Poly considers raising student fees

Matt Fountain

In the wake of California's deepening financial crisis and the $300 million cut from the CSU budget last year alone, Cal Poly administrators and deans of the university's various colleges are proposing another increase in student fees beginning in spring of 2009.

The suggested increases, which are currently only in discussion, would impact Cal Poly students' college-based fees (CBF). These fees, as opposed to state university and activity fees, are intended to go toward the needs of each college designated by the deans.

Generally, CBFs go toward items students derive immediate benefit from: paying professors' salaries, funding a wider variety of classes, buying equipment for laboratories, setting up undergraduate research experiences and other specific instructional needs.

According to Provost Robert Koob, each college dean sent him a proposal for a $300 increase in CBFs per quarter. He forwarded the proposal to President Warren Baker who Koob said will likely modify it before sending it to the College Fee Advisory Committee (CFAC) for approval later this week.

If the fees increase, which may ultimately range from $100 to $300 per student, per quarter, is approved by CFAC, students could see the impact as soon as this spring. If the proposal fails, however, the impact on students and the university as a whole could be even more dramatic.

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$300: amount Cal Poly wants to increase college based fees

$300 million: amount cut from CSU budget last year

$5,000: amount of extra money students will spend over 4 years if proposal is passed

Loose python home safe and sound

Clinton McGue

Parents of small children and pet owners can breathe a little easier today after a 23-foot, 130-pound Reticulated Python reported missing by a San Luis Obispo resident was found at approximately 1:15 p.m. Monday in a neighbor's backyard near Foothill Boulevard.

The snake's owner, Brandon Dennis, last saw the snake at 10 p.m. Sunday before it went missing. A search party was organized and led by a San Luis Obispo resident and San Luis Obispo Police Department Operations Captain.

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Senate confirms Eric Holder as first black Attorney General

Larry Margasak

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eric Holder won Senate confirmation Monday as the nation's first African-American attorney general, after supporters from both parties touted his resume and easily overcame Republican concerns over his commitment to fighting terrorism and his unwillingness to back the right to keep and bear arms.

The vote was 75-21, with all the opposition coming from Republicans. Holder's chief supporter, Sen. Patrick Leahy, said the confirmation was a fulfillment of civil rights leader Martin Luther King's dream that everyone would be judged by the content of their character.

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Fee increases are a really big deal and I think we, as students, need to ask questions," she said. "I'm not against all fee increases. I definitely think we need to put our share in. However, the CSU is not about education for those who can afford it, it's about access to education for all Californians."

According to Director of Budget and Analytic Business Services Debbie Brothwell, if the proposal is approved, C'BFs would account for more than approximately 21 percent of a student's total annual fees, more than double what students paid in 2008.

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The CFC hearing on the proposal will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in the president's conference room on the fourth floor of the University Union building and is open to all interested students.

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Obama

wouldn't prosecute intelligence agents who participated in harsh interrogations.

Leahy singled out Texas Republican John Cornyn as one who wanted to "turn a blind eye to possible law-breaking before investigating whether it occurred."

"No one should be seeking to trade a vote for such a pledge," Leahy said.

When Cornyn rose to announce his vote against Holder, he did not make such a demand. However, he accused the nominee of changing his once-supportive position — on the need to detain terrorism suspects without all the rights of the Geneva Convention — to one of hardly criticizing Bush administration counter-terrorism policies.

"His contrasting positions from 2002 to 2008 make me wonder if this is the same person," Cornyn said. "It makes me wonder what he truly believes."

Cornyn and Sen. Tom Coburn said Holder was hostile to the right of individuals to own guns, despite a Supreme Court ruling last June affirming the right to have weapons for self-defense in the home.

Holder said his confirmation hearings "I understand that the Supreme Court has spoken." But he added that restrictions on guns could still be legal.

Holder's confirmation will trigger reviews — and re-examinations of those policies and tactics.

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To the satisfaction of Democrats and consternation of some Republicans, Holder told his confirmation hearing, "Waterboarding is torture." The statement about an interrogation technique that simulates drowning was an important signal of a policy change from Bush's view that the technique was legal and not torture.

