American schools leave science behind

Counseling program aims to prevent suicide

College student depression statistics

Students diagnosed with depression

- 15.7% among college students
- 8.5% among college students

Males: 15.7%
Females: 8.5%

KATE FEALAN

Even though the Cal Poly teaching credential program requires students to take more science courses than most colleges, some students do not feel they are prepared to teach science in the classroom.

Recent study: Fourth graders in the United States rank fifth among 15 nations in math and science performance

Crystal Phend

Kiley Ross began student teaching in a Sinsheimer Elementary School classroom four weeks ago. As a liberal studies major, she helps teach math, writing and reading skills to Ms. Walorita’s third graders.

She has yet to see a single science lesson. The children only have half an hour of science twice a week in the afternoons when Ross is not at the school.

According to recent surveys by the National Science Foundation and Bayer, this scenario may be all too common across the country. Elementary school teachers often receive minimal preparation to teach science, which along with pressure to teach to state standardized tests leaves American students with lower science scores than their foreign counterparts.

An international comparison of the math and science performance of fourth graders found that American students’ scores were much higher than average but with a lower ranking (sixth) among the 15 participating nations than in the previous 1995 study. The Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study was funded by the National Science Foundation.

This kind of comparison is an indicator of the number of future skilled workers available to a nation.

“The nation’s economy is based on science, technology, engineering and math,” College of Science and Mathematics Dean Philip Bailey said. “We don’t produce enough to fuel the economy.”

One reason many cite for low student performance is the lack of science education for teachers.

In a national survey sponsored by Bayer, the majority of teachers (72 percent) and deans (84 percent) surveyed said “elementary teacher education programs should require their undergraduates to take more science.”

 EVENTS CALENDAR

What: Fund-raiser for romantic comedy
A team of Cal Poly students currently filming a feature-length romantic comedy as their senior project will hold a preview screening and fund-raiser to help finance final film production. The group is writing, producing, directing and promoting an independent feature-length film called “Leave it to Chance.”

When: Friday, 7 p.m.
Where: Chamah Auditorium
More Info: Call Eileen Chiao at (626) 278-8511.

What: Events Team Training
Join the ASI “Events Team” to help guide the decisions about what entertainment ASI Events brings to campus and to get hands-on experience at events. At the Events Team training, you will learn about exciting opportunities for the upcoming year.

When: Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: San Luis Obispo Senior Center, 1455 Santa Rosa St., adjacent to Mitchell Park
More Info: Call Joy Pederson at 756-6749.

What: Student piano recital
Cal Poly piano students will perform in recital, and the performance is free and open to the public.

When: Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Davidson Music Building, room 218
More Info: Call the music department at 756-2496.
Suicide

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ings are preventable, and mental health screening is often times the first step in getting help.

Counseling services provides several programs for students to gain information and help with identifying depression and suicidal thoughts.

"We live in a society that is very stressful and I don't think all the times students have the best skills in dealing with it," George said.

A new program sponsored by Counseling Services, Incasences focuses on helping students deal with their problems when they are small. The program starts today at 11 a.m. in the medical library, room 153. To register call Counseling Services at 756-2511.

Incases is a free-service program where students can learn how to deal with issues when they seem insignificant. Session topics include how to make friends, how to cope with stress, how to deal with confrontation, how to be assertive and how to identify what they are feeling.

George said, "I want people to start considering coming into counseling services when they've been depressed for a couple days, not a couple years," she said. "Or when they've had a thought about, 'Wow, I'm to their adviser more than they do their professors and to their advisors more than they talk to me. They have more contact with them. They're excellent eyes and ears for us.'"

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Anyone who has questions about Counseling Services or is seeking help should call 756-2511.

Science

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Another part of George's job is to provide educational services for Cal Poly's faculty and staff. This year, George wrote and distributed a brochure for the faculty and staff, the focus of the pamphlet was students and suicide.

George said there is a tremendous benefit in providing faculty and staff this information.

"I see a client for one hour a week," she said. "The faculty member may see them 10-plus hours a week, besides office hour. When I taught classes, it was very obvious to me who was having difficulties, poor academic attendance, poor performance on tests, poor performance on papers and projects. Students talk to their professors and to their advisors more than they talk to me. They have more contact with them. They're excellent eyes and ears for us."

