Future of math and science under the microscope

It is all downhill from a simple equation. Fewer math teachers = more undereducated students. According to a report issued last month by the California Council of Science and Technology, such teachers play a critical role in whether children pursue an education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers.

Biologist Professor Edward Hnilicka said there would be dire consequences for the next generation of Americans who lack qualified teachers to interest them in math and science:

"We have a technologically based economy, and to have a workforce trained to do those jobs requires an excellent math and science education," Hnilicka said. "There could be a weakening economy, even national security, as a result. We're not doing well training in math and science."

The CCST report also states that 40% of K-12 student passed STEM courses based on their positive experience with math and science teachers. However, older teachers in the field are beginning to retire, thus compounding the problem.

"There's a big wave of retirements coming up, and we're not producing the science and math teachers to take care of their retirement," Bailey said. "These teachers are into the classrooms, it becomes difficult to keep them."

Senator pushes bill for public access to CSU salaries

Cassie Gaeto

A trend in recent years despite continual student fee increases. Since 2002, the price of attending a CSU has increased 94 percent while CSU executives experienced a 23 percent salary increase during the same amount of time.

The overall goal of Yee's bill is to create accountability for the boards and committees overseeing wages and fee increases. The bill states any voting or action taken in the realm of executive compensation will take place in a public forum.

Group takes potshot at drug scholarships

Michelle Locke

BERKELEY, Calif. — No one's applied yet for scholarships aimed at helping University of California, Berkeley, students denied financial aid because of a drug conviction. But that hasn't stopped the student-run grants from raising a little smoke.

The grants approved by Cal's student government earlier this year won a 2007 "Campus Outrage Award," from the Delaware-based Collegiate Network.

"You would think student government at Berkeley might want to reward students with good grades, not those who have violated school policy, federal law, state law," said Stephen Klugewicz, executive director of the network.

Cal student senator David Israel Wasserman helped create the grants — Removing Impediments to Students' Education, or RISE — because he said it's unfair for federal financial aid officials to just say no to certain students.

"I don't like the fact that the government singles out and basically creates a caste of students that are not deserving of financial aid and not deserving of the means to go to college," he said.

While a handful of schools have extended help to students caught by the penalty, Berkeley is unusual in having a program run by students, said Tom Angell, spokesman for the Students For Sensible Drug Policy.

The Washington-based student
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to evolve their fighting style, first trying the "Flying-V" formation made popular by Disney's "The Mighty Ducks." Later students yelled, "Form lines!" The students then made two lines facing each other and when someone yelled, "Arm up," two lines converged and the thirds of pillows smashing faces and bodies sounded like popcorn popping.

"Students were yelled "Ragtag!" and again formed two lines, this time shouting "Hoo, hoo, hoo," like the Spartans in the movie "300," before attacking.

The students' tactics evolved even further as a small group flipped the opposition on their next charge.

Huntington said that the true credit for the event was due to an organization called The Revival. Huntington said that The Revival was behind the riots that the band Sublime sings about, the hippie movement, and that Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a member. Watching the frenzy he enabled, Huntington said, "This is brutal. I hope this happens way more often.

Brian Donnelly, a materials engineering sophomore, said on his back exhausted after an hour of pillow fighting, "I think I forgot much of my childhood," he said.

"They come to us for a year to get the credential, and then they could get advanced (teaching) credentials," Konopak said.

"We're trying to create an environment that we could use to recruit students into math and science teaching," College of Education Dean Bonnie Konopak said.

Cal Poly recruits students into teaching with incentives that include student loan forgiveness, paid tutoring, and scholarships from private corporations. One of these programs is called the Assumption Program of Loans for Education.

A portion of this is administered by the California Student Aid Commission, will cover $19,000 in student loans if students become teachers in areas where they most needed.

However, Konopak said that the program had a relatively new focus on math and science teaching and its success largely hinges on the quality of the students.

"We depend on really good students, prepared in high school and high school science, to come to a polytechnic institution," Konopak said. "We have fewer high school students going into math and science, and therefore the colleges have fewer students applying in those areas."

Although Cal Poly offers no undergraduate major in education, there are programs to get a teaching credential. For example, a student can become a math teacher by enrolling in the mathematics major and taking courses that lead to a credential.

No students appeared to be seriously injured after an hour-long pillow fight engulfed Dexter Lawn.

Will Ferrell joins Trojans in benefit swim

LOS ANGELES — Now that Will Ferrell has ice-skating down, he's hitting the pool.

Ferrell, star of the recently released comedy "Blades of Glory," will go up against 50 members of the Southern California football coach Pete Carroll and the Trojans in a swimming fundraiser Saturday at the McDonald's Swim Stadium on campus.

Following their final spring practice at adjacent Howard Jones Field, the Trojans will swim a position-by-position relay race, joined by the USC Song Girls. Carroll and Ferrell will take part in a "Pete vs. Will Challenge" as well.

The 27th annual swim-a-thon, known as "Swim With Mike," hopes to raise more than $800,000 for the physically challenged athletes scholarship fund at USC. The benefit has raised $6.3 million to provide more than 60 scholarships to USC and 14 other universities to athletes who have overcome serious accidents or illnesses.

The swim-a-thon began in 1981 when friends and teammates of three-time USC All-American swimmer Mike Nyeholt decided to raise money to help him recover from a motorcycle accident that left him paralyzed.

