.

With this end of this weekly column, we've decided to turn over a new leaf. We're getting rid of the bitching — it's out of our systems for good. We're gonna move on our lives with a positive attitude. No more making fun of people, places or things. We're only going to give compliments and let everyone know about all the things we love. You will soon be unable to recognize us on the streets due to our wide grins, as opposed to our former cynical stares.

We can't wait to spread our good will and unending cheer to everyone else. We'll be like that girl in high school who you always hated because she was perfect — beautiful, too damn nice, and you knew you could never live up to her standards. We'll be just like — minus the beautiful part — and that's you.
BIG AIR
at BMX and Band Blowout

BMX riders launching over students combined with up and coming bands would normally make for a packed venue.

This year’s BMX and Band Blowout may have lacked audience members, but the riders and bands were set on stunning the people who did attend.

Associated Students Inc. Event’s BMX and Band Blowout was held from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday.

“It's a cool atmosphere,” stunt team manager Woody Itson said. “It’s more laid back to do shows at colleges.”

The BMX stunt team was led by X Games competitors Mike Parenti and William Zak.

In between the 360s and supermans off the vert ramp, riders also attempted the ever-technical flatland riding.

Flatland riders Dave Hansen, from Pismo Beach, and Dennis Langlais tore up the pavement of parking lot H-16, just north of Campus Market, with mind-boggling balance.

Habaneros, winner of the residence hall Battle of the Bands, was the opening act followed by Joose, The Expendables and JND.

The traveling bike stunt show has three tours coming up at fairs across the country. They will also be hosting the Sports Illustrated for Kids Tour, followed by 72 straight days at Raging Waters in San Dimas from June 12 to Aug. 22.

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Video game fans dance off extra pounds

Anita Chang

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Forget the image of paunchy video gamers holed up in a dark room, surrounded by sticky Twinkie wrappers and empty soda cans.

Dance Dance Revolution players burn extra pounds along with their quarters. Weight loss is an unexpected benefit of a game designed for dance mode.

Natalie Henry, 14, was drawn to the pulsing techno songs and didn’t realize she had slumped down until she went clothes shopping.

“I went to go buy pants and the 14s were too big. The more I played, I gradually had to get smaller size pants,” said Henry, who now buys size 8 baggy cargos.

The premise of DDR is simple: Players stand on a 3-foot square platform with an arrow on each side of the square — pointing up, down, left and right. The player faces a video screen that has arrows scrolling upward to the beat of a song chosen by the player. As an arrow reaches the top of the screen, the player steps on the corresponding arrow on the platform.

Sound easy? Throw in combinations of multiple arrows and speed up the pace, and the game is as challenging and vigorous as a high-impact aerobics class.

Most beginners look like they’re stomping on ants and are flushed in the face after one or two songs.

“At first I was playing it for fun, but when you see results you’re like, ‘Yeah!’” said Matt Keene, a 19-year-old from Charleston, S.C., who used to weigh more than 350 pounds and was so heavy and have arthritis.

But what the creators knew is that this is a physical game no matter how you dice it,” said Enos, who said he has lost 30 pounds playing DDR.

“At some level there’s going to be people who want to focus on that element of the game for their own physical health or for exercise.”

One pediatrician is so convinced of the health benefits that he’s planning a six-month study of DDR and weight loss among 12- to 14-year-olds, in an effort to give the game credibility among physicians.

Dr. Richard Adler of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis, said he likes the game because “it gets the kids off their butts, and they lose weight.”

“Just like the kids are addicted to regular video games where they use their hands and thumbs, they just don’t want to stop,” said Adler, who drives a sport utility vehicle with a license plate urging people to “exercise.”

One possible downside, Adler said, is that DDR might cause discomfort in the joints of players who are heavy and have arthritis.

“Two. I’m guilty of that,” Justin said with a grin as he watched friends play DDR.

Others say the game has changed their lives dramatically.

Seventeen-year-old Justin Meeks says the body is more toned, but his weight hasn’t changed. He’s pleased with the results.

