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'Invisible' city gates



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Architecture sophomores Jeanette Walton, left, and Josh Burden, display their work from their ARCH 253, architectural design fundamentals, class on the business building lawn. The assignment was to read "Invisible Cities," which described various entrance gates in different cities, pick one and design a model of it to be displayed to the class.

ASI ballots get new look

By Janelle Foskett
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Although far less controversial than the 2000 national race for president, the recent Associated Students Inc. election had its own share of ballot criticisms.

Liberty Lewis, ASI elections committee chair, said she received several comments about the clarity of the ballots from the League of Women Voters, who worked the polling sites, and from students.

Regardless of the comments, Lewis said it was clear for whom the students were voting.

"The intent of everyone was obvious," she said. "We made sure we counted correctly."

To alleviate the need for future clarification, ASI created new ballots to use for Wednesday's run-off between Brent Vann and Angie Hacker for the position of ASI president.

"We're using a format that will hopefully be easier to understand," Lewis said.

The original ballots did not have directions printed on them instructing students to bubble in the letter A next to the candidate's name. Instead, workers at the polling sites verbally explained this concept to voters unfamiliar with the ballots.

Even though the ballot directions were explained, Lewis said some voters simply circled the candidates' names and others filled in bubbles other than A.

The new ballots have instructions that read, "To select a candidate, fill in CIRCLE A next to the candidate line number."

Some students also seemed unaware that it was a two-sided ballot, Lewis said.

"(Students) would come out and ask why they couldn't vote for president, and (volunteers) would say 'flip it over,'" she said.

Finally, some students were confused about which line to bubble in for particular candidates, Lewis said.

Chuck Nunley, an electrical engineering junior, said because the bubble rows were so spaced apart, he didn't understand if he was supposed to fill in the bubbles in numerical order or fill in the bubbles directly next to the candidate's name.

"I didn't know where to mark," he said. "I had to ask."

Although voters were told to fill in circle A in the row next to a candidate's name, Lewis said a couple of the rows did not match up perfectly with the names.

She said this was probably most true for Chris Madsen, the only candidate for chair of the Board of Directors. But since Madsen was the only candidate, she said there was no chance of voting for the wrong person, and it was clear for whom the students were voting in the other categories.

"Even though the lines were off a bit, people figured it out," she said.

Regardless of the ballot issues, many students, like journalism senior Victoria Walsh, did not find the ballots confusing.

"They weren't confusing," she said. "You just fill in A."

For Wednesday's run-off election, instructions are printed directly on the

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Early morning registration system glitches resolved

By Jenifer Hansen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Registering for classes can be as simple as dialing the phone or clicking the mouse. However, students did not have that chance Monday morning as the registration systems were temporarily down.

CAPTURE and POWER were not available at 7 a.m. to students who were taking priority registration for summer quarter classes due to a "production disc volume" failure that occurred within the campus' mainframe computer, said Jennifer Thoma, systems analyst for the office of academic records. CAPTURE, Cal Poly's Touchtone User Registration, and POWER, Poly Web Registration, were not active until 7:45 a.m. when the problem was resolved.

Richard Walls, coordinator of central systems, said the problem occurred this weekend after work was done in the mainframe computer. The CAPTURE file, which is also linked to POWER, was accidentally deleted, he said. As soon as

the problem with the missing file was identified, Walls said it was restored using a back-up file.

Not being able to register for classes through CAPTURE and POWER might have been an inconvenience to students who were taking advantage of priority registration, however problems were "extremely rare," Walls said.

C.J. Morris, records associate in the office of academic records, said they did not receive any complaints about the issue when the office opened at 7:30 a.m. She also said a situation of this nature hardly ever happens, and when it does, it is resolved quickly.

Morris pointed out that even though the registration systems were down for a short time, it was not an issue of one person not being able to use their priority but rather a problem for everyone who planned to register Monday morning. In this instance the systems being down should not have affected what classes were still available for registration, she said.

Visiting teacher recalls bombing

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
MUSTANG DAILY MANAGING EDITOR

When a bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995, Elsie Wanjohi wasn't the first firefighter to arrive on the scene, nor was she a survivor of the blast that killed 168 people.

Instead, Wanjohi experienced one of America's greatest tragedies as an international student in a small town 55 miles away from the scene.

As the United States looks toward the May 16 execution of Timothy McVeigh, the convicted bomber, Wanjohi reflected on her experiences in Stillwater, Okla.

While she may not have been in the disaster's epicenter, Wanjohi's role was hardly insignificant.