What was to be a one-time event, the benefit raised $56,000, and at Nyeholt's suggestion, the excess donations were used to establish the scholarship fund.

Nyeholt joined other swimmers to help raise money the next year, and the swim-a-thon became an annual event. Stanford and Hawaii are also holding "Swim With Mike" events on April 21.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO — A Cal Poly student crashed into a tree in the 1400 block of Johnson Avenue at 6:35 p.m. Wednesday. Civil engineering major Sean Summers, 19, was taken to French Hospital for minor injuries, including a cut on the finger and bump on the head, said San Luis Obispo Police Department Lieutenant Bill Proll.

Summers' 1963 Ford Mustang was smoking and the engine was still on when police arrived, but Summers was out of the car, according to a press release.

No other vehicles or people were involved in the accident, but traffic was redirected for about half an hour afterward, Proll said. Five police officers and four firefighters were dispatched to the scene. Police are still investigating the cause of the accident.

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We need to make sure there is transparency to these issues and the public can see where the money is going.

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The bill ultimately needs the governor's approval before it can have a greater influence over committee decisions. The bill ultimately needs the governor's approval before it can have a greater influence over committee decisions.

An appeal is pending. "It does not make sense to pull students out of school for minor drug offenses," said Angell. "That only increases the chances that they'll go on to develop serious drug problems or commit more serious crimes and makes it less likely that they'll become productive taxpaying citizens."
The drug conviction penalty was added to the Higher Education Act in 1990. Penalties range from a one-year suspension to permanent ineligibility, depending on the type and number of convictions. The ban, which does not include alcohol-related offenses, can be lifted if students complete approved rehabilitation programs.

According to Education Department figures, nearly 33,000 students were ineligible for aid for the 2006-07 school year because of self-reported drug convictions (although it's also possible other factors could have disqualified these students). Another 1,800 were eligible for aid for only part of the school year due to the date of their drug offenses.

More than 10,000 students left the question blank, which means their applications weren't processed. All told, the number of students denied aid amounted to less than 1 percent of the overall 3.7 million applicants.

For the upcoming school year, the law was changed so students only have to report drug offenses that occurred while they were in college and getting financial aid. Data so far indicate that out of 5.5 million applicants about 2,000 are in the ineligible category, about 100 face suspended aid and about 2,600 left the question blank. At Berkeley, Wasserstein sees the law as too broad, because it covers major and minor drug offenses, and unfair, because students aren't asked about non-drug related convictions. He noted that the scholarship program, as approved by Berkeley's Associated Students of the University of California, comes with requirements, including 20 hours of community service, so "it's not like we're just handing out money to people."

So far, there haven't been any applicants for the grants, which would be funded by money generated from student fees as well as business operations run by ASUC.

But that's OK by Wasserstein, who hopes just having the awards in place will boost lobbying efforts to repeal the drug penalty as the education act comes up for review this year.

RISE rose to No. 2 on the Collegiate Network's list of five campus outcomes. No. 1 was a decision at the College of William and Mary to remove a cross from the altar of the campus' historic Wren Chapel. "Tough call," said Klugewicz.

Scholarships

The bill and California opening meeting laws. President Baker enjoyed a 4 percent salary boost of $11,500 in January of this year along with the rest of the CSU presidents, putting his $298,372 salary second in the CSU system only to the chancellor.

Salary increases are not the only benefits reserved to top officials. Last month CSU Board of Trustees passed a $103,000 retirement payout to CSU Dominguez President James Lyons.

"Over the years, exorbitant packages for executives have been passed repeatedly and it is the student tax dollars that are funding these packages and high-level salaries," Keigwin said. On March 17 the UC Board of Regents approved a 7 percent fee raise for its students while simultaneously passing a 13.8 percent salary increase and $38,000 stipend for their Executive Vice President Bruce Darling.

"Students need to speak out at these meetings. These are your buildings, kick the doors in, no one can stop a student from participating in the system," Keigwin said. "You can write letters to the editor at your school and local paper about the bill and let people know."

The filing period for ASI elections has officially closed. If you are interested in being a write-in candidate, please email your campaign schemes to ASI@calpoly.edu.
Senator passes stem cell research bill; unlikely to survive Bush veto

Washington — A stubborn Senate voted Wednesday to ease restrictions on federally funded embryonic stem cell research, ignoring President Bush's threat of a second veto on legislation designed to lead to new medical treatments.

The 63-4 vote was shy of the margin that would be needed to enact the measure over presidential opposition, despite gains made by supporters in last fall's elections.

"Not every day do we have the opportunity to vote to heal the sick," said Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., a senator less than 100 days following a tough 2006 campaign in which the stem cell controversy played a particularly prominent role. "It is a noble cause," she added.

"We need to use federal money, indirectly or directly, to destroy embryos," countered Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., echoing Bush's argument against the measure.

Coburn said claims of imminent scientific breakthroughs from embryonic stem cell research are unsubstantiated and that adult stem cells have been shown to be useful in a variety of cases.

The House, which passed similar legislation earlier in the year, is expected to adopt the Senate's version in the next several weeks for Bush's veto.
WASHINGTON — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger warned Wednesday that California's leadership is making environmentalism hip, sexy and mainstream, no longer just a guilt-driven movement for "tree-huggers" and "fanatics."

"The environmentalists were no fun. They were like prohibitionists at the fraternity party," the moderate Republican governor told a student audience at Georgetown University, part of an East Coast swing to promote his increasingly enthusiastic embrace of the environment.