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LAGUNA BEACH — Nearly three-dozen juvenile squid — the biggest 17 pounds — washed up on a large-scale Israeli invasion to curb the violence.

ONTARIO — A gang member was shot to death by police after arming himself with a 12-inch knife and a barbecue fork and taking family members hostage.

Manuel Zaragoza Lopez, 24, used his mother as a human shield at dawn Tuesday before firing at an officer, who shot the parolee, police Detective David McBride said.

NAPA — A Napa coffee shop is being sued after one of its customers claimed she suffered third-degree burns from a cup of hot tea.

In a lawsuit filed this month in Napa Superior Court, Donna Goegebuchi claimed she was burned when the Beyond Coffee cafe heated up water to a scorching temperature. She said the water was so hot, the cup disintegrated in her hand, and she was burned instantly.

Beyond Coffee owner Carrie Markham said Goegebuchi told her she had been hurt enough to go on disability and demanded the phone number of the cafe’s insurance carrier.

WASHINGTON — For the first time, cancer has surpassed heart disease as the top killer of Americans under 85, health officials said Wednesday.

The good news is that deaths from both are falling, but improvement has been more dramatic for heart disease. "It’s dropping fast enough that another disease is eclipsing it," said Dr. Walter Thor, president of the American Public Health Association.

WASHINGTON — Condoleezza Rice won strong but not unanimous endorsement as secretary of state from a Senate panel Wednesday, assuring skeptical Democrats she welcomed debate about the nation’s foreign policy course and wouldn’t sugarcoat her advice to President Bush.

If confirmed by the full Senate, Rice would be the first black woman to hold the post.

Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Confirmation had been expected as soon as Thursday, but Democrats said they wanted more time, at least until next week.

TAMPA, Fla. — In what is believed to be the first ruling of its kind, a judge on Wednesday upheld the federal law letting states ban same-sex marriages, dismissing a lawsuit by two women seeking to have their Massachusetts marriage recognized here.

Attorneys for conservative groups hailed the ruling by U.S. District Judge James S. Moody as an important first step, but the plaintiffs promised to appeal.

Although several federal cases challenge the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, attorneys said Wednesday’s ruling was the first by a federal judge on a direct challenge to the law.

NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON — The pilot and his two children survived after an engine failure forced their small plane to belly land in a Colorado river Wednesday.

The Regional Airline Association said the southbound flight was flying too high when the engines failed.

The plane, a heavily modified Cessna 208B Caravan, was carrying two people and a cargo load.

The National Transportation Safety Board has launched an investigation into the incident.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The top Palestinian security official Wednesday ordered troops deployed along the Gaza-Israel border in an attempt to curb attacks from the Arab enclave, and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon reversed course again, approving a "security meeting" that for the time being headed off a possible large-scale Israeli invasion to curb the smuggling.

The Palestinian troop deployment to stop militants from firing rockets and mortars into Israeli territory along the border was the first concrete step to rein in militants since the election of Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas.

MOUNT ARAFAT, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia’s top cleric told 2 million hajj pilgrims Wednesday that some of Islam’s own sons had been "lured by the devil" to conduct violent attacks on the kingdom and charged that the non-Muslim world was conspiring against the people of the faith.

The pilgrims converged on Mount Arafat for the climax of the annual pilgrimage the faithful believe will wipe away their sins.

The oldest man in the world is 113 years, 149 days. He is also the oldest living veteran, London-based Guinness said.

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— Associated Press

BRIEFS

Thursday, January 20, 2005

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — The oldest man in the world is from Puerto Rico, the Guinness Book of World Records has reported.

Friends and relatives of Mercado del Toro officially became the world’s oldest living man on Monday, at the age of 113 years, 199 days.

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UNDER? OR UNDER THE INFLUENCE?

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From the trailers, one might

expect the upbeat beginning of

the movie quickly descends into a

continuous flow of depressing

events.

Despite the movie's inert plot

where little seems to actually hap­

pen. "In Good Company" has two
great qualities: remarkable charac­
ter interactions and a flawless
depiction of today's corporate

world.