As a Kenyan studying at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Wanjohi aided the international community at her college in dealing with the disaster. At the time, she lived in university apartments that housed approximately 200 students and their families from

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Elsie Wanjohi, assistant professor at Bethune-Cookman College in Florida, speaks about her experiences in Oklahoma City at the time of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing in April 1995.

daily dose

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TODAY'S MOON

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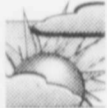
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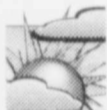
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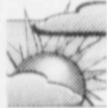
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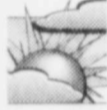
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Correction

The photo caption in yesterday's article, "Poly team places fourth at Wildflower," identified Reto Waeffler as the fourth place winner, but the photo on the left did not show him.

Off-roading still allowed in Oceano

MONTEREY (AP) — The California Coastal Commission decided Monday to continue allowing up to 4,300 off-road vehicles a day at the only beach in the state where they still are allowed to zoom around among sand dunes.

The temporary limit — about the number currently using the beach — was set for Oceano Dunes. The Sierra Club had hoped for an outright ban to protect the endangered snowy plover, least tern, red-legged frog and steelhead trout.

Deborah Love, manager of the Chamber of Commerce in nearby Grover Beach, applauded the ruling and said people using Oceano Dunes bring business to restaurants, book stores, clothing shops and other local shops.

"There's I don't know how many hundreds and hundreds of miles of coastline and only five miles open to

cars. It doesn't seem extraordinary to ask them to keep it open," she said. "The businesses report they will have tremendous sales losses if the dunes are shut down."

The commission also directed a technical review team to examine how the thousands of dune buggies, all-terrain vehicles, campers, trucks and cars are affecting endangered species. Its first report, which could lead to changes in the vehicle limit, is due next January.

Supporters of dune driving say they are not as much of a problem as the natural predators that prey on the endangered species.

"If you take us away you are still going to have the issues," said Kim Kammer, a representative of the California Off-Road Vehicle Association.

WANJOHI

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various countries.

Before McVeigh was discovered as a suspect, Wanjohi said news organizations were plastering televisions with pictures of suspects from outside the United States.

"The first thought that came to everyone's mind was that it came from someone overseas," Wanjohi said in an interview at Cal Poly on Monday where she was visiting the journalism department.

Fear crept through the international community at Oklahoma State as students worried that they would have to move back to their home countries because of Americans' suspicions of them, Wanjohi said. The impact on the small cluster of international students was huge.

"That shot of time was scaring every-

one so much," Wanjohi said. "... It was a crisis, ... what do we do with this international community that is so scared?"

The answer was Wanjohi herself.

Since she had only moved from her home country of Kenya in 1990, Wanjohi said she was experiencing the same fears as many of her neighbors. But her interaction with the other international students inspired the coordinator of the university apartments to ask for her help.

"When it was thrown to me to help, I wasn't worried about myself," she said in her lilting Kenyan accent.

While the United States mourned the victims of the bombing, Wanjohi focused her energy on a group of people that was equally affected.

Many international students — hailing from Central America, Asia and Europe — were scared of leaving their homes because of judgment from their American peers, Wanjohi said.

Her job was to calm these fears; she

comforted students and counseled them on their problems.

"It was a relief for them to have someone who was believing in them," Wanjohi said.

The most difficult part of her adopted job came when she had to cross cultural barriers to communicate with students from other countries, she said. She often had to use English translators to understand students' fears, and learning to say the right thing was hard, Wanjohi said. She had to be very careful not to offend someone, because some cultures are more outspoken than others.

Wanjohi told students not to answer their phones or talk to people they didn't want to, but the message she relayed the most was, "You don't have to worry, you didn't do it."

Three days after the bombing, when McVeigh was recognized as a suspect, Wanjohi said the fears of the international community began to subside.

"Once they found out it wasn't an

POLYBRIEFS

► Senior Project requirement

Academic Senate will have a second reading of the "Commencement Resolution" today, which would require students to have met all degree requirements (including senior project) before walking in commencement. Students are encouraged to comment about the resolution at today's meeting at 3 p.m. in UU room 220.

► Krebs case in deliberation

Both the prosecution and defense have rested their cases and closing comments are scheduled to begin today. The jury is also expected to start deliberating. Krebs faces either life in prison or the death penalty.

BALLOTS

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new ballot telling voters which line to bubble in to vote for Vann and which line to bubble in to vote for Hacker.

"We wanted to make it easier and faster," Lewis said.

There are two survey questions added to the new ballot as well, Lewis said. One question asks students if they voted in last year's elections. The other question asks students if the new ballot is easier to understand than the ballot used in last week's election.

The election will be held Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at five locations: Dexter Lawn, Rec Center, University Union, Fisher Science and the Ag bridge.

international suspect, they felt it was a lot better," she said.

As the execution of McVeigh approaches, survivors and victims' families once again turn to the disaster that affected the nation more than six years ago.