"Successful movements are built on passion. They don't built on guilt," he said, predicting that environmentalism was reaching a "tipping point" where it will move into the mainstream, no longer just a guilt factor. "I don't know when the tipping point occurs, but I know where — in California," he said.

Schwarzenegger likened environmentalism to a rebuilding, his first act of success, which he said was once considered a marginal sport for� writers.

"It became mainstream, it became sexy, attractive, and this is exactly what has to happen with the environmental movement," he said.

Schwarzenegger appeared at a conference sponsored by Newsweek magazine, which put him on its current cover balancing a globe on his finger, with the caption "Save the Planet — Or Else!" A blooper of the cover was behind him as he spoke Wednesday. Even Schwarzenegger — whose environmental record isn't as spotless as he would like to have people believe — seemed to express some ambivalence about that.

When he ran for governor in 2003, Schwarzenegger was hounded by environmentalists complaining about his personal fleet of gas-guzzling Hummers.

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Prosecutors drop charges in Duke case, say athletes were ‘victims of tragic rush to accuse’

By Aaron Beard

RALEIGH, N.C. — All along, the three Duke lacrosse players proclaimed they were innocent of charges they sexually assaulted a 21-year-old stripper. They were railroaded, they insisted, by a prosecutor who refused to believe them and ignored the facts.

It took more than a year, but on Wednesday, North Carolina's top prosecutor finally agreed with them.

Attorney General Roy Cooper declared them innocent of all charges and delivered a blistering condemnation of former Wake County district attorney Mike Nifong.

"We're just as innocent today as we were back then," said one of the players, USA TODAY. "Nothing changed. The facts don't change."

In the uproar over the allegations, Duke canceled the rest of the team's 2006 season, the lacrosse coach resigned under fire, and a schism opened up on the faculty between the supporters of getting away with loutish behavior and the public of disregarding the presumption of innocence and portraying them as thugs in the weeks following the March 2006 party that led to the allegations.

"It was very frustrating as an athlete," said Cooper. "It looked a lot like a team's end-of-the-season awards dinner, only with their lawyers joining them behind the table instead of their dates."

"It's been 395 days since this nightmare began. And finally today it's coming to a close," Cooper said. "It's my voice breaking at one point."

The three young men and their lawyers accused the news media and the public of disregarding the presumption of innocence and portraying them as thugs in the weeks following the March 2006 party that led to the allegations.

"It's painful to remember what we went through in those first few days, and it's just a testament to all of our character we never lashed out, we stood there strong," Evans said. "We're really delighted."

Defense attorney Joe Cheshire said: "We were very angry. But we're really relieved."

Cooper dropped all charges against the players, all but ensuring that only one person in the whole scandal will be held to account: Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong.

"This case shows the enormous consequences of overreaching by a prosecutor," Cooper said.

Cooper, who took over the case in January after Nifong was charged with ethics violations that could get him disbarred, said his own investigation into a stripper's claim that she was sexually assaulted by a team party fund nothing to corroborate her story, and "led us to the conclusion that no attack occurred."

"There were many points in the case where it was sensitive to the importance of preserving the presumption of innocence even if you thought the evidence was very strong," he said.

Nifong was out of town and could not immediately be reached for comment. But his lawyer, David Freedman, said: "If further investigation showed this boys were innocent, he would be in agreement with the attorney general's conclusion."

Evans, Seligmann and Finnerty were indicted last spring on charges of rape, kidnapping and sexual offense after the woman told police she was assaulted in the bathroom at an off-campus house during a team party where she had been hired to perform. The rape charges were dropped months before; the other charges remained until Wednesday.

The case stirred furious debate over race, class and the privileged status of college athletes, and heightened long-standing tensions in Durham between its large working-class black population and the mostly white, mostly affluent student body, at the private, elite university. The woman is black and attended nearby North Carolina Central University, a historically black school, all three Duke players are white.

The attorney general said the eyewitness identification procedures were unreliable, no DNA supported the stripper's story, no other witnesses corroborated her, and the woman contradicted herself.

"Based on the significant inconsistencies between the evidence and the various accounts given by the accusing witness, we believe these three individuals are innocent of these charges," Cooper said. He said the charges resulted from a "tragic rush to accuse and failure to verify serious allegations."

"I think a lot of people one a lot of apologies to a lot of people," Cooper said.

Cooper offered no explanation for why the stripper told such a story and would not discuss her mental health. However, he said no charges will be brought against her, saying she "may actually believe" the many different stories she told.

"We believe it is in the best interest of justice not to bring charges," he said.

The accuser's whereabouts were not immediately known. The Associated Press generally does not identify accusers in sex-crime cases.

Portraying Nifong as a "rogue prosecutor," Cooper called for the passage of a law that would allow the North Carolina Supreme Court to remove a district attorney where justice demands it. Cooper declined to say whether he believes Nifong should be disbarred, saying it would not be fair to pass judgment before a trial trial before the state bar in June.

At the news conference with his former teammates, Finnerty said: "Knowing I had the truth on my side I was really the most comforting thing at all throughout this last year."

Seligmann thanked his lawyers for sparing him 30 years in prison for a "hoax" and confirmed that society is far from identifying the presumption of innocence.

"This entire experience has opened my eyes up to a tragic world of injustice," he said.