"In Good Company" is a

humorous tale of two different

men with two different outlooks

on life. Dan Foreman (Dennis

Quaid) is an old-fashioned man in

his early 50s who's been the ad

sales head at "Sports America"
magazine, Foreman is kicked out

of his corner office and replaced by Carter Duryea (Topher Grace), a 26-year-old corporate hotshot

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Duryea, though marked by gen­

uine affection, avoids becoming a

dish because it's circumstantial,
even hesitant and well-acted.

Grace and Quaid instill what

could have been cartoon strips —

the young clean-cut, insistent

nightmare who's in it for the

game; the red-faced, obstinate
dinosaur who's in it for relation­

ships — with compassion, wisdom

and great comic timing.

Rising up from his former roles

in "That 70's Show" and "Win a

Date with Tad Hamilton," Grace

shows utter refinement in his role

as Duryea. Embarking on a serious

film career, Grace exemplifies

both naked aspiration and help­

lessness. Quaid, one of the old­
timers in the movie industry, is

much more established, imposing

and engaging with his humor

perfectly placed in each scene.

From her earlier roles in "Girl

with a Pearl Earring" and "Lost in

Translation," one would assume

Johansson's role as Alex would

be extraordinary. Yet, her charac­
ter was left as a closed box;

emotionless, detached and cold.

She holds some great moments

with Quaid, but in general, her

performance could have been bet­

ter.

But, the movie is still worth

seeing; just don't expect to leave

the theatre feeling cheerful or

happy about life. Instead, "In

Good Company" captures the

essence of one of life's most

imperative questions, "What's

more important, money or fami­

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Oprah Winfrey is one of the most successful and powerful women on the planet. What is the key to her success?

Nicole Stevers

Some people plan their classes around sports or work, but I plan my schedule around "The Oprah Winfrey Show." I can't help it. There is nothing I would rather do at 4 p.m. every day than plop down in front of the television set and see what Oprah will do next. I'm sure there are a lot of you out there who share the same habit and at this very moment are thinking about what will be on her show this afternoon.

Oprah Winfrey is one of the most successful and powerful women on the planet. There are two simple components to Oprah's show that make her so popular. One, the subject matter of the shows is always different. Two, everyone feels like Oprah could be their friend.

The best thing about "The Oprah Winfrey Show" is that it's never boring. She does something different every day and that's why her show appeals to so many people. It's one of the few shows a room full of women of varying ages can all watch together contentedly.

One day Oprah could be interviewing a celebrity and the next day discussing racial tensions in the South. Typical Oprah topics can vary from books, makeovers, life lessons and raising children, to healthcare, social commentary, employment, celebrity and fashion.

Oprah's show appeals to the different aspects of everyone's life. Some days, people want to see serious stories they can learn from and other days they just want to laugh at something lighthearted.

One of the things that makes Oprah stand out from other talk show hosts is her style. In Deborah Tannen's feature on Oprah Winfrey in Time Magazine, she wrote that "Donahue was the pioneer of the format Oprah uses. His style can be classified as "report-talk" with the emphasis on information. This style is typical of conversations between men, whereas Tannen labels Oprah's style as "rapport-talk," the back-and-forth conversation typical of female friendships."

It is this format that places emphasis on self-revelation and appeals to women who want to talk about personal issues. Oprah also shares intimate information about her self, making a connection with her audience.

So, not only does Oprah fans love the show, they love the host. Her success as a minority easily lends her to being a role model for many. Her story is inspirational and she has become one of the most influential people in society today.

If you doubt the fact that she is a dynamic player on the public scene, consider the following facts. When she chooses a book for her on-air book club, it immediately shoots to the top of the bestseller list. When she said on her show that she was too scared to eat a hamburger during the mad-cow disease scare, the beef industry felt so threatened they sued her.

In 1997 she chose the Angel Network and encouraged viewers to donate their spare change to charity. To date, more than $12 million has been raised, $5.1 million from viewers and $7 million from sponsors and celebrity contributions. So that 100 percent of the funds go to the charities the Angel Network assists, Oprah personally covers the organization's administrative costs.

People are in awe of Oprah, but at the same time we feel like she is our best friend. Simply put, Oprah makes people feel good and that's why so many people can't help but watch her show.

Wanted: Music with substance

Mike Blank

On Tuesday, Jan. 4, 72,000 people at the National Championship Orange Bowl in Miami, joined together. No, not to root for or against the Oklahoma Sooners or the USC Trojans but rather to boo a corporate-produced pop star.

