CSU leaders take to pulpits to recruit pupils
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OAKLAND, Calif. — Leaders of the nation’s largest four-year public university took to the pulpit Sunday to preach the importance of going to college.

The recruitment effort, dubbed “Super Sundae,” sent administrators of the California State University system to 18 predominantly black churches in Northern California in an effort to boost enrollment. “We all share a dream that more of our young people will get a chance to go to college,” said CSU Chancellor Charles Reed, who spoke at the Acts Full Gospel of God and Christ Church in Oakland.

Super Sunday, in its second year, drew a number of campus presidents as participants as well as Lt. Gov. Michelle Locke and Lt. Gov. Kevin Shelley as participants as well as Lt. Gov. Kevin Shelley.

“We want all our children to get this chance,” Reed said, drawing cheers of “Amen,” from the audience.

About 6 percent of CSU’s students, 400,000 plus students are black, compared to a state population that is about 7 percent black.

Reed said he’s proud of CSU’s diversity, “but I know that we all have more to do.”

As is true at colleges across the country, there is a gender gap with black women outnumbering men. Black men represent about 3.5 percent of CSU’s student population.

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Author and CSU Stanislaus political science professor A’ad AbuKhalil will speak Wednesday about this summer’s conflict in Lebanon. He’s going to show students a different side of what’s happening in Lebanon that maybe they haven’t heard much about in the media,” said business senior Stella Ataya, president of Students for Justice and Peace in the Middle East.

The style, food and art of countries throughout the Middle East will be showcased in an event tonight at 7 p.m. in the Business building. AbuKhalil, a Lebanon native, has written three books, including “The Historic Dictionary of Lebanon,” and most recently, “The Battle For Saudi Arabia: Royalty, Fundamentalism, and Global Power.”

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cent of recent high school students but only 2.5 percent of new CSU freshmen.
Super Sunday is one of a number of initiatives aimed at increasing minority enrollment. In another program, CSU offers classes targeted at Hispanic parents to explain the mechanics of preparing their children for college and dispel any cultural resistance there may be to applying for financial aid.
The idea of visiting black churches grew out of meetings with community leaders.
"We are inspired and we're impressed with his direct approach to such African-Americans," Doris Limbrick, a senior associate pastor at Acts Full Gospel, said as she introduced Reed.
"I definitely think this will make an impact," said Riddell-Kaufman.
"We're interested. The response is really great," Johnson knows firsthand the importance of outreach; her path to a degree in social work from CSU began with a recruitment program aimed at foster youth.
"I see the great need for a program like this," she said.

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tions.
With the roughly 15-cent increase, students should expect to see a change in pricing at many of the Campus dining facilities.
"Prices will not be affected this year, but they will increase next year," Cushman said. Students have had mixed feelings regarding the price change because of other environmental difference it will make.
"I think it depends. I probably would buy less depending on the increase," said Dimitri Antoniou, an environmental management and protection junior.
The initial change will be difficult, Cushman said. Although the cup is environmentally friendly, in a lid, a solid plastic, will not be biodegradable, but is recyclable. He hopes students will put in a conscious effort to place biodegradable products in their correct waste areas in the garbage cans and lids in the recyclable units for maximum sustainability.
Eventually, the lids will be replaced with biodegradable units, but those have yet to be made. There are plans for the creation of the lids through the design of Keith Vine, an industrial technology professor, and his student in IT 435, Packaging Development. The group has designed a food carton for the creation of the lids through the same material that the new lids are made of.
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Facies
show how many people were killed during the Holocaust. To incorporate photos of members into his group, Riddell-Kaufman decided to pro-
more 400,000 Faces through facebook, the social networking Web site.
"When I was typing up information for face-
book, peoples' pictures were already on it, all someone would have to do is join," Riddell-Kaufman said. The group grew exponentially, receiving 15,000 to 20,000 new members per day until it leveled off between 2,000 and 5,000 a day. The advocacy club reached its 400,000 member goal on Jan. 9 and has since been oscillating.
As for the photos, they were collected on Jan. 15 under guidelines provided by facebook. "We've worked with facebook on how to get the pictures and we are under contract with them so that we can only use those pictures specifically for this project," Riddell-Kaufman said.

