

HEALTH

New program spreads STD awareness

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 MUSTANG DAILY

Planned Parenthood has implemented a peer outreach program to spread awareness about sexually transmitted diseases.

"Confianza," Spanish for confidence or trust, is lead by trained educators at Planned Parenthood who implement the program in their own community.

Dr. Scott McCann is the vice president of education for Planned Parenthood of Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. He said the goal of the program is to target higher-risk individuals.

"Although women are diagnosed with STDs more often, men are the carriers," McCann said.

Researchers have found that older men in the 25 to 30 year-old range are the ones who tend to get younger women pregnant and spread STDs.

The statewide program focuses on Latino men, 25 and older, hoping to lower the rate which they are contracting HIV and other STDs.

The program enlists five to 10 men to be trained and educated on sexual issues ranging from pregnancy to STDs. Each person is paid \$500 to talk to at least 50 people after their training is complete.

The goal of this program is to have Latino men take their family and friends into Planned Parenthood clinics to get tested.

Clients within the age bracket that go to Planned Parenthood to get tested will receive a \$25 gift certificate to any of a number of stores in their community.

"The coupons are extra incentives for first-time patients to our clinic," McCann said.

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BY THE NUMBERS

50 percent

By age 25, one half of all sexually active people are infected with some sort of STD

65M

There are 65 million people with an incurable STD living in the United States today

Less than half

Less than half of adults age 18 to 44 have ever been tested for STDs

90 percent

Ninety-percent of Planned Parenthood patients are women

Professors awarded \$500,000 for dairy research

The goal of the research is to make healthier milk and give dairy products a longer shelf life

Nicole Stivers
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Cal Poly's Dairy Products Technology Center and two professors have been awarded more than half a million dollars for studies aimed at improving the quality of dairy products.

The funds will be used to build equipment, pay for supplies and finance student workers. The research should result in better quality dairy products for consumers and add to the education of the students involved with the research.

"This is a great opportunity for students to learn something original and cutting edge, as well as something they will never forget," said Rafael Jiménez-Flores, lead researcher at Cal Poly.

Professors Jiménez-Flores and Philip Tong and the DPTC received \$490,000 from the California State University Agricultural Research Initiative for their work involving laser tweezers. The money received in July matches an earlier grant of \$490,000 from Dairy Management Inc.

Tong and the DPTC received an

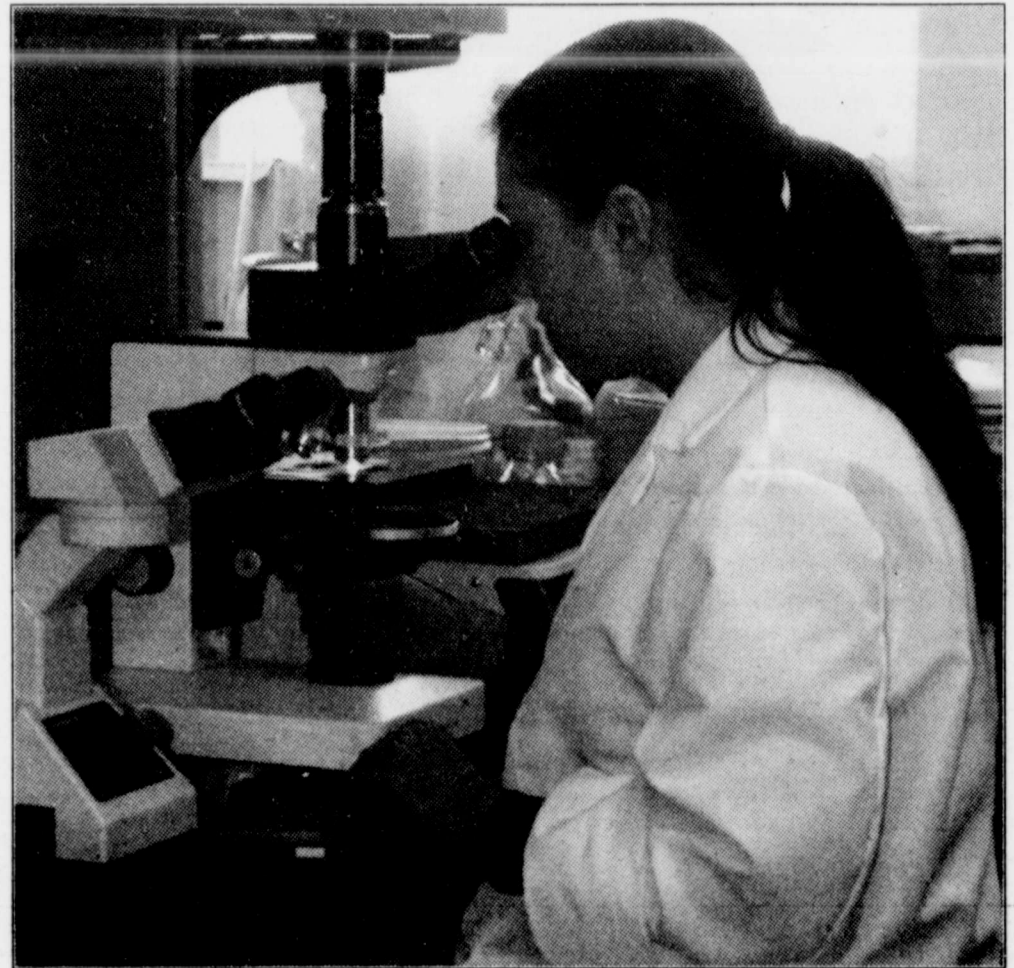
additional \$150,000 grant from the ARI for a study aimed at improving the production of dairy products to create longer shelf lives. The grant from the ARI matches an earlier grant from the dairy industry which allowed Tong to obtain the equipment needed for the project.