The case was troubled almost from the start. DNA failed to connect any of the athletes to the 28-year-old stripper. One of the athletes claimed to have ATM receipts and time-stamped photos that proved it's coming to a closure," said Evans. "We're just as innocent today as we were back then," said one of the players, USA TODAY. "Nothing changed. The facts don't change."

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"Two days after this happened, I knew what the truth was. When you say you believe in something, when you say you believe the truth, you stand by them," said former Duke lacrosse coach Mike Krzyzewski, now lacrosse coach at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I.

James Ammons, chancellor of North Carolina Central University, said that because of the Duke case, the lacrosse coach resigned under fire, and some very important discussions and forums that enhanced our tolerance of race, class, sexual assault and athletic privilege. And then the case investigation has concluded, let the healing begin and the growth continue," he said. "James Ammons, chancellor of North Carolina Central University, said that because of the Duke case, the lacrosse coach resigned under fire, and some very important discussions and forums that enhanced our tolerance of race, class, sexual assault and athletic privilege. And then the case investigation has concluded, let the healing begin and the growth continue," he said.
Drew Barrymore named newest CoverGirl model

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NEW YORK — Drew Barrymore grew up with tear sheets of models such as Cheryl Tiegs, Rachel Hunter and Christie Brinkley plastered on her bedroom wall like wallpaper. Come January, another young girl can do the same with Barrymore's photo.

Barrymore is CoverGirl's newest model and spokeswoman, joining a stable of famous faces that includes Queen Latifah, Molly Sims and Rihanna.

Her selection by the Procter & Gamble Co. beauty brand was to be announced Wednesday at a news conference in Los Angeles.

The 32-year-old "Charlie's Angels" actress is also a co-creator of the ads, and before any wardrobe or beauty decisions were made at Monday's print shoot, Barrymore said she was consulting on the concept, graphics, lighting and how the photo would be cropped.

"I leave the makeup and product up to them, that's their expertise," she told The Associated Press in a phone interview from the set. "What I want to do is honor the tradition of CoverGirl but hopefully bring myself and my personality into it, as well as some edge fashion-forward thinking and positivity to it."

Look for her in a nude-colored dress, which she explained, is a contrast to the bright colors often used in cosmetics ads. "I think it's important to be involved in every aspect. I'm a control freak but I keep those issues at bay when I work with other people," she said with a laugh.

It's Barrymore's strength that led the company to seek her out. "She took that at as a good sign. "We partnered with Drew because she emulates the iconic image of CoverGirl with her fresh, natural beauty and energetic yet authentic spirit," said Esi Eggleston Bracey, vice president and general manager of CoverGirl Cosmetics North America.

Barrymore said she loved the chance to play with makeup and try modeling. "What girl doesn't fantasize about it?" she said.

At the same time, she's more of a jeans and T-shirt girl, literally what she was wearing on this day along with Vans sneakers.

It is Barrymore's first foray into commercial.

She even surprised herself, but the thought of being a CoverGirl still popped into her mind months after she was approached, Barrymore said. She took that as a good sign.

Emmy-winning producer and writer Stan Daniels dies at 72

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Stan Daniels, the Emmy-winning co-creator and executive producer of "Taxi" and a writer on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," has died. He was 72.

Daniels died of heart failure April 6, according to a family representative. A funeral was planned at 2 p.m. Thursday in the cemetery's Tanach Chapel.

Daniels won eight Emmys during his long television career, including three for "Taxi" and three for "The Mary Tyler Moore Show."

He wrote for "The Dean Martin Show" and "The Bill Cosby Show" before starting as a writer on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," which ran from 1970 to 1977. He also wrote for the Chris Leachman spinoff series "Phyllis."

He co-created the Brenda Vaccaro series "Lily," and co-wrote the African-American Cinderella TV movie "Cindy" with James L. Brooks, who he worked with on "Taxi."

Daniels then produced, wrote and directed the TV shows "The Kid," "For Richer, For Poorer," "Glorious! Glory!" and "The Substitute Wife."

Born in Toronto, Daniels won piano competitions as a teenager and attended the University of Toronto before receiving a fellowship to study at Oxford.

He composed music and lyrics for the Broadway musical "So Long 174th Street" with a book by Joseph Stein, and his musical version of the Bernard Slade play "Same Time, Next Year" was produced in Budapest in 2001.

Daniels is survived by his wife of 50 years, Alene; children, Dart, Shelley, Alan and Larry, and two grandchildren. The family requested donations be made to the United Jewish Appeal or the American Heart Association.
Thrifty shoppers enjoy the thrill of the hunt

MD’s Pop Tart embarks on a thrift store journey of great proportions

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To all the progressive fashion aficionados in the U.K., they would be known as “hospice shops.” If we were to traverse the beautiful lands of Australia or New Zealand, we were to traverse the beautiful lands known as “op shops.” If we were to traverse the beautiful lands known as “hospice shops.” If we were to traverse the beautiful lands known as “op shops.”

I mention their existence to illuminate a part of fashion history that warrants recognition; a part of society that allows ordinary men and women to loot like pirates and hunt like animals.

This is the world of chain thrift store shopping. Welcome. Welcome indeed to the lifestyle of the not-so-rich and famous thrift store junkie. I will here and now proudly attest to the potency of this social addiction by affirming that we addicts are many; we are strong and we travel in blazing heaps of destruction.