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On Thursday, the film "About Baghdad" will be shown in the Graphic Arts building, room 106, at 7 p.m. Filmed in July 2003, the documentary focuses on Baghdad residents living in a postwar Iraq. A discussion forum will take place after the showing.
"Tragedy in the Holy Land," a film that examines the Israel-Palestine conflict from a historical perspective, was shown Monday night in the Business building.

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Festive Mardi Gras weekend has French Quarter businesses smiling

Mary Foster
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NEW ORLEANS — The final weekend leading up to Mardi Gras has been a boon for hotels, restaurants and bars, with business generally brisker than last year, the first Carnival since Hurricane Katrina devastated the city.

"The weekend was surprisingly busy," said Earl Bernhardt, co-owner of two bars and a blues club in the French Quarter. "The crowd is bigger and they're spending a lot of money."

Merchants, hotel operators and others felt the crowd would exceed the 760,000 the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau said visited the city during the same period last year.

"It was an excellent weekend," said Michael Valentino, managing partner of three French Quarter restaurants. He said, "There is clearly more like our normal Mardi Gras pressure."

More than 95 percent of the city's total available rooms were reserved for Mardi Gras weekend, said Fred Sawyer, president of the Greater New Orleans Hotel & Lodging Association and general manager of the New Orleans Hilton.

That's up from 92 percent occupancy for the first weekend of Carnival, Feb. 10 to 11, he said.

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Satellite radio rivals XM and Sirius agree to combination, but regulatory hurdles loom

Seth Suttle

NEW YORK — XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc., two of the fledgling satellite radio industry, have agreed to combine in a deal that investors hope will result in lower costs, assuming it overcomes significant regulatory hurdles.

The companies bid the deal announced Monday as a merger of equals, with shareholders of both companies owning approximately 50 percent of the combined entity. However, Sirius will be giving $4.57 billion of its stock to XM shareholders, a substantial premium to the value of their shares.

Sirius' Chief Executive Mel Karmazin will lead the combined company, and XM's CEO Hugo Pinto will step on only until the deal is closed. XM Chairman Gary Parsons will remain in that role.

The deal faces substantial obstacles in Washington, including a Federal Communications Commission provision that specifically forbids the two companies to combine.

Analysts have noted that the FCC could change the rule, but in a statement, XM Chairman Kevin Martin said that the "urdle" would be "high" to prove that the deal would be in the public interest.

The companies would need to demonstrate that consumers would clearly be better off with both more choice and affordable prices," Martin said.

A combination would also have to meet antitrust approval from the Department of Justice. The companies are expected to argue that they compete not only with each other but also with traditional radio and the growing base of digital audio sources such as iPods, mobile phones and non-commercial satellite radio.

The XM shareholders will receive 4.6 shares of Sirius stock for every share they own, valuing them at $17.02 each based on Friday's closing price for Sirius shares. That gives XM shareholders a premium of 22 percent to the $13.98 closing value of their stock on Friday. Markets were closed Monday for the Presidents' Day holiday.

Investors and analysts have been speculating about a deal for months, and are hoping that the cost savings that would result would make up for the cost of the deal for satellite radio units.

Both services offer dozens of channels of talk and commentary-free music for monthly fees of about $13.

XM radio receivers can't receive signals from Sirius, and vice versa. But Karmazin and Parsons said in an interview that the companies are working on developing a receiver that could receive both signals.

In the meantime, the said, they were discussing the deal through the companies would make other arrangements to bring programming that's currently exclusive to one listener of the other, such as getting Major League Baseball games — currently only available on XM — to Sirius listeners.

"We will be taking every effort to find the best possible programming combination," Parsons said.

It's too early to say what the deal will mean for subscription prices. The companies hoped to save by the cost of providing service, but at the same time give the company more power to negotiate with only U.S. satellite radio provider.

Karmazin declined to comment on whether the companies hoped to save by the merger, but he said he expected the deal to clear regulatory approval and close within six to nine months. "We understand that there's a lot of work to do," Karmazin said.