Jiménez-Flores and Tong said they hope the results of their research will provide helpful information to the dairy industry. With up to date research, producers can make better decisions when choosing product ingredients and production techniques.

The DPTC currently employs 13 students who will be involved in the studies. The professors are always looking for student researchers. Although focused on an agriculture industry, the research is science-based. Tong welcomes the assistance of engineering, chemistry and microbiology students.

"This is the best part of education," Jiménez-Flores said. "Students can see how they can apply what they learn in the classroom to discover something new."

The three-year laser tweezer project involves measuring properties of the components of milk fat globules and their membranes. Professor John Sharpe of the physics department is



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Lazer tweezers are used to measure milk fat globules and their membranes. Above, Cal Poly graduate student Dee Bachiero looks at milk fat globule membranes under a microscope.

currently building the infrastructure and systems required to set up the laser tweezer equipment. Laser tweezers use a strongly focused laser beam to capture particles in an optical field

and measure the forces involved. For example, the laser tweezers can measure the force it takes to remove

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Conservatives call for fresh look at marriage

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NEW YORK — "Protection of marriage" is now the watchword for many activists fighting to prevent gays and lesbians from marrying. Some conservatives, however, say marriage in America began unraveling long before the latest gay-rights push and are pleading for a fresh, soul-searching look at the institution.

"When you talk about protecting marriage, you need to talk about divorce," said Bryce Christensen, a Southern Utah University professor who writes frequently about family issues.

While Christensen doesn't oppose the campaign to enact state and federal bans on gay marriage, he worries it's distracting from immediate threats to marriage's place in society.

"If those initiatives are part of a broader effort to reaffirm lifetime fidelity in marriage, they're worthwhile," he said. "If they're isolated, if we don't address cohabitation and casual divorce and deliberate childlessness, then I think they're futile and will be brushed aside."

Gay-rights supporters, during their recent losing battles against gay-marriage bans in 11 states, often argued that if mar-

riage in America was in fact troubled, it was heterosexuals, not gays, who bore the blame.

"That was the best argument same-sex marriage advocates had: 'Where were you when no-fault divorce went through?'" said Allan Carlson, a conservative scholar who runs a family-studies center in Rockford, Ill. "Any thoughtful defender of marriage has to say, 'You're right. We were asleep at the switch in the '60s and '70s.'"

Carlson hopes the same-sex marriage debate will encourage a broader national conversation.

"For the first time in about 50 years we are honestly looking at the state of marriage in America, and what we have allowed to happen to it," he said. "I hope the conservative side will do a little soul-searching and look for ways to rebuild traditional marriage into something stronger."