Obama issued an executive order to close the U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, within a year. He also created a special task force, chaired by the attorney general and the secretary of defense, to review detainee policy going forward. The group will consider policy options for apprehension, detention, trial, transfer or release of detainees and report to the president within 180 days.

One of Holder's most intriguing missions will be to review the Office of Legal Counsel, whose lawyers justified the use of controversial interrogation tactics and viewed themselves as attorneys for the White House.

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If Obama reverses Bush's policy, it would create a new legal issue: whether a former president's order against testifying would still be valid.

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Save 30%
Organic growers call for more fertilizer oversight

Jacob Adelman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Organic grower Phil McGrath plays by the rules to keep his Ventura County strawberry and vegetable farm certified organic. So suspicions that at least two fertilizer companies — one of which was recently raided by federal agents — have been peddling synthetic fertilizer as the natural soil makes him fear they may cheapen the "organic" label he grows under.

"It brings the term and the industry down a notch," he said.

The state's major organic certifier, the California Certified Organic Farmers, Monday.

I n t e r v i e w s

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-Rachel Roberts, journalism junior

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-Christina Boeryd, general engineering freshman

"I have heard of Twitter from one of my friends but I don't know anyone that has it."

-Megan Keating, art & design sophomore

"I have never heard of it. Where is the promotion for Twitter?"

-Aaron Bevan, journalism senior
**National**

**PHOENIX** (AP) — The main suspect in a series of random night shootings that terrorized the Phoenix area said Monday at his murder trial that he first thought his arrest in 2006 was a drug bust.

"I had no idea it was about the [real] Shooter case," Dale Hausner testified, adding that he thought at the time that police were playing a joke on him.

Hausner said he had hallucinations in his apartment at the time of his arrest.

The 34-year-old Hausner is charged with killing eight people and attacking 20 others in 2005 and 2006. Prosecutors plan to seek the death penalty if he is convicted.

**WASHINGTON** (AP) — The top U.S. military officer cautioned Monday against comparing the Pentagon's renewed focus on Afghanistan to the Vietnam War, citing terrorism and a non-operation strategy as "dramatic differences" between the two conflicts.

"Afghanistan is much more complex," said Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

He added: "I certainly recognize — and having been in Vietnam myself — that there are those who make comparisons. I would be pretty careful about that though, for lots of reasons."

**International**

**CAMBRIDGE, England** (AP) — A protester hurled abuse at then a shoe at Qin's prime minister Monday while he delivered a speech on the global economy at Cambridge University.

The protester leapt up from his seat near the back of a crowded auditorium, blew a whistle and yelled that Premier Wen Jiabao was a "dictator" before throwing the shoe toward the stage.

"How can this university provoke itself with this dictator here, how can you listen...to him unchallenged," the man shouted.

Like the now-famous incident when an Iraqi reporter threw his shoes at former President George W. Bush in December, the gray athletic shoe missed its intended target.

**BAGHDAD** (AP) — Iraqi military clamped a vehicle ban Monday on the Sunni-dominated province of Anbar after tribal sheiks sent government officials fleeing violence linked to the Shiite-led government.

The brewing crisis threatens to trigger new violence in Anbar, the vast, mostly desert territory that had been center-stage in the Sunni insurgency until tribes there turned against al-Qaeda in Iraq two years ago.

**Waste, fraud in Iraq being repeated in Afghanistan**

Richard Lardner

Associated Press

Waste and corruption that marred Iraq's reconstruction will be repeated in Afghanistan unless the U.S. transforms the unwieldy bureaucracy managing tens of billions of dollars in infrastructure projects, government watchdogs warned Monday.

The U.S. has devoted more than $630 billion to rebuilding Afghanistan. Yet despite the hard lessons learned in Iraq, where the U.S. has spent nearly $750 billion on reconstruction, the effort in Afghanistan is headed down the same path, the watchdogs said in a new panel investigating wartime contracts.