Neither XM nor Sirius have turned a profit yet as they spent heavily to build up their programming lines and subscriber bases, including a five-year, $500 million contract with Major League Baseball, which is the shock job Howard Stern. Both stocks declined more than 40 percent for the year to concern about their continued growth in subscribers, but investors have held out hope.

The combined company would have about $1.5 billion in revenue this year and about 14 million subscribers, they said. The companies said they would work together to determine where the company would be based. XM is based in Washington, while Sirius is based in New York.

The new company's board will have 12 members, including Parsons, Karmazin, four independent directors named by each company, and one representative each from General Motors Corp. and Honda Motor Co.

Scientific experts express doubt about Bush administrations new warhead plan

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A panel of scientific experts expressed skepticism about a Bush administration plan to revamp the nation's nuclear weapons arsenal with a warhead now on the drawing board, saying that there is no adequate evidence that the current stockpile is deteriorating as the administration claims.

The uncertainty about the warhead's lifespan "is serious and it's legitimate, but it's not yet empirical," said the panel's chairman, physicist C. Bruce Tarter, a former director of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The lab has bid to oversee the development of the proposed new warhead.

In the same Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, the Strategic Command, which oversees U.S. nuclear forces, said RW is vitally important.

"If the policy is to have nuclear weapons, the policy ought to be to make them as secure as possible, as safe as possible. Anything less is irresponsible," he said.

Steady rain soaks Southern California, strands two in middle of L.A. River

LOS ANGELES — A storm that swept through Southern California on Monday stranded two people in the Los Angeles River while drenching roads and causing dozens of accidents.

The heaviest downpour occurred in San Diego County, leading the Los Angeles Storm. The showers "moved out fast enough to where we had no urban or road flooding," said Jamie Meier, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

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Israeli-Palestinian summit ends with few signs of progress

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JERUSALEM — A Middle East peace summit designed to open a new chapter for Israel and Palestinians fell up with violence concluded Monday with no new agreements and a pledge to keep talking.

The United States, which had pushed for the session, said it was an accomplishment merely to hold such a get together for the first time in six years after two hours of talks with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice stood alone in a bare-room hotel function room to call the session "useful and productive."

The prospect of an immediate success here essentially was hijacked by Abbas' surprise announcement last week that he will govern hand-in-hand with the militant group Hamas. The United States and Israel list Hamas as a terrorist group and refuse all dealings with the group.

Speaking to reporters, Rice said the meeting was particularly valuable because it was "the lingering uncertainties over Abbas' pact with Hamas."

"I think the real value here is that they sat down to talk with each other, pretty early in this process," Rice said. "I could have made the decision that, well, I'll just wait until this all sorts out." Rice said, but that she said that could have created new obstacles: "We thought it would be best to go ahead," the secretary added.

Neither Rice nor other U.S. officials would describe the content of the session, although a few Israeli and Palestinian officials offered some details.

Olmert said he and Abbas agreed to maintain an open channel of communication, focused both on improving the lives of Palestinians and stopping terrorism.

"What we have heard today has nothing to do with a partnership," said Mohammed Dahlan, an Abbas confi­dant. "Abu Maren is determined to go ahead with this national unity govern­ment. There is no backing down," Dahlan said.

Abbas has said that the deal bro­kered by Saudi Arabia is the best one he could get from Hamas, and that he would move ahead with forming a coalition. The power-sharing deal is seen as crucial to halting internal coalition. The power-sharing deal is called Monday's summit a failure.

"Rice did not succeed in pressur­ing President Abbas to withdraw from the unity government. We call on the U.S. administration to respect the Palestinian people's will and recognize the government and open a dialogue with the government," he said.

A senior State Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity to describe the closed-door session, said it was an "an implacable oppor­portunity to clear the air."

Meanwhile, Israeli police arrested three protesters who managed to enter the floor of the Jerusalem hotel where Rice is staying, a spokesman said.

The three entered the hotel, climbed the stairs to the floor where Rice is staying and shouted before they were stopped by bodyguards, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said. They called on the United States to free, Jonathan Pollard, an American who is serving a life term in the United States for spying for Israel.