Carlson decries no-fault divorce, where neither spouse is held responsible for the breakup, but acknowledges that its demise is not imminent. He proposes more modest steps: tax revisions benefiting married couples, a more positive portrayal of marriage in textbooks, policies aiding young college graduates so they could afford to

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Gay rights supporters argue that marriage was troubled before gays sought the right to have same-sex marriages.

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Confianza

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Over 157 new patients have come into Planned Parenthood as a result of Confianza this year.

In San Luis Obispo, Confianza holds presentations and educators attend Farmers' Markets to spread awareness.

McCann said that although Confianza is targeting Latinos, the outreach program can still impact Cal Poly by targeting graduate students who are 25 or older.

"Anyone in that age range can come into the clinic for testing and they will still receive a gift certificate," McCann said.

According to the American Social Health Association, by age 25, one half of all sexually active young people contract an STD. The estimated total number of people living in the United States with an incurable STD, such as HIV, is over 65 million.

Planned Parenthood and other health organizations such as ASHA report that less than half of adults ages

18 to 44 have ever been tested for an STD. Moreover, at least one in four Americans will contract an STD at some point in their lives.

Aside from men in their late 20s, the peer outreach program also targets migrant workers.

One reason that migrant workers are included in the outreach program, is they have a rapidly growing number of HIV infections in the group, McCann said.

As many as 1 percent of migrant workers, about 20,000 people, are infected with HIV, according to the results of a study of 600 migrant workers in Fresno and San Diego counties. An article in the Los Angeles Times on Nov. 2, went on to show that the 1 percent is more than three times the rate of HIV in the general U.S. and Mexican populations.

Researchers said that male migrant workers, separated from spouses and cultural mores of their native Mexico, typically contract HIV in the United States through sexual contact with other men.

"It is tabooed for Latino men to

admit they have had sex with another man," McCann said.

As a result, migrant workers that contract HIV from other men will return to their wives and ultimately spread the disease.

The rising HIV infections among migrant workers echo the skyrocketing infection rates among Latinos overall. According to the study in the Journal of AIDS, Latinos in 2000 accounted for 34.2 percent of AIDS cases diagnosed in California, where they make up 30.8 percent of the population.

McCann said that the low-income and migrant populations are targeted because many of them are sharing needles for over the counter medications.

In Mexico, injecting antibiotics and vitamins is common, and clean needles are available over the counter. In the United States, however, migrant workers must share needles because syringes cannot be easily purchased.

Last September, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger settled this public health dispute by signing legislation that allows California pharmacists to

sell up to 10 syringes without a prescription. Schwarzenegger rejected arguments made by some law-enforcement agencies that said providing access to clean needles would condone drug use.

"Research conducted on syringe access through pharmacies in other states concluded that access to sterile syringes and needles significantly decreased HIV but did not increase drug use or crime rates," Schwarzenegger said in a written statement.

McCann said, a high percentage of college students already utilize Planned Parenthood clinics.

"Our services are free and confidential, and provide a place for students to get condoms and birth control," McCann said.

Although more than 90 percent of patients at Planned Parenthood are women, McCann said that the number of male patients is rising.

"I now see men come in with their female partners rather than just waiting in the car," McCann said.

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bacteria from a milk fat globule. The theory is that better attaching bacteria is healthier for people.

"The laser tweezers allow us to find out measurements in the context of reality," Jiménez-Flores said.

By generating this data the professors said they hope the industry will better understand and utilize the molecular components of dairy products.

Tong said his other research project will also benefit the industry. He and the DPTC research team will be studying ultra-high temperature processing techniques and how they interact to produce high or poor quality shelf life in the end product.

"When you have funds you can do things that are more practical for the real world," Tong said.

Milk processed with current techniques only has a shelf life of 17 to 21 days. Tong said changes in the life style of Americans and the way milk is sold have led to the need for milk products that stay fresh longer.

When milk is processed using ultra-high temperature techniques it is heated to over 200 degrees fahrenheit for one to two seconds. It is then aseptically packaged in a sterile environment. Milk processed in this fashion, which is popular in Europe and Asia, can last six months to one year.