More than 1 million copies of DDR’s home version have been sold in the United States, said Jason Enos, product manager at Konami Digital Entertainment-America, which distributes the Japanese game in the United States. About 6.5 million copies of DDR have been sold worldwide.

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Mustangs end 2004 season by taking two games from rival Gauchos

Dan Watson  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

The Mustangs weren't playing for a spot in the NCAA Tournament, but facing a nearby rival was enough to inspire them.

Cal Poly pounded out 12 hits and closed the game on Nolan Moser's arm, beating UC Santa Barbara 11-8 in the final game of the season. The Mustangs took two out of three from the Gauchos and finished 10-11 in the Big West Conference. It was the second straight season that the Mustangs finished below .500 in conference play. The team finished in a three-way tie for fourth place.

Cal Poly needed a sweep of the Gauchos to have an outside chance at earning a NCAA Division I berth. "Our approach was just to win as many as possible," head coach Larry Lee said on the final series. "On the season, we did take four out of seven series in conference."

Unfortunately, Cal Poly was swept in the three other series against nationally-ranked teams and the Big West champion.

"We were playing very well coming into that part of the season," Lee said. "They were just physically better. Having the mental edge was a big part of it, too."

With the win Sunday, the Mustangs still set a school record for wins with 38, the most for a Cal Poly squad since moving to Division I in 1995.

Another incentive to win was to honor the six seniors - second baseman Adam Leozt, shortstop Josh Mayo, center fielder Sam Herbert, right-fielder Chalon Tierje, catcher Cory Tallon and relief pitcher Nolan Moser. "I'm glad we won for them," left fielder Kyle Blumenhal said. "It was a pleasure to play with them. They're awesome guys."

Blumenhal did all he could to send them out in style. His six RBIs on Sunday were the second most by any Mustang this year.

The Mustangs fell behind early when the Gauchos found the long ball. After Taylor Vogt doubled, Matt Pickwick singled to drive home and then joined them in the dugout when Matt Kalafatis smashed a two-run home run left field.

Cal Poly responded in the second inning when Brandon Roberts singled through the right side to bring in two runs. The hit took a 10-5 lead after Blumenhal singled to drive in Leavitt and Herbert. Tierje later scored on a bunt.

UC Santa Barbara scored three runs in the eighth inning before Moser replaced relief pitcher Tony Saipe and finished the inning. The Mustangs would tack on a run in the bottom of the frame and watch Moser strike out the side to close the game.

Mustang Jonathan Fleming started the game and surrendered four earned runs in 3 2/3 innings. The win went to Saipe (3-2).

**Late Santa Barbara rally nets Gauchos 17-6 win on Saturday**

Graham Womack  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

For six innings Saturday, it appeared the Cal Poly baseball team would beat UC Santa Barbara, keep alive their third-place hopes in the Big West and set a school wins record.

Gauchos batters quickly changed with an apocalyptic seventh inning. In an epic slugfest that required 42 pitches from four Mustang pitchers, the Gauchos erupted 13 times and scored seven runs to erase a 6-4 Cal Poly lead entering the inning. While the Mustangs managed only four hits thereafter, the Gauchos tacked on five more runs in the eighth and one in the ninth to win 17-6.

"Today's just one of those days," said losing pitcher Frank McLaughlin (2-1), who pitched three mostly solid innings of relief but lost the lead in the seventh. "Baseball's a weird game."

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-MARRY LEE  
Mustang head coach

"We had to pitch to contact and we didn't do that very well," assistant coach Jerry Weinstein said.

Head coach Larry Lee has repeated this all season as Cal Poly is far behind this year. Again Saturday, Lee praised his squad, saying his players have better conditioning, work ethics and attitudes. He said they've gotten a lot out of their abilities.

At the same time, Lee said the door for playoff opportunity for the Mustangs may have closed a while back. Even senior second baseman Adam Leovitz, who had perhaps the best offensive performance for Cal Poly on Saturday, wasn't celebrating after going 3-for-4 with an RBI.

"I don't think we're very much done," Leovitz said. On Friday, the Mustangs beat the Gauchos 5-2, thanks in large part to starter Jimmy Shull. He struck out 12, while only giving up two runs in 7 1/3 innings of work.