Israeli police arrested the three before they got very close to Rice's room. Rosenfeld said. It was not clear if Rice was in the room at the time, he said.

The three-way meeting was planned before Abbas made his pact with Hamas.

The gathering was meant to offer weary Palestinians a brighter vision for their future by opening a discus­sion of the contours of an eventual Palestinian state.

It was a way to strengthen Abbas in his power struggle with Hamas, which surprised the U.S. administration by defecting to Abbas' secular Fatah Party in elections 15 months ago. The U.S. officials brush off any suggestion the pact has tainted Rice's effort to help the two sides sort out, Rice said, but she said that the United States plays a crucial role as host and prod, U.S. officials said.

The Hamas deal shifted the ground for talks, but Abbas and Olmert agreed to meet separately soon and Rice said she will return quickly.

There is no set date for another three-way meeting.

"That's a tool that everybody can pick up and use when everybody thinks it's useful to do it," State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said following the meeting.

All sides had low expectations for Monday's three-way session, even before last week's announcement. The session was billed as a baby step to build confidence between two sides estranged by historic grievances and years of low-level fighting.

The session got off to a lackluster start, with Rice, Abbas and Olmert clapping hands together and flashing polite smiles for the cameras in a spartan hotel conference room.

The three met without any aides, except for Rice's Arabic interpreter, officials said.

After about an hour, they moved to Rice's suite overlooking Jerusalem's Old City, continuing calls for another hour in a more comfortable setting. At one point the group walked onto Rice's balcony, each with a view of some of the most revered and disput­ed real estate in the world.

Many of the core questions that frame the hoped-for destination — an independent Palestine alongside Israel — apparently would not be on the table Monday. Those include the borders and the fate of disputed areas of Jerusalem.

A third or more of the session was devoted to discussion of the planned coalition government.
I ndependent record label Kill Rock Star has acted, and still acts, as the home for lists of artists with high acclaim and notoriety including The Decemberists, Sleater Kinney, Elliot Smith and D3eproof. Somewhere in this swirl of indie heavyweights lie multiple unique and weird bands who don't quite catch on. They Shoot Horses, Don't They? is one of these bands.

There was something unchained and bizarre in it that grabbed my attention. It is for that reason that I booked them to play here last Wednesday. They arrived only to unload their recordings don't quite seem to connect. The Bug's inspired woozy dancing that the recordings don't quite seem to convey and the new songs from their upcoming album filled out the set nicely.

With the performance over, they returned to an assortment of various musicians. Conversation during the rest of the night pointed out the differences as cans of Coors piled up. Bruce finds the love in '90s music and hates Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin. Josh defends these bands although he mainly focuses on how awesome "Dark Side of the Moon" is when synched up with "The Wizard of Oz." The quiet keyboardist is really the main one who seems to jive along with my indie music trivia, which I spew out whenever I have a conversation with anyone.

The point is, this band looks and acts like a bunch of street performers found in a weird part of town. Pick up whoever you can: a crazy drummer, an introverted piano man, a saxophone and a bag of trash. Then if you get a guitar, man, you got yourself a band.

Lead singer Nut Brown and the band They Shoot Horses rolled into town last week to play a Valentine's Day show at the Steynberg Gallery.

They Shoot Horses show trashy

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"Live on Stage" at BackStage Pizza

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Every month BackStage Pizza hosts a variety of bands and solo artists for their "Live on Stage" concerts.

The tradition began back when BackStage opened. Elvis and Marilyn Monroe impersonators headlined the grand opening.

Since then the tradition has increased to a wide variety of music, with everything from jazz to soft rock to acoustic. "The music is usually pretty mellow," said BackStage supervisor Jamielle Dufour. "Since the building is not meant for really loud music."

Nevertheless, about two to three bands a week perform at BackStage. Many are local artists who play around the area. Even a few former and current Cal Poly students perform, like Play It By. While BackStage hosts many local bands, it is also a hot spot for groups on tour as well. Jill Cohn, Cadillac Angels, Travis Larson, Corey Nitschke, and Fish Out of Water all frequently stop by BackStage on California coast tours.