"Before we go pouring more money in, we really need to know what we're trying to accomplish in Afghanistan," said Ginger Cruz, deputy special inspector general for Iraq reconstruction. "And at what point do you turn off the spigot so you're not pouring money into a black hole?"

Better coordination among federal agencies, more flexible contracting rules, constant oversight and experienced acquisition teams are among the changes urged by the officials in order to make sure money isn't wasted and contractors don't cheat.

**Fertilizer continued from page 3**

**California Certified Organic Farmers**, said it won't pampering farmers or revoking their endorsements because it recognizes they had been duped.

But the situation has resulted in a blow to the integrity of the organic market, prompting new industry-wide efforts to test and verify fertilizers that will be the focus of hearings Tuesday by the state Senate Committee on Food and Agriculture.

"The oversight of the organic industry from a fertilizer perspective is kind of like the wild West," said committee Chairman Sen. Dean Florez, D-Shafter.

As the organic produce market expands from a cadre of small conscientious growers to a massive industry, some farmers are turning to low-cost and highly potent organic fertilizers to make up for shrinking margins.

That demand has resulted in allegations of products being marketed that are too good to be truly organic. Their use threatens a market based on consumers' willingness to pay a premium for products seen as better for their health and the environment.

The two products implicated had been popular fertilizers among organic growers, though information on the amount produced is not publicly available, said Michael Jarvis, spokesman for the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

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The hand job: is it going extinct?

Something happened in college. All of a sudden the classic hasehall-vanish. While there is sometimes some sexual acts, the attention given to this slight fondling action during intense erections makes this once-beloved act begin to disappear. Is it going extinct? But somewhere along the way, second base got lost. It is now an endangered sexual act and as college students, it is important that we reflect on why we made this once-beloved act begin to wane.

While there is sometimes some slight fondling action during intense sexual acts, the attention given to this task is lacking and a conclusion is rarely found using these means. Giving a complete hand job, or an H.J., is not a simple feat. Women may be easier targets for this interaction, considering their natural lubrication.

Men, however, have a much bigger physical challenge: if their partner doesn't have a convenient supply of KY at hand, your transaction may not be completed as intended. Lubrication is crucial in giving an H.J., as I've heard it is like giving someone a gift that they already have. Either sex can draw the blinds and easily use their hand for a little self-satisfaction. Some people may struggle with lathering a hand to someone whom frequently does it who. Why do the "j-e" when the person is fully capable of doing it on his or her own? An H.J. receiver can probably do it more efficiently and with a greater likelihood of reaching his or her precise needs. Man's inability to mindread makes the H.J., and sex in general, hard. Perhaps this is an reason why the regularity of the hand job is dwindling.

Although the hand job is in a renaissance, I believe it is still in demand. Despite all of its deterrents, and the desire for greater sexual adventures, people still crave the normal attention. The evidence is that people still get hand jobs; people take their partner's hands and lead it a few inches south of the border. Now, maybe this isn't a common occurrence, and I do not condone this action as it tethers on decency, but it does happen. Maybe it happens more than people are aware of. Nevertheless, this simple statement gives support for a natural desire to see skip that base we all once maneuvered with ease.

The second act, the cleaning and the work may all be reasons why the H.J. is going extinct. But as with all things endangered it is important we try to bring it back. So please, take the physical challenge, give the bases another shot and give the H.J. another chance.

Denise Nielan is a journalism senior and the Mustang Daily's sex columnist.

The Reader' tries to provoke tears, but comes up lifeless

"How did we let this happen?" This has been one of the biggest questions historians ask of the Holocaust, but it's only one of about dozen questions swirling around "The Reader," a convolution drama that ineffectively tries to probe complex human conditions.

Adapted by David Hare from Bernhard Schlink's 1995 novel, it charts the complicated relationship between Michael Berg (Ralph Fiennes) and Hanna Schmitz (Kate Winslet) over 30 years in post-WWII Germany.

It begins as a March-September romance and turns into a courtroom drama 10 years later when Michael, now in law school, sees Hanna again when she stands trial for the murder of 300 people that took place while she was a prison guard during the Holocaust.