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marry sooner.

In several of the states that approved gay-marriage bans on Nov. 2, initiatives are underway to bolster heterosexual marriage. A bill pending in Michigan's legislature would encourage premarital education; Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and his wife have invited 1,000 couples to join them in a Valentine's Day

covenant marriage ceremony in which they would voluntarily reduce their options for a quick divorce.

However, gay-rights supporters say slogans like "protection of marriage" are mostly used as code for anti-gay sentiment to further partisan aims.

"There's clearly a divide about what constitutes a healthy marriage," said Corri Planck of the Family Pride Coalition, which represents gay and lesbian families. "But there are countless gay and lesbian couples who, if they had legal recognition, would

hold up their relations as models of good marriage."

Jordan Lorence, a Phoenix-based lawyer with the conservative Alliance Defense Fund, has been active fighting same-sex marriage, but he agrees with those who see marriage facing broader challenges.

"For decades, Christians have been guilty for having a weak defense of marriage," he told the Christian Post earlier this year. "Marriage has become a junior high school dating scene where if I am unhappy I could

divorce my husband or wife and move on to someone else."

In a telephone interview, Lorence said Americans face a choice of whether to view marriage as primarily an act of individual satisfaction or as an institution serving the communal good.

"That's the big battle line," he said. "I think people's attitudes are shifting, and they're saying the traditional way makes a lot of sense, that you can't just get divorced at the drop of a hat."

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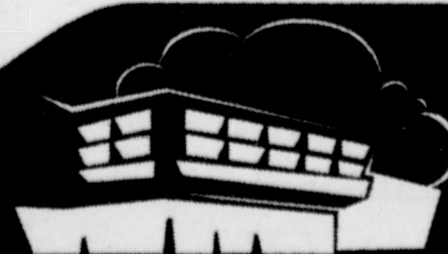


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STATE NEWS

CAMARILLO — A seasonal drop in consumption and lower crude oil prices contributed to a dip in prices at the gas pump over the past two weeks, an industry analyst said Sunday.

Between Nov. 5 and Friday, the combined national price for all grades of gasoline dropped to \$1.99, down 5 cents from the previous two weeks, said Trilby Lundberg, who

publishes the semimonthly Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gas stations across the country.

Of the cities surveyed, San Francisco led the nation in pump prices. The average price for a gallon of self-serve regular was \$2.32. The best bargain was St. Louis, Mo., where the average price for self-serve regular was \$1.67.

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SAN FRANCISCO — About 20,000 Pacific Gas & Electric Co. customers were without power in

Northern and Central California Saturday night.

Gusty winds were to blame for much of the outage, said PG&E spokesman Jonathan Franks. The city of Santa Rosa in Sonoma County was one of the hardest hit, with 2,000 customers without power due to a downed wire.

Elsewhere, 1,600 customers also lost power in Menlo Park and about 3,000 remained without power in East Oakland.

LOS ANGELES — A winter cold front dumped light rain and heavy snow across Southern California Sunday, prompting authorities to shut down Interstate 15 for several hours.

The storm unleashed up to an inch of rain in Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside counties and more than 12 inches of snow in parts of the San Bernardino Mountains, said Greg Martin, a of the National Weather Service.

—Associated Press

IN OTHER NEWS

BOSTON — A letter written and signed by President Lincoln's assassin two months before the 1865 slaying sold at an auction Sunday for a record price.

In the letter, John Wilkes Booth asks a friend to send him a specific picture of himself "with cane and black cravat" — the one later used in his wanted poster.

The letter, dated Feb. 9, 1865, sold for \$68,000. The previous high for a Booth letter was \$38,000, according to Stuart Whitehurst, vice president of Skinner Inc. auctioneers.

The buyer was Joe Maddalena, a Beverly Hills-based historical document dealer who owns Profiles in History. Maddalena, who bid by phone, said Booth "is the rarest American autograph."

"When he killed Lincoln, anybody who had any relationship with him burned their letters, because they were so afraid they would be linked to him," Maddalena said. "There are only 300 known letters and he must have written thousands and thousands."