This quarter BackStage has expanded the number of performers by adding evening shows, which have been extremely good for business, according to Dufour. Tim Jackson, Ted Waterhouse and Kurt Miller will perform on Feb. 21, 27 and 28, respectively, at 11 am. The Travis Larson Band will be here Friday night, March 2 at 6pm and The University Jazz Band will play - paid advertisement - on March 8 and 15, at noon. "It's fun for anyone, any age," said Dufour. "You don't have to pay a cover charge and there's no drinking either."

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Famous boxer presents his nuts to the masses

Dennis Mongello
The Triangle (Pleasant U.

When I first heard that Muhammad Ali lent his name to an energy snack brand, I thought, “Oh no, they told Ali to sign a birthday check when he turned 75 recently, but it was actually a contract to sign away the rights to his likeness.” My mind is cynical like that.

But then I saw an ad for the snacks, called G.O.A.T., and they looked legit. The packaging was clean, the ad was riddled with memorable Ali quotes, and I was hungry. I wanted to try them out, but they don’t go on sale until today. By some good fortune, I was able to try some early, so I’ll let you know what to expect when you go into the bookstore and are looking for some grub.

First of all, the snacks are broken down into three varieties: Jabs, Shuffle and Kumble. Each of these is different and comes in its own size. Furthermore, each individual flavor or each type of snack is given a “round” designation. Snack of different rounds are supposed to give you a different kind of boost. I doubt this is little more than marketing a marker cooked up somewhere.

The snacks all seemed relatively equal both in their energy-giving properties and their nutritional value. Still, the rounds add to the boxing metaphor, because while they have Ali’s likeness for the packaging, it’s kind of faint. He is the greatest of all time and hold three servings to a bag. The others are in single-serving bags.

Next I tried the Shuffle. In terms of packaging, they really hit their mark with this one. The shiny silver package actually looks like a boxing glove. Inside are various different types of goodies. They call this an “energy crunch,” but it’s more like an “energy party mix.”

There are some Jabs in there, though, so watch out. The other bits are actually a lot better: Nuts covered in different flavored shells, and sometimes there are some crispy rice clusters. The flavor descriptions are a bit ambitious, to say the least.

For example, the description for Thrill-A-Dill-A reads: “Tastes like a crunchy mix of sweet and sour pickles served with a cooler like that, but I don’t really understand it.

My goal for my 21st has been to make someone vomit on his or her birthday? Isn’t your birthday supposed to be one of the best days of the year?

I used to look forward to my birthday, but now I am having nightmares about it. My phobia of vomit and my desire to actually remember my birthday don’t make my 21st sound like much fun. Maybe some people like that, but I don’t really understand it.

My goal for my 21st has made some people upset. I want to go to Speaker’s downtown and bring my underage roommates at midnight on Tuesday (my birthday is on Wednesday). I think Spike’s is one of the most creative bars downtown for letting those under 21 sit at booths so they can at least hang out with friends who are of age. The thing about this night that makes people upset is that I’m not going out at midnight to drink until I get sick. I just want a nice first beer with the people that matter the most.

On Wednesday during dinner, I am, of course, going to Vallartas to get my 60-ounce margarita that is so famous. I’m planning on sharing as much of that as possible because I am going to the bars later. That is when all the people that want to celebrate can do so with me.

Now here is where most people get most upset — I really would only like to drink the special bar drinks. I don’t want to have every drink away and going slow is the key. I have to be the stereotypical 21-year-old on their birthday. I am very determined not to be that person.

Even though I probably seem very negative right now, I do have some excitement. It will be nice to be able to go to Pint Night or have a beer with dinner while I’m out every once in a while.

Even though I want a nice first beer with the people I love drinking as much as the average college student, I do it quite often, but it’s my birthday! I want to remember what happens and not panic all over myself in the process.

Maybe it won’t be as bad as everyone is making it out to be. I have heard some success stories; giving drinks away and going slow is the key. I have to have every drink away and going slow is the key. I have it planned.