It's a heavy film fittingly directed by Stephen Daldry, who previously showed his audience's tear ducts in 2002 weeper "The Hours." Too bad he coats nearly every frame of "The Reader" with such insipid desire to evoke sympathetically morbidly eyed emotions he never finds manageable direction for the piece as a whole. The result is confounding, nearly incoherent and perplexingly inert.

Kate Winslet has won the Golden Globe, the Screen Actors Guild award and has received an Oscar nomination for her portrayal of a strong woman undermined by her own weaknesses, and she anchors the film with her innate ability to understand nuances and complexities in even the most minute character.

Ralph Fiennes, as the older Michael, gives an impressive performance and seems to understand the somewhat dubious psychoanalytical themes in his few scenes. The same can only fleetingly be said of David Kross, who plays the younger Michael, and boldly stresses his innocence all the way through. The rest of his emotions are placed too broad, and he's constantly reduced to tears even if it's never quite clear why the character spends 30 years crying about the same thing.

The first act of the film charts an intriguing trajectory about the power of lost manifesting in depressed individuals. After a while though, even in its supposed extremity and seemingly non-stop nudity feels unnecessary and overdone.

Then the second half opens up a terrifying void: a boring and preachy courtroom drama. A bland soundtrack in which violins dictate all emotion gives see Reader, page 7
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Season of Rice

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Landscape photographer, book designer and part-time Cal Poly and Cuesta College fine art instructor Patty Arnold has found new respect for the little grain that feeds the world.

Integrating a mixture of agricultural, recreational, environmental, political and historical research, her “Season of Rice” documentary photo exhibit of eastern and western rice farming is on display at the San Luis Obispo Art Center.

The photography documents Arnold’s experience in California and Bali rice paddies.

Arnold said “Season of Rice” was part of a deep desire she has to study the effects of human intervention in various landscapes, which can be either constructive or destructive.

In 2005, Arnold photographed a 190-day cycle of rice and the harvest season during September and October at a rice paddy field in Marysville, Calif. The invitation behind her research was to find out what happens when wetlands become housing developments, how wildlife responds to drastic changes that are introduced to the land and if these alterations can operate in balance with the environment.

Being able to study a specific place over an extended period of time allowed her to record the changes that occurred with her camera, documenting issues involving land and water use and the general habitat. The wildlife Arnold observed included nesting swallows, beaver, shorebirds, insects, crawfish, egrets and herons.

It was while visiting the rice paddies in Bali that Arnold realized just how significant environmental change is. She noticed that farmers at the paddy were attracting and supporting 11,000 migratory birds, some of which are endangered species, during the process of farming rice. “I discovered in Marysville that it wasn’t just farmland affected, it was habitat, and I didn’t expect that. Part of my education because to tell the story so that people will be aware that there is more going on than just farming. There’s a bigger story than just the food,” she said.

The “Season of Rice” project expanded globally in 2007 when she photographed a rice paddy field in Bali, Indonesia. The Eastern methods of terrace farming were very different from Western methods of contour farming. Westerners view times as linear, so everything had a beginning, middle and end, without the luxury of multiple harvests she said. Bali, on the other hand, is unique in producing three harvests a year while a fourth is rotated in with something to replenish the soil, such as beans or flowers.

Because of the unique growing pattern, Arnold was able to observe an entire planting and harvesting in two weeks while she was in Bali. Arnold said that Bali is the most spiritual country she has ever been to. “They acknowledge the importance of rice; it is considered a life-sustaining food and it is in every part of their culture. They wear rice on their heads and thumbs to enter a temple. I have come to respect the grain which feeds half the world,” she said.

Arnold believes that similarities between cultures rest in the knowledge of how important water use is in farming rice. Irrigation systems in both styles make use of simple constructions and devices to control water.

“Farmers might actually be the best chance we have in preserving the habitus. We have to stop seeing them as an enemy and allow them to become more educated and aware of their husbandry position and responsibility of the land, hopefully to make good decisions based on biological understanding,” she said.

The “Season of Rice” exhibit is displayed simultaneously with the “Hungry Planet: What the World Eats,” photo-narrative exhibit at the San Luis Obispo Art Center, which will remain on display through the end of February.