Whitehurst estimates that only 17 Booth letters remained in private hands. This letter was addressed to family friend Orlando Tompkins of Boston, an apothecary and part owner of Ford's Theatre. Booth was retrieving his mail at the theater on April 14, 1865, when he heard that Lincoln would be attending "Our American Cousin" that evening.

—Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said Sunday he is not ruling out a run for the 2008 presidential nomination, but that he is not a candidate now. A decision to run, if one should come, would not be made for at least two years, said McCain, speaking only a few weeks after the 2004 campaign ended with President Bush winning a second term. "Look, I'm not running for

president," McCain told NBC's "Meet the Press," and added: "I do not foreclose the option."

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GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz. —

Scientists flooded the Grand Canyon on Sunday to restore beaches and save fish and plants that have been disappearing since sediment-free water began flowing from a man-made dam 40 years ago.

A torrent of gushing water raced

down the Colorado River and into the canyon, carrying badly needed natural sediment with it, as four giant steel tubes at the base of Glen Canyon dam were opened.

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WASHINGTON — Hiring is picking up and President Bush is on track to preside over job growth in his second term, shedding the Herbert Hoover label of being the first president since the Great Depression to lose jobs under his watch.

But don't expect the boom of of the 1990s. Bush's prescription for job growth includes extending the tax cuts passed in his first term, overhauling tax laws, limiting jury awards in lawsuits and increasing domestic energy exploration and production.

Economists say the bigger impediments to job creation are soaring health care and energy costs and the swelling trade deficit, especially with China.

—Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

EILAT, Israel — Swarms of locusts devoured lawns and palm trees Sunday in southern Israel, panicking farmers and leaving others worried about biblical plagues. The pests swept up from Egypt, working their way north on a path that could take them to the West Bank town of Jericho, where Secretary of State Colin Powell was slated to meet Palestinian officials

Monday.

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PARIS — Major economic powers agreed on Sunday to write off billions of dollars of debt for Iraq in a deal that marked a significant step in U.S. efforts to help put the Iraqi economy back on its feet. Under the agreement, the Paris Club of 19 creditor nations will write off 80 percent of the \$42 billion that Iraq owes them, the group's chairman, Jean-Pierre Jouyet said.

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SANTIAGO, Chile — President Bush tried to mend relations in Latin America with promises of immigration reform Sunday while a new security spat surfaced with Chile after an embarrassing fracas in which Bush intervened.

What was supposed to have been an elaborate state dinner with 200 people Sunday was downgraded to an official working dinner, reportedly because Chilean President Ricardo Lagos balked at Secret

Service demands for guests to walk through metal detectors.

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — The Iraqi capital, on edge for months because of unrelenting violence, has shed its business-as-usual veneer and become a city at war. Last week's U.S.-Iraqi raid on the Abu Hanifa mosque — a revered shrine for Sunni Muslims — sparked street battles, assassinations and bombings.

—Associated Press



UNDER FOUR? OR OVERINDULGING?

54% of students go to parties or bars once a week or less. The average CP student drinks less than 4 in a sitting.



Japan's ancient religion struggles to adapt to modern times

Eric Talmadge
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISE, Japan — The steady crowds cross an arched bridge and follow a pebbled path into a forest of towering cypress trees, bowing before a simple gate that stands between them and the holiest place in Japan — the inner sanctuary of the Grand Shrines of Ise.

Though built over a spot believed to pulsate with the power of the sun goddess, the shrine is weather-beaten and unassuming. It is made entirely of wood, except for a touch of golden gilding on the beams atop its crest. The roof is thatched and covered with patches of moss.

The masses who come to this city on Japan's central coast would once have been called pilgrims. Today, they are mostly just tourists. They offer quick prayers, buy a pocket-sized charm or two and head off to their next destination.

Such is the heart of Shinto, Japan's native religion. As old perhaps as Japan itself, Shinto is a rich mixture of folklore, reverence for all things natural and the Japanese nation itself.

But to say one believes in Shinto has become almost meaningless: For most Japanese, the worshipping side of Shinto is relegated to a small cadre of priests and their helpers, most of whom inherited their jobs from ancestors. The Japanese today "practice" Shinto by making wishes at the local shrine, or enjoying its autumn festivals.