That is the problem though — there has to be a key to not getting up and remembering everything on your birthday. So, who knows what will happen this Wednesday night? Maybe I’ll remember and live to tell the story. Oh God, I hope so!
Eddie Murphy's tired fat suit gags give 'Norbit' thumbs down

Rich Coleman

There may have been a time when we thought that Eddie Murphy dressing up in a fat suit was pure comedy gold. There has been a time when Murphy playing several different characters in one movie impressed us. But times have changed.

"Norbit" is without a doubt the worst movie of 2007 thus far. Granted, I haven't seen every movie released this year, but as long as Eddie Murphy isn't involved, consider it safe.

First, there's the plot. Norbit is an orphan who was raised in an orphanage by Mr. Wang. He meets Kate and they fall in love, but Kate is taken away. Norbit meets Raspuria, a bouncy demon of a child who forces him to be her boyfriend.

If you have half a brain, you can figure out the ending of this movie within the first 15 minutes. In this movie, I'm not looking for an impressive plot. What makes a good comedy is interesting characters and good writing.

Unfortunately, "Norbit" had neither of these.

Let's start with Raspuria. She is despicable, one-dimensional and horribly unattractive. One might congratulate Eddie Murphy on his acting skills with this particular character. Obviously, if the audience hates her so much, then he did his job right.

Wrong. We don't hate Raspuria because we love to hate her. We hate this character because Eddie Murphy and his crack team of writers didn't provide any development whatsoever. Her main purpose throughout the film is just to be an obstacle for Norbit and to provide humor through insipid slapstick. She didn't make me laugh. She gave me a headache.

Norbit is the polar opposite of Raspuria (big surprise) and a good protagonist for the film. But, as you may have guessed, his character lacks development.

The only semi-redeeming thing about this movie (and the only reason it isn't receiving an F) was Eddie Griffin and Katt Williams. They were on screen for about a total of 20 minutes, but they provided the biggest laughs as pimps who try to help Norbit win over Kate.

You could be doing something more useful with your time, like beating yourself over the head repeatedly with a shovel. That's what watching this movie felt like for me.

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lege students really dislike, it
would have to be midterms.
If there is one thing that I really
dislike1, it would have to be ice
skating. If there is one thing that
liberal students (and I'm sure even
some conservative students) at Cal
Poly dislike, it would have to be the
Mustang Daily Republican columns,
as proof shows in the "Letters to the
Editor" section.
Now, I'm not here to just rip
apart these republican columns
since whoever writes these columns is a fellow writer2 and I have to give them some respect as we share the same pages of this
paper. However, I'm going to give
you, my loyal reader all the tips that
you would need to know to write these columns yourself.
So, if you don't like the current
Republican columns that totally
bash parents who don't spank their
kids, bash the homeless, or bash
"The Venus Monologues," then
read up, because you can do
the same thing in the next great
Mustang Daily Political Column.
The first step is pick a topic that
is going to easily piss people
off. To fully get my point
across in this column, as I do
in my other columns, I'll choose an example and we'll stick with it throughout so make sure we're all learning here together.
Let's go with oh, I don't know,
Dane Cook really not being that
funny at all. I'm completely aware
that this isn't a political issue, but
for the sake of making an argument that will surely offend people3, we'll stick with it. Now, before you gather up the villagers with flaming wooden stakes in hand to defend the man, you just have to follow me here. Remember, I said that I needed a topic that would piss people off. So, whether I believe he is funny or not is irrelevant, as I wanted some-
thing that would really get your
attention. I could have gone
with gay marriage4, separation of church and state5, or even more hip by
trying to defend Britney Spears' shaved head6, but I'll stick with good old Dane
Cook.
The next step in writing the column with this heated
argument (with complete respect, of course, to the current Republican columns) is to now
find at least one, but not more
than, say, two articles to back
the argument. In doing this, it
will show that you did some
research, albeit probably the first result or two in a Google search, but really, who's checking?

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1 And by dislike I mean "can't do" but come on, even Superman wasn't totally invincible.
2 Though obviously not as good looking, witty and humble as me.
3 I'm not sure why though.
4 Which I don't think so.
5 How cliché.
6 Yayawn.
7 No way to defend it.
8 Cause researching is for NERDS anyway, right? Who's with me?
9 Being a hypocrite is OK though. Notice how I complain about jokestealing while I am argument stealing.
10 Oh, and stick with the Republican. I think we all know that we must leave the "Guide to Life" to
the master. And so, you don't scare me.