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background to the awful psycho-analytical exercises where character motivations are murky and undeveloped in each scene.

But above all, “The Reader” is a carefully modulated study in watching people cry. It feels more like a two-hour boxing match of a therapy session than an invigorating emotional exploration.

It never directly probes the “why” of the characters, always choosing to talk about things that aren’t the central conflict, as if that somehow qualifies for a subtext.

Its production design is salvageable, even but the visual construction of the film only helps exasperate the cloven drama.

Good acting can’t挽救 wretched storytelling and melodrama can’t save a scattershot plot.

“The Reader” holds its arms out wide, gets on its knees and begs for Oscars. Too bad it’s too stilted and suffocating for its own good, as if pedagogy alone makes up for dramatic inadequacies.
Cal Poly should focus ‘the nation’ all year long

Will Cal Poly prepare you for California’s growing green collar economy in solar, wind, cleantech, nanotech and biotech? Cal Poly “graduates in major majors” will be prepared for sustainability-focused careers, according to the Draft Strategic Plan for 2009 through 2014. But what distinguishes a “green” or “sustainability-focused” job from any other job? And why can’t all students be prepared for a “sustainability-focused” career? Cal Poly educates “market-ready” young professionals that are currently in high demand. Classes emphasize becoming well-prepared for the working world through its cherished hands-on-by-doing approach. However, the working world is rapidly transforming and Cal Poly is struggling to keep up with the professional change.

Students understand the need to be green. They understand the cool factor and the broadened consumer experience that results from shifting personal values and readily available information. What once were classified as green jobs are ever increasingly becoming the basis for California’s future economy.

If Empower Poly Coalition, an alliance of sustainability organizations on campus, is any indicator of the change in the professional and social climate of Cal Poly students, then it is worth noting that the enrollment of member clubs has nearly doubled since this time last year. Some of these clubs and organizations are what would traditionally be considered sustainability-focused, but there are also a growing number of clubs that have realigned their mission to align with the goals and principles that emphasize providing products and services that conserve energy and resources, utilize renewable sources, reduce pollution and reuse waste.

This week, Cal Poly will host the second annual Focus the Nation event, a national teach-in on climate change brought to you by the Empower Poly Coalition. Last January, the first Focus the Nation, Global Warming Solutions for America, was a wild success and had over 5,000 students, faculty and administration discussing how the technical, political and environmental tools are available to solve some of the greatest challenges of our time. Every college on the campus participated in this discussion, which proves that the impact of a changing world transcends every sector of our economy.

From today through Friday, the Empower Poly Coalition brings you the Nation: Building a Sustainable Economy. During the four-day-long festivities, there will be a Green Job Fair and Trade Show, Sustainable Projects Showcase, Student-Led Sustainability Workshops, Panels of Experts with a wide array of topics — from appropriate technology, sustainable business and innovation — and a SLO Renewable Energy Educational Forum held off campus at the SLO Venice Hall.

I applaud the students involved in organizing Focus the Nation for their dedication and commitment to their fellow peers, campus and community. This event is a massive undertaking to coordinate for students, one that shows that Cal Poly should take institutional leadership in promoting and advancing campus-wide dialogues on issues relevant to society.

I’d like to thank the generous support from both faculty and administration for making this event come to life, and recommend that the Cal Poly Administration take bold steps to address the growing demands of students to have access to system-wide sustainability education.

The next generation of young professionals demands a massive overhaul of the way we perceive sustainability. Students should not have to plan a job fair with environmentally and socially responsible organizations; instead, the university should seek them out for all job fairs. Cal Poly is ranked as one of the best schools in the nation, but it will fall behind if it does not rapidly change campus procedures.

Join us this week in the Focus the Nation events, held in locations all over campus. And tell the administration that being prepared for the emerging economy matters to you. They are nice and responsive people, they just sometimes need a little reminder of what is important to students.