Wanjohi thinks that there is too much publicity surrounding the death of McVeigh, which does not make the reality of what happened any better.

"Everything holds on that bomb disaster," she said. "It doesn't matter what happens to him, the damage is done."

For Wanjohi, the bombing is an event that had a large impact on her small town but remains part of her past. After finishing her degree in public relations at Oklahoma State in 1996, Wanjohi moved to Florida. She is currently an assistant journalism professor at Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla.

"It was just a small role that I played," she said. "I've pushed it away over the years."

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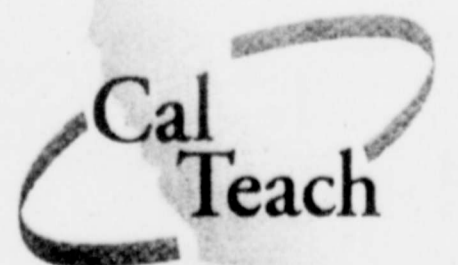
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Online research sites present ethical dilemmas

By Laura Vega
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Internet may provide a wealth of resources for completing class assignments, but cyberspace can also encourage unethical behavior in academics.

Recent studies indicate that approximately 30 percent of all students may be plagiarizing on every written assignment they complete, according to www.plagiarism.org.

The latest figures from plagiarism.org reveal that more than 200 Web sites "exist solely for students to copy and share each other's work."

Plagiarism is considered a serious violation of expected student behavior that can result in disciplinary action, according to Cal Poly's 2001-2003 catalog.

Many students, however, are not interested in using or paying for such services.

Psychology senior Christine Wolcott said she was shocked when she learned students could purchase pre-written term papers online. She said a classmate told her about the services in fall 1998.

"I couldn't believe that people would actually pay for a paper instead of just doing it themselves," Wolcott said. "I would never consider buying a paper."

Web sites that offer pre-written essays and term papers consider time as one factor for students who purchase the materials online.

The site Evil House of Cheat, at www.cheathouse.com, claims its essays "can help in many ways: to help you come up with ideas, for research or for when that deadline is a few moments away and you still

haven't started that assignment."

According to Evil House of Cheat, about 2,000 students visit the site every day. The site offers access to more than 9,500 essays with a one-year membership for \$9.95. Student testimonials on the site claim the service helped them raise their D and F grades to B's.

The site www.lazystudents.com claims unlimited access to 50,000 free papers for a one-time fee of \$19.95. In its disclaimer, the site indicated that its link "is not meant to be a quick solution for a paper that is due in less than 24 hours - although it may assist you in a quick bind."

At www.fastpapers.com, students are offered more than 25,000 "model" reports and term papers in 82 different subjects. The cost for pre-written reports is \$9.85 per page, each "filled with 225 words per page!" Rush orders are also available for \$28.95 through the site. The papers are offered by e-mail, fax or overnight delivery.

The site is owned by The Paper Store Enterprises. The fine print at the bottom of the page indicates the papers are designed as an aid for students, and that students are responsible for writing their own papers and for citing The Paper Store as a source.

According to a recent "Cybercrime" report on plagiarism by www.techtv.com, "It is not surprising, however, that educators wonder why a student would be willing to pay ... just for a 'good example.'"

According to the March 9 report, The Paper Store opened in 1994 and operates several term paper Web sites. The report also indicates that The