"Supposed" singer Ashlee Simpson faced the heat and jeers of football fans during her headlining performance at the halftime show. The taunts were so intense and audible that the camera quickly cut away from her face and went to commercials to save Simpson the embarrassment.

The negative vocal reaction came months after Simpson's performance on NBC's "Saturday Night Live," which revealed she pulled a "Milli Vanilli" by lip-syncing her own songs. The mishap was later attributed to "Milli Vanilli" by the producers.

This incident brings into question the notion that maybe people do not look favorably upon "world famous singers" who are unable to do the things that make these stars stand out from the crowd. Perhaps the public realizes that one should not be bestowed a certain title if they are unable to perform the duties that the title requires. You are not a pizza delivery person if you do not deliver pizzas. You are not a teacher if you do not teach. You are not a plumber if you know not the slightest thing about pipes.

And without question, you are not a singer if you cannot sing. In Miss Simpson's case, the offense is more egregious because of the amount of time the media spends telling us how great and fabulous she is.

Unfortunately, Ashlee Simpson is not alone in the music business to fall such criticism. Recently the successful Nickelback has been accused of plagiarizing, not another band, but themselves.

So how does Nickelback respond to being called out? Bass player Mike Krger was asked about the plagiarism in an interview with the Cleveland Free Times. He said, "I think that it's remarkable for someone to notice that there is a hit quality in all hits sound the same, the truth is. When you are a band that has a distinct style, such as AC/DC, that happens. When you have a distinct style, you run the risk of sounding similar." Although you can justify almost anything to yourself, some fans feel that this is grounds for fraud. It is not just these two Nickelback songs, either. Another of their hits, "Do This Anyways," also dives so perfectly into "How You Remind Me." To make matters worse, Pop singer AVRIL LAVIGNE'S hit, "My Happy Ending," matches "How You Remind Me" about 90 percent.

Her recent performance at the Orange Bowl has many wondering whether she deserves to be a star.

To some, this may be a mere coincidence. However, to others it represents an insidious and increasing level of uniform blandness across American radio.

Maybe the fans booing Ashlee Simpson at the Orange Bowl is a sign of an awakening across the nation that maybe we should not meekly accept who the media tells us is talented and music that can and should be a vehicle used to take us to emotionally stimulating places that we as human beings can only experience in the "now" of the moment. Maybe...but with the corporate-industrial system running at full steam, probably not. There's no money in it.
Companies stir up new recipes without trans fat

In an effort to stay ahead of federal labeling rules, snack food makers have eliminated trans fat from many products.

Joe Milicia
Associated Press

WOODMERE, Ohio — The nation's food companies are moving up a notch in cutting out trans fats from their products, but do not expect to see the ingredients removed from food labels next year.

The companies say there's a reason for changing, good health, but they're also looking ahead to any move toward the new federal rule and new dietary guidelines urging consumers away from trans fats.

Trans fats have been in the nation's food supply for decades, giving products a long shelf life and making goodies like chips and cookies oh so yummy.

They are formed when liquid oils turn into solid fats and they are generally listed on foods as partially hydrogenated oils. Grab a bag of cookies from the snack food aisle and chances are trans fats are there.

But watch for new labels. The Food and Drug Administration is ordering trans fats to be listed on food labels by January 2006. The FDA says trans fats like saturated fats, increase the risk of heart disease.

A few years ago, Sarah Zamir was like many consumers — clueless about the subject.

"I used to eat junk food a few years ago. We just didn't know," said the 32-year-old mother of three.

"Now, Zamir goes out of her way to shop at a store that promises 100 percent trans-fat-free products.

She says that since making the change in her family's diet, she's noticed a difference in her children's health, behavior and ability to get a good night's sleep.

"I don't touch trans fat at all," she said. But can filled with soy milk, cage-free eggs and even meat. It took several years for the Wild Oats Natural Marketplaces, where Zamir shops to remove all the trans fat from its shelves, said Maui Kelley, marketing coordinator of the store in Woodmere Village outside of Cleveland.

"There were a lot of companies we had to go into changing their ingredients," she said.