I have seen the aftermath of devastation. I’ve been amidst the looting and pillaging that occurs in the name of couture, the chaos of Haight-Ashbury on sale. I’ve witnessed the horrors that lay waste to the streets of Hollywood when healthy predators go in search of curious treasures and delectable fashion treats they know can only be found in the unlikeliest of places. The musical behavior, the predatory precision with which a hunter devours the prey at hand can only be described as a glorious sequence of calculated chess moves, from which a bittersweet cycle of fashion evolution takes place.

This cutthroat fashion survival of the fittest is how we as human beings translate the hopeless wasteland of materialism into cultural superiority; a game of fashion victims versus fashion trendsetters.

For those not wanting to end up as the walking advertisement for fashion faux pas or on any sort of fashion victim list, here are a few tips I can suggest, if ever you decide to venture out into the jungle of thrift shopping.

Go as often as you can. The tricky thing about thrift shopping is that one day you’ll see something you like, the next day it’s gone. Unfortunately, that’s the name of the game. Unique things vanish quickly, simply as that. My suggestion, if you spot something you fancy, freaking buy it! There’s nothing more satisfying then losing a gem to bad judgment.

Second, take time when making a selection. Don’t rush into things or jump to outrageous conclusions when eyeing that perfect, trendsetting specimen. Take your time and clear your head, glory will come.

Finally, size matters. Because used clothes are, well, used, it’s almost guaranteed that the size written on the label will fit you differently when tried on. Take this into consideration when “eye-balling” it, and know that your best bet is to always try on your selected garments.

And there you have it, folks. Three tips that will forever change the way you maintain status in the world of fashion. If ever you feel lost, or unable to select the perfect outfit, let the mantra of the very wise Coco Chanel ring true: “Fashion is not something that exists in dresses only. Fashion is in the sky, in the street, fashion has to do with ideas, the way we live, what is happening.” To be sure, Coco, to be sure indeed.

Thrift stores (like the one pictured above) offer a deep jungle of mysterious fashions and fails for Pop Tart columnist Alexandra Bezdikian.

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University Jazz band to get the party really swinging

Cal Poly Swing Club hosts the Hepcat Swing Dance Concert featuring hot moves and cool tunes

Giana Magnoli

Imagine a speakeasy without the alcohol, smoking or flipper-esque clothing all that remains are the big band-style jazz tunes, swing dancing and good old-fashioned fun.

On Fridays Swing Dance Concert in Chumash Auditorium will feature the live music of the University Jazz Band No. 1, and all levels of swing dancers and jazz aficionados are welcome.

The big band format includes trumpets, trombones, saxophones and a drummer, among other instruments. Vocalist and music sophomore Kristen Choi will be performing with the band on Friday, music professor Paul Rinzler said.

The concert goes from 8 to 10:30 p.m. with a free East Coast swing lesson at 7 p.m. offered by the Cal Poly Swing Dance Club.

Tickets can be purchased at the door and are $5 for adults and $4 for seniors.

"There's usually a pretty good turnout," said Kim Daum, president of the Cal Poly Swing Dance Club.

Russell is being honored for his work as a music teacher, composer and music historian with the prestigious California State University Wang Family Excellence Award.

In his Music 229 class, Music of the 60s and Peace, Russell said he is able to show his students the relationship between an era's social change and the music being played.

"My view is - music is an audible photo of what we value and see in our world," Russell said.

Outside of the classroom, Russell is heavily involved in researching the music of California and Mexico during the 18th century. During this time in history, Russell said, there was a huge movement of sophisticated and beautiful music that was lost until recently.

Russell travels to missions throughout California and Mexico, digging through old music to find and piece together entire compositions, which sometimes have been scattered over hundreds of miles.

"I try to patch it together in such a way that someone couldn't tell where the hole was," Russell said.

Sometimes, this even involves composing a section or part that is completely absent. The true skill, he said, is creating something that sounds authentic and fits the rest of the piece.

Russell received training in classical guitar from the University of New Mexico, and his doctorate in musicology from the University of North Carolina. He has also spent years of work researching in the field.

"He is one of the leading scholars in the world on the music of the missions," said music department chair William T. Spiller. "He finds these musical gems people didn't know existed."

Spiller said that Russell is an asset to the music department, and that his passion for music and for teaching make a huge impact.

"The music department is thrilled he's been recognized," he said. "We love and admire him and are delighted the world will recognize all his hard work."

Spiller said that the award is particularly deserved because Russell is accomplished on so many levels.

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"I hope not to squander this opportunity to make a difference in a substantial way," he said.
Advice on how to give advice

I n these analyses on romantic relationships, we are actively thinking about the qualities good relationships should have. This is a dating column. From this, and the personal and vicarious experiences, and common sense, we formulate our own ideas on what constitutes a good relationship. Sometimes we are so preoccupied as to perceive these ideas to others. By virtue of that fact, this is also (something like but not necessarily) an advice column. I don't like to be given advice. I've always had some trouble with criticism. As an independent (OK, sociable) kid, I liked to figure things out on my own without parental "suggestions" or "tips" from other overbearing know-it-alls like myself. I've since learned the benefits of constructive criticism, but admittedly, I'm still learning to temper my defenses when someone decides I need advice — especially on the subject I love to write about most. You may think, how hypocritical of your friendly Daily dating columnist! How can someone be turned off by relationship advice when a dating column naturally lends itself to advice-giving?