For more information about Focus the Nation go to www.focusnationsl.com

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Dec. 14, 2008; Feb. 2, 2009: 
The shoes heard around the world

People used to duel to resolve their grievances. One man would hit the other with a glove, rules were set and everything was carried out quite politely despite the savage nature of dueling.

Nowadays, it seems that people would rather throw a shoe at world leaders to get their points across — even if it doesn't work.

A protester threw his shoe at Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao during a speech at Cambridge University Monday, making it the second instance in the past two months.

Unlike former President Bush, who had to duck as an Iraqi TV journalist threw both shoes at him during a news conference in Baghdad, Jiabao didn't have to avoid the shoe, as it landed several feet away from him.

Jiabao's visit was protested throughout the UK because of China's actions in Tibet and human rights issues. Of course, one incident makes it the second instance of Bush as a president, the journalist who threw his shoe at Bush, who had to duck as an Iraqi TV journalist threw another shoe at his head during a speech at the Coalition conference in Baghdad, Jiabao's visit was protested by a protestor in the UK because of China's actions in Tibet and human rights issues.

Nowadays, it seems that the shoes heard around the world.

You know the feeling: the weekend has come to a close and the alarm ringing on the bedside table is a constant reminder that maybe dueling in the UK on a Sunday night was not the best idea. You open your eyes and the thought of the impending day of classes is almost enough to make you want to pretend that all of this is just a horrible, very realistic dream.

Now, for a moment, imagine having to resolve the agony of Monday mornings twice in one week. Brace yourselves kids; this horrifying nightmare will become reality during the week of Feb. 9-13.

Due to a policy in the CSU scheduling system which states that two Monday holidays cannot be observed in the same quarter, Friday Feb. 13 will follow a Monday class schedule.

What happened to the good old days of celebrating both Martin Luther King, Jr.'s and George Washington's birthdays without consequence? Personally, between studying for untimely midterms (honestly, week 3 is not the middle of the term) and pumping out papers and projects like nobody's business, I feel that the students at Cal Poly deserve both of these days off without question. Am I right?

Now, to be honest, I've been quite spoiled in the nine quarters that I've attended Cal Poly. I've never had a Friday class. Never. I realize that for some majors, avoiding a Friday class just is not in the cards.

As a journalism major where the majority of my classes are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays, it makes it easier to find general education courses that fit my ideal schedule. Along the same lines, though, I make it a point to spend as much time as necessary on PASS, sometimes even weeks before my registration appointment, creating many options of different class schedules to secure myself the perpetual three-day weekend that I've been accustomed to.

Now hang on a second before you jump down my throat and point out my hypocrisies. I would like to add that I use those three-day weekends to earn money.

As it is, my weekly work schedule consists of three 8-hour shifts: Thursday from noon until 8:30 and Friday and Saturday from 9:30 until 6. It is really fair to have to take off work to go to classes that I had already already allotted time for in the week?

Help me out here, Cal Poly.

In the current economic d o w n w a r d spiral, I don't think that I am alone when I say that I need every dollar I can get on my hands. Make the $72 (before taxes) that I'm giving up by missing that 8-hour shift seems like change to the hundreds of thousands of that certain administrators make, but as a student, every little bit counts.

What's the harm in taking a few days of our lives to relax and appreciate the contributions of a few noteworthy individuals in our country's history? Is it really the crisis situation of a few classes don't have the same amount of scheduled class time as others? Isn't this what technology is there for, to provide a means of passing on information that doesn't rely on face-to-face communication?

For now, instead of following my normal routine of working on my day off, I guess you'll see me grudgingly making my way to class. Literally, it'll be just another case of the Mondays.

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MY NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION WAS, ONCE AGAIN, TO NOT EAT CHILDREN. THIS IS THE LONGEST I’VE EVER KEPT IT!