For more tips on writing headlines, check out your local "Guide to Life." Like always, I hope you learned something.

10 Mike Himowitz is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily humor columnist. See who else ticks him off at
mikehimowitz.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks, SLOPD, for ruining
my weekend.

Conrad Shultz, San Luis Obispo Police Department. You ruined Manil Hall. I would like to personally thank the wonderful uniformed
officers that so graciously lent their time to ruining my weekend, or so they would have you believe.

Thanks to the men in blue, stu-
dents were forced to avoid the obvi-
ous DUI checkpoints by taking alter-
native routes, turn sprinklers on in
their front yards to deter potential undesired unwanted officers, and get hammered playing dodge ball during the gust-
orous daytime weather. I enjoyed
the hope it was worth it, because besides making law-abiding bugs run in ridiculously long lines only to
find next to no one inside, you su-
cceeded only in wasting all of our
time. Thanks again, and I truly hope you've learned your lesson this year, because here in SLO, it's always
continued to party-gras, beads or no

Erica Janoff
Two basketball players (Derek Stockalper and Jessica Eggleston) and one softball player (Helen Peña) were given accolades Monday.

**SPORTS INFORMATION REPORTS**

Cal Poly senior forward Derek Stockalper was named Big West Conference Player of the Week on Monday. Stockalper earned the honor when he scored a career-high 37 points and set a school record with 19 points in an 86-79 win over UC Santa Barbara this past Wednesday.

Stockalper set his career-high 37 points when he made 13 of 20 shots from the floor and hit nine of 13 3-pointers when he made 13 of 20 shots.

Against the Gauchos, Eggleston sank 9 of 15 field-goal attempts. Against the Cauchos, Eggleston nailed 12 of 15 field-goal attempts and hit nine of 13 3-pointers in the win over Portland State.

Eggleston’s 25-point effort equals the career high she established Jan. 7 against the late John Butler in 2001. Smith was brought back Sunday night, shortly after Gibbs finished his interview.

Turner took over the Redskins in 1994, going 49-59-1 with one trip to the playoffs, which resulted in a 1-1 record. He was fired by Dan Snyder with three games left in the 2000 season, when he could produce only a 7-6 record with a $100 million roster.

After Terry Robiskie coached the last three games in 2000, the Redskins hired Schottenheimer, who went 8-8 in 2001 before being fired by Snyder. Schottenheimer was hired by the Raiders, a job Turner interviewed for. Turner then became Miami’s offensive coordinator.

Turner was fired by the Raiders in 2005 after going 9-23 in two seasons. San Francisco’s Mike Nolan quickly hired Turner to take over the NFC’s 32nd-ranked offense. He helped Frank Gore become the NFC’s leading rusher in a breakout season, and get progress from Alex Smith.

Turner had been a front-runner for the Dallas head coaching job that went to Wade Phillips, who had been San Diego’s defensive coordinator.
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Tuesday, February 20, 2007

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**SACRAMENTO STATE ROUTE**

**POLY men's tennis, 6-1**

**SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT**

The Cal Poly men's tennis team fell in the second round of the Cal Poly Invitational, a round-robins dual format tournament, to Sacramento State, 6-1, Sunday.

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**Heat**

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six-on-six games. With less people on the field, quarters are shorter, lasting 10 minutes instead of 15, and all players are eligible to score.

When the team reaches a membership of 35 to 50 players, they can make the transition to playing with 11 women on the field. Martin said that the initial goal is to have a traveling team and then work on building an 11s team.

It is an experience that is unlike most other sports available for women.

"It's a more in-depth look at football," Dyer said. "More options — it's a full-contact sport. It's another avenue for women to experience playing sports."

And since it is a full-contact sport, blocking, one-handed catches and "all the good things that come along with the game of football" are included, Dyer said.

"I play because I love the challenge of the sport," said Stacy Johnson, 29, who has been playing with both Heat teams for the past three years. "Every day you learn something new and push yourself to become a better player. This has been an amazing experience. I only hope it continues as well."