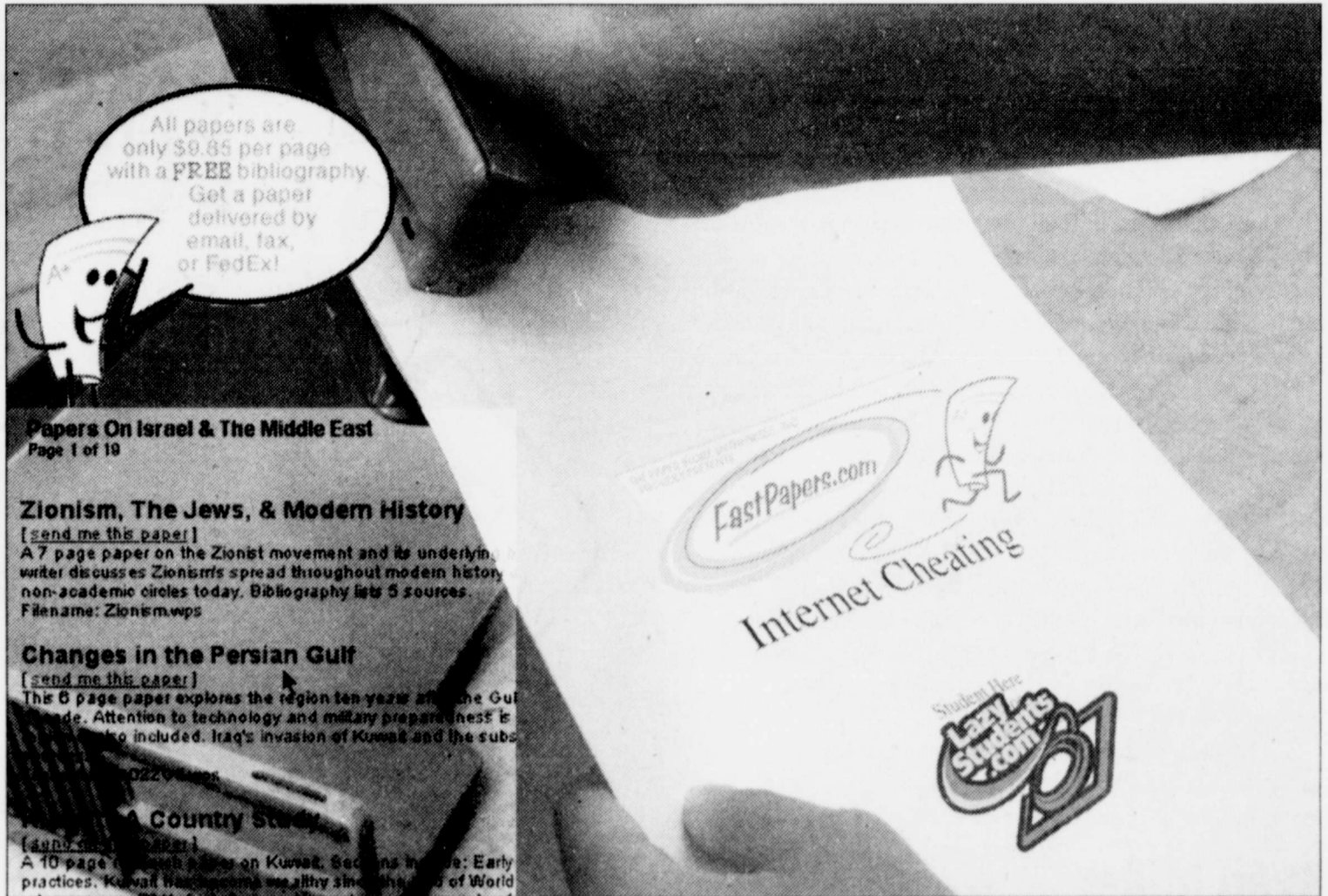


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Paper Store's database consists of more than 20,000 research papers written by full-time, trained professional contractors.

While the Internet provides students access to essay and term paper sites, other Web sites, such as www.plagiarism.org, offer professors assistance in checking for plagiarized work.

Students who plagiarize are at significant risk at Cal Poly. According to the summer schedule, Cal Poly students who use another person's ideas or work as their own, without proper

attribution to the source, risk expulsion or suspension from the university. The Office of Campus Student Relations and Judicial Affairs handles issues of academic dishonesty and student discipline.

The Internet, however, may not be necessary to confirm a suspected case of plagiarism.

Cal Poly English professor James Cushing said he has dealt with three cases of plagiarism during his 24 years of teaching. He said two of the incidents occurred at Cal Poly. In one case, Cushing said the vocabulary in the

essay was inconsistent with the student's vocabulary. The student was unable to explain some of the words when Cushing asked her about the essay. The student admitted then that she had downloaded the essay from the Internet.

Cushing said the Internet was not to blame for the incident.

"The Internet made it somewhat easier for her to plagiarize that paper," he said. "But the Internet was not the problem. The problem was that the student probably shouldn't have been taking the class in the first place."

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Web site offers link to find love

By Ted Sullivan
MONTANA KAIMIN

(U-WIRE) MISSOULA, Mont. — University of Montana's swinging singles have a new place to shop for that special someone — a Web site dedicated to hooking up shy college students that need a little extra help.

"What it does is it kills that fear of rejection, and it breaks that ice without having to put yourself out on a limb," Kent O'Neil, founder of universitylove.com, said.

Universitylove.com is a free Web site that has 4,000 registered students worldwide, including 21 University of Montana females and 31 University of Montana males.

"Students should just have fun with it," O'Neil said. "Use it to meet other people at your school you would have never met."

It's an alternative to bars and social events as a way of meeting members of the opposite sex, O'Neil said.

"For some people, the bar scene isn't for them," O'Neil said. "They're shy and don't like hanging out in big groups," O'Neil said.

And O'Neil wants universitylove.com to transcend those myths correlated with online romance. Many people think finding love online is desperate, O'Neil said.

Current events, Mother's Day, you get the idea

Sure, moms say that all they want is a phone call, a card or a few pretty flowers on Mother's Day, but perceptive children know that behind the warm smiles and countless sacrifices on behalf of the family beats a heart as consumer-driven as that of any red-blooded American.