Eliminating trans fat isn't as simple as removing partially hydrogenated oils and substituting another oil — not if you want to keep the flavor. "It takes smart engineering, smart chemistry," said James Chung, president of Reach Advisors Inc., a Boston-based marketing strategy and research firm.

"There's a reason why consumers like partially hydrogenated oils. Let's face it — fat tastes good. "

So, Chung expects to see mainstream companies gain market share with trans fat-free products, up until the point that most have removed it.

Campbell Soup has revised some products and is working on a few more, including some varieties of Chunky soup and SpaghettiOs with meatballs.

"Our goal is to reduce the amount of trans fat while retaining the taste because we have products that people have been enjoying for years and years," spokesman Juli Mandel said.

Campbell's owns Pepperidge Farms, which meets no goal of having zero grams trans fat in a line called Goldfish crackers by December. Mandel said.

Pepperidge's new product is turning its attention to other products, especially cookies.

The J.M. Smucker Co. introduced a version of Crisco with zero grams trans fat last April. The new product comes in a green tub — a color consumers equate with being healthy,

Smucker's spokeswoman Maribeth Hadertscher said the product has been doing well.

Gorton Inc. announced it had removed trans fats from all 56 of its frozen seafood products.

Kraft Foods Inc. has removed trans fat from its Oreo and Cheez-It and is now working on other cookies and crackers, spokesman Nancy Dagler said.

The company wants to make sure that when eliminating trans fat, the new product's combined total of trans or saturated fats is lower than the original.

In some cases, like Triscuit, the removal of trans fat isn't noticeable. But in others it is like the trans fat-free Oreo, which has a different texture and taste compared with the cream, crispy original.

Frito-Lay began working to eliminate trans fat in 2002 and completed a conversion to corn oil for Tostitos, Doritos and Cheez-It a year later.

Frito-Lay was a trans fat trendsetter. Chung said, but the message got lost in the Atkins diet craze.

The worst fat

Trans fat is similar to saturated fat by raising low-density lipoprotein (LDL or "bad") cholesterol that increases the risk of coronary heart disease.

Replace trans fats with these:

- Olive and canola oils
- Mono and polyunsaturated fats
- Lpplie and corn oil
When: January 20th
Where: Chumash Auditorium
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Directory of Companies Participating in Ag Showcase

Crystal Springs Landscape
Established in 1973 and serving the San Francisco Bay Area, Crystal Springs Landscape provides outstanding customer quality and service over the full range of landscape services. Specializing in commercial landscape construction and maintenance, Crystal Springs Landscape also provides full irrigation management including water auditing, as well as interior- and exterior-scaping services. Using sound horticultural practices, Crystal Springs Landscape builds its reputation on industry expertise and referral business. If you are interested in a growing company with a growing career path, come see us at the Ag Showcase.

The J. M. Smucker Company
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A mechanical engineering senior recalled this professor advising, “If you get an eight, you’re on the right track. If you get a nine, then you have a
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Katie Zealear

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Publishers are not to blame for high textbook prices

As someone who has written several

textbooks, I take issue with part of what Blake Bolton said in his recent editorial about text pricing.

Professors are given a significant amount of latitude in terms of the
polices that they can set for their classes, provided that they apply the
policies equally to all of their students,” said business administration junior
William Weatherford, who served on the Academic Senate Grievance
Board for a quarter. “I think it’s unfair that one professor can fail 60 per
cent of his or her class while another lets nearly all their students pass.”

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**COMMENTARY**

Just a fan on this day in the press box

Ralph Garcia decisioned Oklahoma's Austin Davis to pick up one of two wins for the Mustangs in a 26-6 loss to Oklahoma at home.

Allison Terry

Despite losing to No. 10 ranked Oklahoma University, the Cal Poly wrestling team proved it can deal with some of the top athletes in the nation.

The Mustangs lost 26-6 in the non-conference meet Saturday at front of a crowd 400 people at Mott Gym. With seven nationally ranked wrestlers, the Stompers dominated eight of the 10 dual matches. But each match had a close score, and there were no pins or technical falls during the meet.

"If we're going to make it to the NCAA tournament, we're going to have to win a few more but they were all close scores. This is a top-ranked team and today's meet made us believe we can win," coach John Azevedo said.