Across
1. Pretense
2. Big name in grills
3. Before too long
4. Prettiness
5. Youngster
6. Light on one’s feet
7. Nocturnal hunters
8. Overhead RRs
9. Insignificant
10. Nickname of Netanyahu
11. Sign of fatigue
12. 1949 Orson Welles film
13. Overhead RRs
14. Actress Petty
15. Light on one’s feet
16. Commuter
17. Tolkien brutes
18. Slugger
19. Nocturnal
20. ’Braveheart”
21. Not duped by
22. Him
23. Massachusetts tourist spot
24. Bit of work
25. Powerful Pontiac
26. Key element
27. Chocolate-coated candy
28. 1949 Orson Welles film
29. What’s the big idea?
30. Midday
31. Fight site
32. A school of hunters
33. Light snack
34. Chowderhead
35. Hubbub
36. Easy dupes
37. Laptop key
38. Margarine
40. School of thought
41. Where touch
42. “Hmmm . . .”
43. Cape Town
44. Designed to
45. School of thought
46. Before too long
47. “Getting away with murder”
48. Jack of Twin Peaks
49. Certain navel
50. Certain navel
51. Samurai, e.g.
52. Ivan Turgenev
53. “Thumbs-up”
54. Big Brothers Big Sisters
55. “I heard...”
56. Diner order,
57. Ammo unit
58. Sicilian hot spot
59. Squander
60. Grills
61. Power co.
62. Certain navel
63. Marathon handout
64. Look to be

Down
2. Needing
3. Looking for
4. Adding, as an ingredient
5. Samurai, e.g.
6. Antiquest dealer
7. Name of Israel’s military
8. Some Ivy League
9. Insignificant amount
10. Bingo container
11. Sign of fatigue
12. “Bravest of the Brave”
13. Overhead RRs
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15. Token brutes
16. Most of Sama’s mail
17. Creep (along)
18. Conceal in the hand
19. “What’s the big idea?”
20. Sporty cars, briefly
21. Potentially offensive
22. “What’s the big idea?”
23. Sporty cars, briefly
24. At home
25. 1949 Orson Welles film
26. Rioja, for example
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Girls & Sports by Justin Borus and Aaron Feinstein

I HEARD YOU BROKE UP WITH JOANNA YESTERDAY YEAH, IT WAS TOUGH. I’LL BE A WHILE BEFORE EITHER OF US DATES AGAIN

OH, HI, BRADLEY
JOANNA WHAT’RE YOU DOING HERE?

GRABBING A DRINK WITH MY NEW BOYFRIEND, PAUL

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It's very hard to get in the NBA, but anything is possible. As of right now, that is my next goal.

--Deshawn Vance
Senior Cal Poly great

Vance's performance ability to better his teammates stems from his off-court concern about others over himself. Among his list of hobbies, which includes singing, cooking and writing poetry, Vance also said he loves to give advice.

"I talk to him four to five times a week," Anderson said. "I look at him as a mentor."
Don't forget about Dre

Former Cal Poly guard Dreshawn Vance is living his dream of playing professional basketball

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People don't usually end up living the life they dreamed about when they were young. There just isn't enough room for everyone to become a doctor, astronaut, actor, athlete or any other title that made the lofty list of possibilities. However, there are those select few who ignore that reasoning, stick to the initial plan and prevail anyway.

As one of those people, Dreshawn Vance, a Cal Poly graduate and former Mustangs guard, knows that hard work and determination can deliver you to the promised land.

Last summer, Vance signed a one-year contract with the Aalborg Basketball Klub in Denmark to solidify himself as part of the elite group that turn their dreams into reality.

Since before Vance knew how to tell time, he knew that he wanted to spend it playing basketball. And once high school started, he had convinced his parents that the sport was a realistic option for him, Vance's mother Elvonne said.

"Watching him play in high school, I knew that he could do it," Elvonne said. "He always gave a hundred percent no matter what. And I knew that he could play professionally."

She was right. Vance dominates the court with his 6-foot-8 frame and has become the center of what Aalborg does as a team. Under his leadership, the team is in first place of Denmark's First Division and is currently undefeated (13-0).

"My teammates here look up to me as a leader and the go-to guy on the court. They trust me in any given situation, which is nice to know when the game is on the line," Vance said of his game, which is currently great confidence.

"The success is all due to working out hard, having great character and not being selfish," Vance explained.

The success that Vance has had overseas comes to no surprise of his former Mustangs teammates, who attribute it to his character.