The answer is simple and applies to anyone who likes to give advice, but we don't like to get it — especially when it comes to relationships.

Many of us like to think of ourselves as relationship experts. We take it upon ourselves to work as objective sources of sometimes-comfortable and sometimes-brutal honesty, to friends who are too caught up in the trouble to be able to see things as clearly as we can. Example: Your best friend has been seeing this guy for awhile, and from your vantage point it's going nowhere fast. From her ranting, you deduce that he's controlling, jealous, and inflexible and the problem is, she's being pulled further into it. She comes to you to dish about her troubles, and you immediately do what you do whenever your friends find themselves entangled in romantic turmoil: you switch into psychologist mode and push up the proverbial glasses on your nose (Freudian — I mean, Austrian — accent optional).

You have to admit — it's some- what empowering to think we know better than everyone else. Isn't it our duty and responsibility to good friends, to 1) protect our friends from harm and 2) impart the knowledge of our own past experiences so others can learn from our mistakes. Of course, we have good intentions. Of course, but — let's turn the table. You've been seeing this guy for awhile. Things aren't going well. You decide to help; after all, the relationship is the territory of only the two parties in question. "Help" from outside can feel like an invasion. When a friend's advice is "Drop him/her; you can do better," it's natural to become defensive. Such advice threatens both the relationship itself and your own confidence in your decision-making capabilities.

If you decide to listen, you may find yourself in a tug-of-war between the friendship and the romantic relationship. Do you listen to your loyal friend or your own feelings of love and/or affection for your partner? From the other end: Those giving advice can too easily read your own feelings, and in turn, make the judgment call for you.

Be wary of overstepping your boundaries; say things with as much neutrality as you can muster.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Blinded by science videos from the '80s

The term "decisio­making" has changed and evolved over time, much like the Apple computers. And those absolutely awful wide-rimmed glasses. The '80s are still alive around Cal Poly, and we're not talking about the fashion. We're talking about the VHS videos that many professors continue to use to teach their courses. You know the ones — the outdated segments intended to supplement instructional material that the professor sometimes howkins is still relevant. Perhaps after teaching the same class for 15 years, the professor feels out-of-date runs into years and they don't realize that the world has changed since then. Back in 1992.

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Exploring the f-word: feminism


Instead, picture any person, female or male, who believes in equality between men and women.

Nowhere in any dictionary is the term "women rebelling against men," or "burlu women who are routinely mistreated by men." Yet these stereotypes have morphed feminism into something women don't want to be associated with.

Though not a complete galley girl, I love my feminine side. I wear summer dresses and put on scented lotion and cry during movies and drink tea out of cute little cups. And I'm a feminist.

If you're a man I'm not going to chase you down in your combat boots and thrust copies of "The Feminine Mystique" down your throat until you repent the sin of being born male.

I don't consider feminists the enemy, and no man or woman should be afraid to label themselves "feminist," or "person who advocates gender equality."

Yet, perhaps a bigger problem is the misinterpretation of the term "feminism" is the belief by many that discrimination against women is no longer an issue in modern-day America.

Others acknowledge a slight disparity in treatment of men and women, but believe this inequality not to be important when compared to the struggles currently faced by minorities and homosexual.

This attitude scares me. As a female, I will earn less money for the same job and be thought of as less serious or capable because of my sex. That's kind of a huge deal, and the refusal by many men and women to acknowledge it is such as appalling.

Only 16.4 percent of corporate officers in Fortune 500 companies are women, according to a 2005 report by Catalyst, a non-profit women's research organization. Of those 500 companies, it's rare for any female corporate officer. Zeno Zilch.

The number of women in corporate officer positions has been growing, but at the current rate it will take 40 years for women to hold the same number of Fortune 500 titles as men.

It's true that attitudes towards women and female rights have improved dramatically over the last 40 years, but it's ignorant to say everything is currently equal.

Reporters are more than three times as likely to cite men in a news story than to cite women, according to a 2005 report from the Project for Excellence in Journalism. Women are only quoted in 33 percent of news stories, whereas men are quoted in 76 percent.

What are the topics reporters are most likely to quote women on? Children, celebrities and homemaking.

Journalists rarely ask women for their opinions on politics, the military and foreign policy.

I doubt any of this is done deliberately. The discrimination is dangerously subtle to the point where it's normal not to see women interviewed on television or female names in newspaper.

The attitudes and stereotypes in American society lead us to believe that male sources have more adepts on opinions significant and world-changing events. We'll want to ask female sources for their opinions on Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie's relationship.

Perhaps the most evident example of female inequality in the United States is the debate Hillary Clinton has sparked over whether America is ready for a female president.

Regardless of political preference, one cannot say there is complete equality between men and women in the United States when the gender of a candidate is the catalyst that inspires many residents to say they're not going to vote for her.

Though the term "feminism" unfortunately carries many negative stereotypes and connotations, I am not afraid to call myself a feminist. I'm not satisfied to be misinterpreted and discredited as a "liberal" because I'm a female. I hope others feel the same way.

Bev Roberts is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.
NYC couple hail cab for 2,400-mile ride

New York yellow cab driver Douglas Guldenez, left, poses with couple Bob and Betty Mata at their home in Queens, New York.