Here are some helpful hints from your perennial holiday-gift-idea man. These gifts were chosen because they're guaranteed to make Mom smile, and, as usual, they've been culled from recent headlines.

1) Give her the stars with an all-expense paid trip to outer space. If Dennis Tito can do it, so can she. For a paltry \$20 million, Mom can spend a week in "paradise," floating amid empty Tang packets and Mir fragments. As an added bonus, buy her Russian language lessons so she can move beyond rudimentary hand signals to communicate verbally with her fellow cosmonauts.

2) Help her and the environment by buying her a bicycle or skateboard. With the average national price of gasoline soaring to a record high of more than \$1.70 per gallon,

Ryan Miller

Mom's going to need a more efficient means of travel. Imagine the look of joy on her face as she ollies, kick-flips and grinds along curbs on her way home from brunch. Don't forget to accessorize with kneepads and a helmet. When she comes to visit, remind her that skateboarding is not allowed on campus, but she is welcome to walk her bike in the clearly marked zones. Watch out for pedestrians!

3) Show concern for her health by buying her a year's supply of chicken and fish. Pork or vegetables will work equally well in this case, as will other fowl, like turkey, duck or guinea hen. Basically, just keep her away from beef. After she saw you through runny noses, colds, fevers and a few nasty bouts with diarrhea, the least you can do is keep her from contracting foot-and-mouth disease from a suspicious sirloin.

4) Surprise her by signing her up for the next available filming of "Survivor." You love your mom so much, sometimes you just want to share her with the entire country. Well, now you can. If your mom gets picked, she'll enjoy a camera-laden journey to some exotic location and a chance at winning \$1 million. Hope that she enjoys a sweet Tina Wesson victory as opposed to a bitter and conniving Richard Hatch victory. As an added bonus, she might decide to share her winnings with you. As another added bonus, she can use her new celebrity status to get you Elizabeth's phone number (guys only) or Colby's address (girls only).

5) Write a retrospective of her first 100 days as your mom. Just as President George W. Bush received attention for his actions during the first 100 days of his presidency, you mom should be noted for her exemplary conduct during the first 100 days of your life. If you've made it this far, she obviously did something right. And it's not like you were always a little bundle of joy. You were fussy and colicky more than you should've been. I know. She told me.

6) Mention her in your opinion column. Because this applies to a very select group of people, a simple message in a syndicated humor column will go a long way. For instance, by saying something like, "My mom, LaVona Miller, is the best mom, ever. I miss her and love her very much. Happy Mother's Day, Mom!" would be a wonderful gesture, if your mom happened to be named LaVona Miller. Otherwise, it's best to leave this one to the professionals.

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Silicone is steroids for beauties



MISS UNIVERSE

Advantages: Provides plastic surgeons with a steady source of income.

Shortcomings: Is non-biodegradable.

Best use: Serves as a floatation device.

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If a movie were to be made about this year's Miss Universe pageant, the most creative minds in Hollywood could not write a script as absurd as the one currently playing itself out in Puerto Rico, the site of this year's festivities.

The rumor mill is running at full tilt this year, with a couple of notables: one is that Miss France used to be a man, another is that

Commentary

Miss Brazil has had 19 surgical procedures. While the Miss Universe pageant has had its share of controversy, with a pregnant contestant one and an underage competitor another year, these situations are certainly unique.

The question of whether or not Miss France was formerly a man is still up in the air. She denies it vehemently, although some people have cited her large hands and a scar on her forehead as evidence that she had undergone a sex-change operation. Pageant officials did a thorough investigation, including a full physical by a doctor who deemed her a female.

According to ABCNews.com the one rumor that has been confirmed is that Miss Brazil has gone under the knife of a plastic surgeon 19 times. Among her enhancements are collagen injections in her lips and silicone implants in her breasts, cheeks and chin. Miss Brazil makes no excuses for her surgeries and says that many other contestants have undergone alterations, but are less open to admitting it.

The issue raised, of course, is whether a contestant who has had plastic surgery should be allowed to compete. Since most of my

writing is done for the sports pages, my feeble mind can do little other than distill everything in life into a sports analogy. In this particular case, plastic surgery would be analogous to a professional athlete using steroids.

The point of plastic surgery is to take a less than perfect body and turn it into the ideal, providing a distinct advantage over competitors. The Miss Universe

Web site refers to the pageant as an "international organization that advances and supports opportunities for these role models."

Athletes who use steroids to gain an advantage over their opponents are not viewed as role models; neither should pageant contestants who have had plastic surgery.

Athletes that use steroids cease to be professional athletes; in almost every arena of athletics, competitors are banned from using steroids. Strict penalties are given to those that break the rules.