As recently as World War II, a special brand of state-sanctioned Shinto was the ideological foundation upon which Japan's emperor-worshipping military machine was built. Its treatment of the Japanese people as unique and divine, its emphasis on harmony and its deep-seated fear of impurity continue to be an integral — albeit not always conscious — part of the national psyche.

But stripped of its official status and tarnished by the excesses of militarism, Shinto is struggling to find a place in postwar Japan.

Takashizu Sato comes from a long line of Shinto priests.

"My father, my grandfather, my great-grandfather — all the way back to feudal times," he said.

Sato went to work for a big company after college. But deciding he needed something more spiritual, he quit, studied prayers and rituals for a year, and took up duties at a shrine in the ancient city of Nara. He is now with the Association of Shinto Shrines, to which virtually all Shinto organizations and their 21,000 priests belong.

Like many priests, he hesitates to call Shinto a religion.

"Shinto has no scripture, and no founder," Sato said from the association's headquarters in downtown Tokyo. "In that sense, we are very different from the major religions of the world."

But Shinto has no dearth of gods. Its pantheon is poetically said to have 8 million deities, from

Amaterasu no Omikami (the sun goddess) to Konohana Sakuya Hime (the goddess of Mount Fuji). That's just a start — all dead ancestors are believed to assume a godlike status.

Priests don't normally give sermons and congregations don't gather every Sunday or Friday to pray. But Shinto has a strong communal side.

Shrine festivals are big events nationwide. Tens of millions of Japanese visit their local shrines on the first three days of each year. And the country's more than 80,000 shrines — not all have a resident priest — serve as informal neighborhood meeting places, or places for children to play.

"It's difficult to pin down, but there is something about Shinto that is very fundamental to the Japanese mentality," Sato said.

Even so, the ties between Shinto — the faith — and the average Japanese are weakening.

The tight-knit communities that once kept local shrines alive are unraveling. Many young people at festivals have little interest in the religion behind the fun. The small Shinto altars that were once a common household feature are gradually disappearing.

"We still look Japanese, but inside we are forgetting what that means," Sato said. "It's our responsibility to try to revive what makes us Japanese."

Before World War II ended in 1945, shaping the Japanese soul was one of Shinto's official roles.

It was the only government-san-



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Visitors climb the steps before they worship Shinto Gods at a gate that guards the the inner sanctuary of the Grand Shrine of Ise, Japan, Sept. 22, 2004.

tioned religion, used to rally the nation behind modernization and then militarization. Under State Shinto, the divinity of the emperor and the special place of the Japanese people became official dogma.

At the behest of the U.S.-led occupation forces after the war, however, the late Emperor Hirohito publicly

renounced the idea he was a living god. A new constitution was enacted that ensured freedom of religion and the separation of church and state.

These days, Shinto pamphlets intended for foreign audiences stress the faith's respect for the environment — yet Shinto's basic tenets still haven't changed much.

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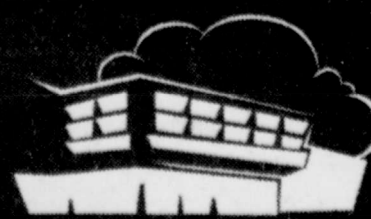
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Cardinal blames media for stirring dissent among Catholics

Rachel Zoll
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WASHINGTON — Washington Cardinal Theodore McCarrick blamed the media and partisan activists for unjustly attacking U.S. Roman Catholic bishops who spoke out this election year on whether dissenting Catholic politicians should receive Communion. He accused them of spreading internal dissension among church leaders.

In a speech delivered behind closed doors and released Wednesday, McCarrick pleaded for unity among his colleagues.

"The media or partisan forces sometimes tried to pit one bishop against another. I look around the room and see bishops who have been unfairly attacked as partisan, others who have been called cowards," he said during a private session of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "That is not who we are. We are united in our defense of life and the dignity of the human person."

The bishops wound up at the center of a nasty national debate over religion and politics after St. Louis Archbishop Raymond Burke said he would deny the Eucharist to Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry, a Catholic who supports abortion rights.

Anti-abortion advocates pressured more bishops to follow Burke's lead. Other Catholics lobbied the prelates

to highlight a broader range of moral issues in the election, such as war and poverty.