Al-Qaida bombs target prime minister’s office, police station in Algeria, killing at least 24

Aidan Lewis
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ALGIERS, Algeria — Al-Qaida’s new wing in North Africa claimed responsibility for suicide bombings that ripped through the prime minister’s office and a police station in Algeria on Wednesday, killing at least 24 people. The attacks highlighted the menacing spread of Islamic militancy across North Africa.

The bombers had three targets, the caller said: The prime minister’s office, the Interpol office and a special police forces building in the eastern suburb of Bab Ezzouar. An Interpol spokesman, however, said the international police organization has no office in that suburb, about 10 miles away from the prime minister’s office.

Two police officers in Bab Ezzouar said separate suicide bombers struck there. Fetham Abderatman, wounded in that attack, said he was driving by the station when a strong explosion blunted through the car.

“I thought I had gone to heaven,” said Abderatman, whose neck was bandaged.

The blast at the prime minister’s office took place about 10:45 a.m., and witnesses said the attack on the police station came minutes later.

Faya Kebli, a lawyer who works opposite the government building in Algiers, said the explosion shattered her windows and blew her husband across the room.

“We thought the years of terrorism were over,” she said. “We thought that everything was back to normal. But now, the fear is coming back.”

Witnesses said they saw a red car drive toward the prime minister’s office, that police opened fire to try to stop it, and that the car then exploded.

A charred, wrecked car lay on the pavement near the building, a modern white high-rise that also houses the Interior Ministry.

Civil defense officials reported that the bombing of the government building killed at least 12 people and injured 135. Their statement said 12 others were killed and 87 wounded in the attack on the police station, which is on the road to Algiers’ airport.
Woman selling most of her belongings on eBay

ST. PAUL, Minnesota — Lisa Perry wants a fresh start. So she decided to sell nearly all of her belongings in one massive auction on eBay.

Perry, 45, said the top bidder in the auction, ending Thursday, will get more than 300 items — including snowshoes, a futon, a bed, a Village People album, seashells and more.

Perry is keeping just a few things: her dog, her cat, photo albums and some clothing.

"This might be mid-life, but it's not a crisis. It's mid-life excitement," she said. "I don't need it all. I don't use it all. I just have it all. Actually, it has me."

As of Sunday night, the top bid was $100. Perry has a reserve number of $2,000, which means she can back out if the top bid falls short of that. But she said she might lower the reserve.

"I'm at the point I just don't want it all anymore," she said.

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'Tm sorry,' hard for doctors to say

Ray Henry

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ST. PAUL, Minnesota — Lisa Perry has worked as a lawyer in Montana, a communications professor in Mankato, Minnesota, and a bookseller in North Carolina. She now delivers subpoenas and legal documents. In June, she plans to move west, possibly to take up caring task of telling the woman she needed a third operation. He began with two words that could make a defense attorney's head explode: I'm sorry.

"In this state," Migliori said in a recent interview, "that can be used essentially as an admission of guilt" if a patient files a malpractice suit.

At least 27 other states have already passed similar laws, nearly all of them in the past four years, according to the American Medical Association.

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Shown during a 20-17 home win over UCLA on Oct. 21, 2006, former Texas Bowe, LSU Florida Meacheni, Tennessee Draft

The most talented team in the group has the luxury of picking the best player available if it likes, but that player may turn out to fill a need in a new position.

While the Bolts are stacked on both sides of the ball, their jugger- naut offense will be the team's main run threat on the outside to stretch the field with almost any offensive approach.

The Raiders reportedly surprised former Bay Area greats from San Francisco 49ers

While Vernon Davis should continue to be a potential threat as a wide receiver, Davis San Francisco's secondary front — could be just what some.

The 49ers and Raiders could be in a three-man race for the defensive line, with Davis Virginia Tech's Aaron Rouse, Utah's Eric Weddle and Oregon State's Perry all could be options available to San Diego in the second round.

More thoughts:

While everyone is aware that Oakland surrendered 72 sacks, it is often overlooked that San Diego in a 41-14 Sugar Bowl loss to LSU in which he completed only 15 of 35 passes for 168 yards and two touchowns with two interceptions.

San Diego Chargers


Kings lose despite 6 double-figure scorers

SAN ANTONIO — Another 60- win season is possible for the San Antonio Spurs thanks to the fourth-quarter play of Tim Duncan and Michael Finley.

Duncan scored 26 points, Finley added 19, and San Antonio rallied from a 109-100 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday night.

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attending temple and Tim Hardaway just came out of the closet. But he is roughly the same height as Cal Poly has a crew that can be suc- cessful at the conference meet as long as Joey Hunter, D.J. Price and Randy Samuel heal from their injuries, he said. The conference this week is criti- cal as we go into conference," Crawford said.
Poly volleyball team to open spring schedule

The Mustangs are coming off a season in which they won an outright conference title for the first time since 1984 and won an NCAA Tournament match for the first time since 2000.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The reigning Big West Conference champions Cal Poly volleyball team gets its nine-match spring schedule underway Saturday at the seven-team Cal State Bakersfield Tournament. Cal Poly, which reached the second round of last season's NCAA Tournament, opens play at 6:30 p.m. against Fresno State at 6:30 p.m. before continuing the six-match streak against the Deansville II and host Mustangs (11-5) at 7 p.m. Fresno Pacific (12 noon), Big West foe Cal State Northridge (2 p.m.) and Cal State Fullerton (3 p.m.) and finally Arizona (4 p.m.).