Similar standards should be set for Miss Universe contestants. Any woman who has

had plastic surgery should be banned from competing.

There are many things these women do to prepare that are perfectly acceptable. Competitors in beauty pageants often employ coaches who teach them to sing and dance to perfection, to say just the right thing in interviews and to stand and walk with the right posture. Many spend hours in the gym trying

to sculpt the perfect body; that's fine, but plastic surgeons can't do the work for the women. Not every athlete will have the natural ability to achieve greatness, nor will every woman have the natural beauty to win a pageant. That's part of life.

The Miss Universe crown should go to a woman who combines beauty, intelligence and the other qualities making her worthy of the title. Let's judge women based on their merits, not the merits of their plastic surgeon.

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Instructor: Brian Tietje; email kmcfall@calpoly.edu for call number and information.

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The course tries to answer the question: "Why do people act the way they do?" In addition to reading assignments and extensive Web notes, there will be streaming video clips of experiments and examples of psychological principles in action. Check out this Web page for a few examples of what we will be covering: <http://cla.calpoly.edu/~cslem/Online/>

Instructor: Chuck Slem; you will be sent course information upon registering and must have 56k speed modem or higher level of net access.

ANT 360: Human Cultural Adaptation (D4b in prior GE and D4 in GE 2001: 4 credits)

ANT 360 is a course on cultural ecology. Lectures and readings cover populations living in different types of physical environment, practicing various modes of subsistence. In addition, Evolutionary Ecology, where human evolution is discussed from an ecological perspective, is introduced. Slides from ethnographic fieldwork will also accompany some lectures. The well illustrated lecture material will be online.

Instructor: Inui Choi; you will be sent an email with pertinent information upon registering.

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TRIATHLON

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it as fast as they can, but the majority are recreational exercisers that use it as a good incentive to work out."

Koestner said she's an average athlete, but she exercises consistently.

"I like a challenge," she said. Athletic challenges like the triathlon are relatively new for Koestner. She danced for exercise in junior high and high school, she said. During her first quarter at Cal Poly,

an exercise room attendant at the Rec Center encouraged her to enter the triathlon, but she declined. "I really didn't start doing endurance stuff until last year," she said. "I ran on the treadmill because I was scared to run outside."

Koestner started running about three miles per workout last fall and slowly increased her mileage. She participated in the triathlon last spring and completed it twice since then.

Her exercise has drawn her to join the Cal Poly triathlon team.

"I exercise because I feel lousy

without it," she said. "Sometimes I won't get to go to the gym, and I feel out of place for the rest of the day. I don't feel like myself."

Koestner said she likes the triathlon because it pushes her to run, bike or swim farther than usual.

"I'm pretty hard on myself," she said. "I don't like being a wimp."

Her favorite events are running and swimming, but she uses her new road bike for long rides to Cuesta College and Morro Bay.

"You never get bored," she said. "There's always a new place to go."

This quarter, participants have new options for racking up miles, Clark said. They can count mileage accumulated at a biathlon event sponsored by the Rec Center in late April. Participants can also use the Stairmaster and elliptical training machines for running mileage.

"It's meant to motivate people and to provide low-key competition between friends," Clark said. "It's the feeling and the pride of doing an actual IronMan Triathlon, but we give you three weeks instead of a day."

Participants chart their progress on brightly colored bar graphs on the exercise room walls. Koestner's graph is already colorful: She has completed the running, has biked about 20 miles and is 12 laps from the swimming requirement. She said she hopes to finish within two weeks.

"I set little goals along the way," she said. "I'll tell myself, 'Just get to the next telephone pole,' but I never stop when I get there. One more mile and you get one more bit of color."

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Lindsay Koestner
triathlon participant

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Niedermayer says hit was intentional

TORONTO (AP) — Scott Niedermayer accused Tie Domi of threatening to hit him two games before doing so and even boasting it would be bad enough for a suspension.

In his first public comments since being knocked out Thursday by the Toronto Maple Leafs' forward, Niedermayer said Monday that Domi planned the attack in retaliation for a hit from the New Jersey Devils' defenseman.

Niedermayer cut Domi over the bridge of the nose with his stick in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference semifinals but was not penalized. In the waning moments of Game 4, Domi hit Niedermayer with a vicious elbow to the head.

"He said he was going to take a suspension on me," Niedermayer said.

Domi was indeed suspended by the NHL and must sit out for at least the rest of the playoffs.

Niedermayer wouldn't reveal more details of Domi's threat, adding only

that he believed Domi was going to go after him.

"So I kept one eye on him when I was on the ice and he was on the ice at the same time. But I never expected anything more than that," Niedermayer said.

Despite being on the lookout, Niedermayer said he didn't see Domi coming in the final seconds of Game 4 until it was too late.