But they're more than just a team — they're like family. That's a notion the whole team seems to agree upon.

"I love the camaraderie," Johnson said. "That's the fact that we can come into a room as complete strangers and then each other and leave as friends is great."

We're all so competitive, constantly pushing ourselves and others to work harder and get better.

This year, the team will be playing against Boise State once again in its season opener March 31, which should prove to be a big game, Martin said.

The team will play six regular-season games and hopes to reach the championship in August for a second time.

The team practices five days a week, usually at Santa Rosa Park. For more information, visit www.sypace.com/centralcoast.
The Mustangs will be trying to improve upon their fifth-place finishes from last year.

**Tristan Aird**

Cal Poly junior Stuart Campbell competes in the 200 butterfly during the Mustang men's swimming and diving team's 155-145 home win over Division II UC Santa Cruz on Jan. 15.

Tristan Aird

Football is no longer the male-dominated sport it was a decade ago. And the Central Coast Coast is an all-women, full-contact football team, working to continue breaking this stereotype.

Team drills, conditioning, and anything else they do, women, like men, have the obvious difference being that they're men and we're women. Other than that, it's football, team captain Krenzi Martin said.

In its second season, the Central Coast Coast is a part of the Independent Women's Football League, which is comprised of more than 1,000 women and 30 nonprofit teams nationwide.

Though still young, the team's history runs a little deeper.

When the small recreational league containing the San Luis Obispo Heat dissolved in 2005, a representative from the IWFL contacted Martin, one of the Heat's players who had also tried out for a San Diego women's football team a few years before, about starting a team based on the Central Coast.

Rallying many former Heat players behind her, including center Edward Dyer, Martin and the rest of the team entered their inaugural IWFL season in the fall of 2005.

Because the team's players hail from Santa Maria in the south, San Miguel in the north and anywhere in between, the more neutral team name of Central Coast Coast was decided upon.

Last year, the team mostly consisted of previous San Luis Obispo Heat players, Martin said.

However, through advertising and word of mouth, they were "lucky to get new players who are really an asset to the team and help us," Martin said.

But this has provided the team with a good base, one that perhaps has the potential to grow and build a team.

Turner said for the 2007 season they were held Jan 28.

"Right now, we're looking to get information about the team out there, expand it," Turner said. "There's a lot of girls out there, especially between the colleges — Cuesta and Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, and Allan Hancock in Santa Maria. We need a lot of players to grow.

Though able to use the resources of the IWFL to market and promote their football teams, teams operate independently, focusing their efforts on targeted local audiences. In the case of the Heat, running the team is a five-person board of directors that oversees fundraising efforts, coordinates practices and games, and ultimately helps the team grow.

Eventually, the board, as well as everyone else involved, hopes to expand the team from its current participation in the "states" league (six teams) to a bigger and stronger 11-player format, Martin said.

With the 15 or so women who currently play for the team, Turner isn't looking to go too big too fast.

"We're trying to keep it manageable," Turner said. "We want to create a team that's fun, that's rewarding, that's exciting, and we're hoping to attract some girls to the sport."

San Diego's choice for its new head coach, Norv Turner, has won only 58 of 141 games and appeared in the playoffs once in a nine-year NFL head-coaching career.

**Chargers hire Turner to replace Schottenheimer**

Norv Turner has been named San Diego's new head coach, replacing Marty Schottenheimer, who was fired after the Chargers posted a 5-11 record.

The appointment was announced Wednesday by the Chargers. Turner, 57, was Schottenheimer's offensive coordinator in 2001, when he installed the system that helped carry LaDainian Tomlinson to the league MVP award in 2006.

"This isn't a team where you're rebuilding," said Turner, who has been San Francisco's offensive coordinator. "We should start fast. We should be good. We should be good early. Not having to go through the normal things you have to go through when you make a coaching change is going to help the players more than anyone.

"We have a lot of young, eligible players who are ready to take the next step. We have a lot of young players who are ready to take the next step."

Phil Rivers is expected to benefit from Turner's tutelage. Rivers was voted AFC Rookie of the Year after leading the Chargers to the Super Bowl in his first year.