"Playing with Dre was a great experience," Cal Poly junior guard Charles Anderson said. "He was a very unselfish player and was very productive coming off the bench. He brought a lot of energy to every game and practice and was an overall great guy to play with."

Talk to any player in the men's locker room and you will discover that Vance is a seemingly carefree person who is mostly concerned about making sure the people around him are having fun. The name can hardly be brought up without the instinctual chuckle.

"The thing I respect most about Dre is that he loves to sing," Vance said. He thinks he would win the next American Idol if he ever entered, Mustang senior forward John Manley said. "He makes and posts videos on Facebook all the time of himself singing or doing other hilarious things."

Imagine if Vance never made it to the professional level. Vance, page 11

BYNUM OUT 8 TO 12 WEEKS FOR LIGAMENT TEAR

Los Angeles center Andrew Bynum, middle, watches from the bench during the Lakers' 126-117 win over the Knicks yesterday in New York.

Bryant, missed the shot and crashed into Bynum's right leg. Bynum immediately grabbed his knee.

Bynum is the Lakers' third-leading scorer and second-leading rebounder, averaging 14.0 points, 8.2 rebounds and 1.9 blocks.

The 7-0, 285-pound Bynum's injury brought to a close a successful portion of last season for the Lakers. He went down in mid-January and was expected to be sidelined 8 to 12 weeks after being ruled out in the final seconds of a game. And that completion came to an end.

Instead, he missed the final 46 games of the season, as the Lakers lost in the final. He underwent arthroscopic surgery May 21 to remove cartilage debris and smoothed some rough spots on the undersides of his knee cap.

"This is a team that went to the finals last year that we put on the floor, so they're confident in what we're doing," Bynum said at the Lakers' shootaround Monday afternoon, before they announced the injury. "We're going to miss his presence, his rebounding ability. But this is a very capable team." The injury came as the 21-year-old seemed to be taking a major step forward in his fourth NBA season. In the five games before he was hurt, he was averaging 26.2 points, 13.8 rebounds and 3.2 blocks and shooting 65.3 percent from the field.

"It changes our team, and the rhythm that we're playing with," Bryant said at the shootaround. "Obviously we found a great rhythm there with him in the lineup, particularly the last week or so. So we're going to have to make some adjustments.

Bryant insisted the Lakers could still win a title without Bynum.

"There are two teams that lost in the finals that go back and win the next year," he said. "I think having Andrew in the lineup makes us a dominant team. With him out of the lineup, we're still a great team. You put him in the mix, it takes us to another level."


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NEW YORK — A young man appears to be smoking pot at a party. Big deal, right? Our new president has freely admitted doing just that in his youth — inhaling, too — and it didn't derail him one bit. So should we expect more of Michael Phelps? It depends on what we want and expect our youthful role models to be: perfect, or flawed like the rest of us.

And as for the Olympic swimmer's many corporate sponsors were wrestling with their options Monday, a day after an embarrassing photo emerged of the decorated athlete appearing to smoke from a bong, some were looking at the bright side.

"We should grab this teachable moment," said Lisa Bar, executive editor of Parenting magazine. "It's a good opportunity to talk to your kids about role models. They're human. They're not gods."

"Any conversation you can have with your kids about the choices people make, especially those they hold up as role models, is a good thing," Blain said.

Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps reacts after hitting his knee on a desk during a press conference yesterday.

To her and to many others, there's no question that Phelps is a role model for young kids, as opposed to, say, a more celebrity endorser. Only role models appear on Kellogg's cereal boxes, for example. And that complicates the problems for this young man, whose journey to eight gold medals in Beijing last year captivated the world.

"Breakfast cereal — that's really speaking to kids between 6 and 12," said Marian Salzman, known as a trendspotter in the advertising industry. "He has big, important deals, in a terrible economy. This is just wacky."

But that doesn't mean Phelps, 23, doesn't deserve a break, Salzman said. "If you are the offi of the best-known public relations firm, you see Phelps, page 11

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REMEMBER DESHAWN, PAGE 11

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