"I just remember turning around and seeing him. That was it," said Niedermayer, who's seen one replay of the hit. "I don't remember me having a chance to do anything, really. I vaguely remember him, not very well."

Domi was not immediately available for comment. The Maple Leafs had already left the Air Canada Centre to prepare for Monday night's Game 6.

Saturday, Domi said he regretted what happened, saying it was a "stupid reaction."

He then added: "I sincerely hope

Scott will be well soon enough to play hockey again."

Despite the suspension, Domi is allowed to practice with the team.

The Leafs have won two straight games to lead the best-of-seven series 3-2.

Niedermayer, who sustained a concussion, was to miss his second game of the series Monday and wasn't sure if he will be ready to play by Thursday if the Devils force Game 7.

Niedermayer looked relaxed and spoke in a calm voice during a 20-minute news conference.

He said he is feeling better and has been able to sleep.

Niedermayer said Domi had left a message on his answering machine but that he's not sure whether he can forgive him.

"I don't know if it's really a place for me to talk about how I feel about what happened or my thoughts towards Tie at all in public," he said.

Kings look to knock Avalanche out of playoffs

DENVER (AP) — Their offense has disappeared. If something doesn't change soon, their Stanley Cup chances will follow suit.

The Colorado Avalanche, cruising through the playoffs less than a week ago, are in a precarious position as they battle the Los Angeles Kings in the Western Conference semifinals.

With two straight 1-0 victories, the Kings have erased a 3-1 series deficit to force Game 7 in Colorado on Wednesday night. The winner will advance to face the St. Louis Blues.

"Game 7, who could ask for more?" asked Adam Deadmarsh, traded from Colorado to Los Angeles on Feb. 21. "This is a big chance for us to knock the Avalanche out. That would be a great story for our team."

For Colorado, any story that

doesn't involve an appearance in the Stanley Cup finals would be a tale of underachievement. The Avalanche had the NHL's best record in the regular season and feature three likely Hall of Fame skaters among their six All-Stars.

"We worked all year to get home-ice advantage," Avs coach Bob Hartley said, "so it's up to us to take advantage of that. ... Our leadership and our experience are there, and that should be a big positive for us in Game 7."

Playing at home failed to inspire Colorado in Game 5, and Kings goalie Felix Potvin extended his shutout streak to 164 minutes, 28 seconds with 33 saves in Game 6 on Sunday night.

The Avalanche offense has been in hibernation since Chris Drury scored on a breakaway with 1:47 left in the second period of Game 4.

In that time, Colorado also has gone 0-for-13 on the power play.

"It's frustrating, going so long without a goal," defenseman Ray Bourque said. "We definitely have to break out of it."

Even when the offense produces, Game 7 has not been kind to Colorado in recent years. The Dallas Stars eliminated the Avalanche in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals each of the past two seasons, and the Edmonton Oilers stunned them by rallying from a 3-1 series deficit in 1998.

The Kings are trying to follow in Edmonton's footsteps as they continue their unlikely postseason run. Given up for dead after losing the first two games to Detroit in the first round, Los Angeles has thrived at the most bleakest of moments.

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Scott leaves Cal Poly for Richmond

By Ryan Ballard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The decision is final. Jamaal Scott is packing his bags and taking his considerable talent and 15.1 points per game to the University of Richmond.

The Big West Freshman of the Year took a trip to visit the Virginia campus last weekend and felt like he had found a new home.

"The school is close to family," Scott said. "It's a really good situation there; they've got some great players and a great coach."

He met with Cal Poly head coach Kevin Bromley Monday to inform him of his decision to transfer.

Bromley said his response was simple: "Good luck to you."

Richmond won the Colonial Athletic Association last season with a 22-7 record. The Spiders advanced to the second round of the National Invitational Tournament. Richmond will join the Atlantic 10 conference next season, joining national powers Temple and the University of Massachusetts.

Those factors weighed heavily in Scott's selection.

"They have an established program there and they play in a great conference," he said.

Scott will be under scholarship next

year at Richmond, but will have to sit out the basketball season due to NCAA transfer regulations. He will be able to suit up for the Spiders for the 2002-03 season. He will have three years of eligibility remaining.

Before making his final decision, Scott had previously taken a trip to visit the University of Utah. The Utes lost in the finals of the national championship in 1998, but the program wasn't the right fit for Scott.

"It didn't work out for either of us," Scott said in an earlier interview. "I wasn't exactly what they were looking for and they weren't the right fit for me."

The 6-foot 5-inch guard was second on the team in rebounding at 5.9 per game, including three games with 10 rebounds. He started all 28 games for

the Mustangs.