Action continues April 17 at the Fresno City College Tournament against Fresno State and the host Sunbirds. Cal Poly, which went 22-6 a year ago, returns home to host 2006 NCAA Tournament qualifier Santa Clara on April 21.

Heading the Mustangs' 11-player spring roster is sophomore outside hitter and 2006 Big West Co-Player of the Year Kyle Atherton, who recently returned from a training camp with the United States National A2 Team at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Cole Hinz returns as one of five Big West first-team selections in junior setter Chelsea Hayes, junior libero Ksenia Jackson and sophomore middle blocker Jaylon Houston. Rounding out the roster are outside hitter Andi Miller, senior middle blocker Sahal Schoenecke, middle blocker Abigail Hetherington, setter Hydrox Sherrer and libero Caillin Suttich.
**Sharks open playoffs with 5-4 win over Predators**

San Jose goaltender Evgeni Nabokov had 39 saves in the double-overtime Game 1.

**Eventful weekend awaits Poly track team**

Shown during her sophomore season in which she won an NCAA Outdoor title in the high jump, Cal Poly senior Sharon Day is one of six Mustangs who will compete at the Mt. San Antonio College Invitational this weekend. She was second at the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays at 6 feet last Friday.

**NFL Draft: Where Super Bowl teams are from**

Donovan Aird

Every September, the NFL season officially begins. The journey really begins, though, in late April, when all 32 teams take turns selecting their futures.

This year's NFL Draft, which will be conducted from April 28 to 30, is headlined by early entrants — particularly on the offensive side of the ball. One of them, Calvin Johnson of Georgia Tech, could be the greatest wide receiver the NFL has ever seen.

The Biletnikoff Award winner this past season wowed at the NFL Scouting Combine running in a 40-yard dash in just 4.25 seconds...in shoes he borrowed from an East Carolina quarterback.

While the first few teams at the top of the draft order probably won't draft a receiver, don't be surprised to see someone trade up for one.

Meanwhile, LSU quarterback JaMarcus Russell is something of an athletic extraordinaire in his own right. After a Sugar Bowl MVP performance in a 41-14 victory over Notre Dame, the 6-5, 255-pound signal caller came out early. He reportedly can throw the ball roughly 80 yards flat-footed, and about 50 yards sitting down. Not just a physical marvel, though, Russell dramatically improved his completion percentage and touch-down-to-interception ratio in each of his seasons, hitting on 68 percent of his passes for 28 scores and eight picks as a junior.

Nearly as prodigious is Oklahoma running back Adrian Peterson. Standing at 6-2 and 217 pounds, Peterson rewrote rushing records in his three seasons as a Sooner and has everything a team could want in a running back. Much like Johnson, however, he could fall because of teams' needs more than his own merits — unless, of course, someone trades up for him.

There is a mock draft of the first round (99 of the 255 picks and three of the seven rounds take place on the first day):

1. Oakland — Russell
2. Detroit — OT Joe Thomas, Wisconsin
3. Cleveland — QB Brady Quinn, Notre Dame
4. Tampa Bay — Johnson
5. Arizona — DE Gaines Adams, Clemson
7. Minnesota — 5-10 running back
8. Atlanta (from Houston) — DT Anobi Okoye, Louisville
9. Miami — OT Levi Brown, Penn State
10. Houston (from Atlanta) — Peterson
11. San Francisco — DT Alan Branch, Michigan
12. Buffalo — ILB Patrick Williams, Mississippi
13. St. Louis — DE Adam Carriker, Nebraska
14. Carolina — TE Greg Olsen, Miami (FL)
15. Pittsburgh — OLB Paul Posluszny, Penn State
16. Green Bay — RB Marshawn Lynch, Cal
17. Jacksonville — S Reggie Nelson, Florida
18. Cincinnati — CB Leon Hall, Michigan

**Lessons learned**

John Middlekauff

As I sat back and reflected on what was the world of sports, I began to realize there is just too much going on. There are just too many stories to cover. How can I possibly spend all my time on one thing?

How am I supposed to choose between Tiger Woods, Don Imus and Adam "Pacman" Jones making it rain? There is just a lot going on. So I decided to hit a bit of everything.

Let's start with "a tradition unlike any other," also known as the Masters. I love Tiger and am still unhappy he didn't win. Even though he didn't win, he is the sole reason for which 95 percent of the Masters' viewers tuned in and will continue to watch golf.

For all its drama to greats, Tiger is my favorite athlete for countless reasons. His focus is unmatched. Here's a great example.

Standing at 6'10 and 225 pounds, he heads into this year's 33rd tournament with a chip on his shoulder. Last year with a broken leg, he went on to win "just" the Masters, which is enough for most of us, but not for Tiger. He wouldn't win the U.S. Open running away.

That was the start of a week that turned out to be pretty interesting. Imus, who has a national talk radio show, opened his mouth in a little too wide. He is known for his blunt comments and say-anything-to-get-a-laugh mentality.

While discussing the NCAA women's basketball title game between Tennessee and Rutgers on "Jesus in the Morning," he crossed the line. He went on "The Al Sharpton Show" and referred to Sharpton and his "nappy-headed hos." Then he went on "The Al Sharpton Show" and referred to Sharpton and a caller as "you people."

Then he came out and said, "I'm not a racist or a bigot." Sure Imus, keep telling yourself that, because you're the only one who could possibly believe that statement.

I also heard John Rocker is still the same old Rocker...

"I think Julie is another competitor having a breakout competi-