Seniors Brody Barrios and Ralph Garcia picked up two wins for Cal Poly.

Barrios decisioned Oklahoma's Randy Salver 7-3 in the 165-pound match. Barrios scored two points with a takedown with 1:49 to go in the first period, and he scored three nearfall points to close the first period. Barron scored another point in the second period when Salaver used an illegal hold. In the third period, Barrios scored one point for an escape and Salaver scored three points for an escape and a takedown.

"This match is a stepping stone for the team to see that we can wrestle at the national level," Barron said. "We wrestled really tough and you can see the team's confidence raise after a day like today."

Wrestling at 177, Garcia decisioned Oklahoma's Austin Davis 3-2. After a scoreless first period, David scored the first point of the match with an escape early in the second period. Garcia scored early in the third period also with an escape. With 20 seconds left in the period, Garcia scored two points with a takedown. David scored one point with an escape in the closing seconds of the period. The 149-pound match was a tight score with Oklahoma's No. 3 ranked Matt Stotland decisioning junior Jeff Owens 4-2.

"I learned to be in a better mindset," Owens said. "I'll never let national ranking effect my mental preparedness again."

After a scoreless first period, Owens scored two points with a takedown, and Stotland scored one point with an escape. Stotland then scored two points with a reversal in the third period and controlled Owens for most of the match. Owens nearly earned a reversal of his own, but he was not able to fire his hand from Stotland's grasp. Stotland earned one point for riding time at the end of the match.

"Everyone was battling tough, going head until the buzzer," Owens said. "It would have been nice if we had been able to earn a couple more points."

Coach Azevedo said wrestling some of the best athletes in the nation will help the team be better prepared for the competition that lies ahead.

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**GOLDEN GRAHAM**

self-proclaimed sports scribe

Standing field-side Tuesday night, watching warm-ups for a college football all-star game, I passed to the face the fellow deep-down-pattern-journalist beside me. I pointed and told Mustang Daily sports editor Dan Watson to look, to behold the great Patterson that some blasphemer at SBC Park and others call Pic Bell — yet another reason I left Sun Luis Obispo just after 5:30 that morning to drive to San Francisco for the East-West Shrine Game.

It was the first time I had been on a field used by a major league baseball team since I'd taken a tour of Fenway Park the summer after eighth grade. I had last been inside SBC in August 2003, when I watched from the upper reserve as Barry Bonds cracked a game-winning homerun.

Women wanted to go out in the Giants dugout — I mainly wanted to take in the surroundings. A busy day certainly lay ahead.

Before kickoff, I talked to a scout. Later in the press box, I sat beside a couple that ran a Web site for the New York Giants. Greeting the beiden with the husband about baseball and the golden age of the NBA. After the game, I conducted interviews in a locker room typically home to visiting baseball teams.

Women and I were there to cover linebacker Jordan Beck as he became the first Mustang to play in the Shrine Game in 51 years, solidifying his potential to become mid-season pick in the upcoming NFL Draft. Still, I knew I had other motives.

In a press box filled with national media, Watson and I were conspicuously out of place, as the only college journalists in attendance. It finally hit us as we were leaving SBC Park on Saturday afternoon that, to our disappointment, we wouldn't be able to gain similar access again without press passes.

I wish I'd swapped an extra lunch or a complimentary notebook with a pigskin cover. My job ain't always like this.

Usually, I blow off homework and put in long hours to write about Cal Poly games or obscure athletes. I definitely don't mind the demands of this job — I'd be seeking employment in some other profession if I were unhappy.

Responses to my work are few and far between. Sometimes, I'll get feedback from some disgruntled reader, like when I apologetically predicted defeat below a basketball game against UC Santa Barbara, the type of writing not see Golden, page 15

Abrahamal with 28 points and forward Ryan Moore finishing with 21 points.

"We've got to give Davis a lot of credit. They were disciplined," coach Kevin Bromley said. "I thought they really executed their stuff and they made shots. Part of that is good execution in offense and part of that is poor defense."

"The win on Davis' part ended a three-game skid."

"It's embarrassing we lost by so much," Johnson said.

"We've got our work cut out for us," coach Kevin Bromley said. "We're only in the conference that played four straight road games, and then turn around and have two days off and then play three games in one week. And you know, this team's too young to do that."