Scott was expected to take more of a leadership role for Cal Poly next season, with the departure of three seniors — all-time leading scorer Chris Bjorklund, Jeremiah Mayes and Watende Favors.

Bromley was not naive to the possibility of Scott leaving Cal Poly.

"It changes nothing," he said. "I was already recruiting players at his position."

Scott's best offensive output of the season came on Jan. 8, when he dropped 28 points on Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

Scott came to Cal Poly from Shadow Mountain High School in Phoenix, Ariz. He was the first McDonald's All-American to don a Mustang uniform.



Jamaal Scott
Leaving Cal Poly.

Baseball travels to Stanford

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly baseball team, desperately in need of a win after dropping its last four games, travels to Palo Alto today to battle Stanford in a crucial non-conference game.

The Mustangs (28-20) were swept last weekend at Baggett Stadium by No. 3 Cal State Fullerton.

Cal Poly can not mourn the loss, though, because in order to beat No. 6 Stanford (35-13), the team must be solid fundamentally.

"We have got to find a way to win," said head coach Ritch Price. "We need to get back on track before the next two series."

The Mustangs just might hold the psychological advantage over the Cardinal, as they beat Stanford 6-5 in 12 innings on Jan. 21 at the inaugural game at Baggett Stadium.

"It would be great to beat them twice," Price said. "They had the weekend off, so they'll be ready for us. We're both trying to play well down the stretch."

Right-hander Greg Bochy gets the start for the Mustangs. The teams have made an agreement to use multiple pitchers, each with a designated amount of innings. Lefty Mike Gosling takes the hill for Stanford. He is 5-0 on the season with a 2.76 ERA.

With last weekend's sweep, the Mustangs fell to 6-6 in the Big West Conference. They are in fourth place behind Cal State Fullerton, UC Santa Barbara and Long Beach State. Cal Poly faces Long Beach State this weekend in a three-game series at Long Beach.

After that series, the Mustangs play a single home game against San Jose State before wrapping up the season on the road with three games at UCSB.

► Cal Poly beat Stanford 6-5 on Jan. 21.

► Stanford is ranked No. 6 in the nation.



Lindsay Koestner is more than halfway done with the Rec Center triathlon.



Triathletes compete in Rec Center event

By Whitney Kellogg
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

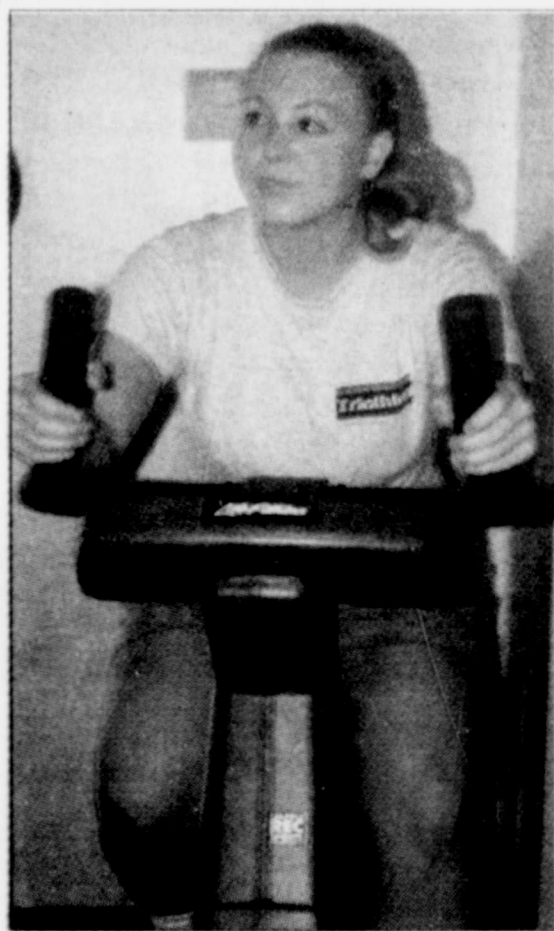
Environmental engineering sophomore Lindsay Koestner reluctantly roused herself from sleep and pulled her covers back last Tuesday morning. She had a full day of school, but class wasn't her only motivation to get dressed and leave her house. Koestner was done with more than half of the Rec Center's three-week triathlon, and she wanted to finish.

"I have to work out in the morning," she said. "If I don't do it in the morning, I won't go."

Koestner is one of 173 students participating in the triathlon, a biannual event that the Rec Center has sponsored for four years. Participants have until May 20 to run 26.2 miles, swim 2.5 miles and bike 110 miles.

Nancy Clark, Rec Center fitness program coordinator, said the triathlon is designed to be relaxed and fun.

"It's a good mix," she said. "Some are hard core and try to finish



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SPORTS BAR	Sports Trivia	Briefs	Schedule
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