Kerry supporters joined the fight, accusing Catholic leaders of trying to help re-elect President Bush, a Methodist whose position on abortion is more in line with Catholic teaching. Bush won the Catholic vote.

McCarrick, head of a bishops' task force on Catholics in public life, became a target of critics himself after saying he opposed using Communion as a sanction. The American Life League, a group of outspoken abortion opponents, took out ads denouncing his stance.

The cardinal said it has been a difficult year. Bishops were accused of being "single issue" if they spoke out on abortion, and if they didn't, they were derided as indifferent to the "destruction of unborn human life," he said.

In an interview, McCarrick said that the bishops' position on Communion has been widely misunderstood.

Only a few of the more than 250 American bishops said that dissenting lawmakers should be denied Communion. A dozen or so other prelates said the politicians should voluntarily abstain from the sacrament, but would not be denied if they sought Communion.

Most bishops took the same position as McCarrick.

"The vast majority of bishops are in the center and the center is holding," he said.

Billy Graham wraps up four-day crusade

Nearly 230,500 people flocked to hear the evangelist in Pasadena during the four-day crusade

Gillian Flaccus
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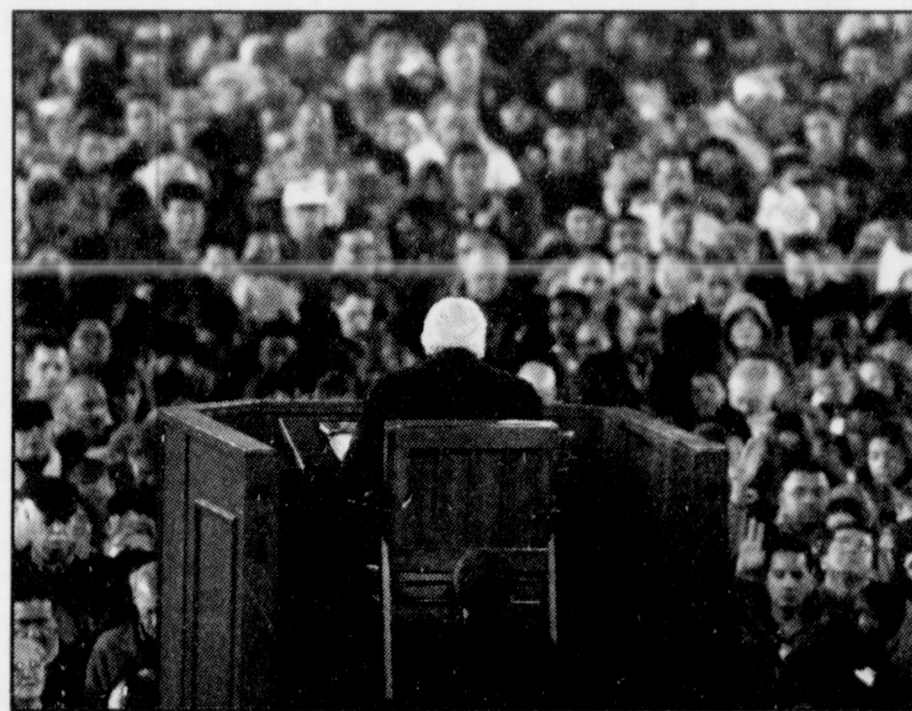
More than 80,000 people gathered in the Rose Bowl on Sunday to hear the Rev. Billy Graham preach on the last day of what probably was one of his final crusades.

About 312,500 of the faithful, the curious and the nostalgic attended over the course of the four-day crusade, which marks the 55th anniversary of the Los Angeles revival that propelled Graham to national fame in 1949.

Almost 13,400 people made a religious commitment to Jesus Christ, including 3,400 on Sunday, according to crusade officials. The crowd on Sunday nearly filled the 92,000-seat stadium, the largest U.S. venue ever booked for a Graham crusade.

Graham, 86, spoke for about 45 minutes Sunday, pausing only to sit down about halfway through his sermon. "Now I can preach another hour," he joked as he sat.

"Many of you have a Christian heritage, grew up in a Christian home, but you have this other pull of the sins of the world. Are you really happy?" Graham asked, as people in the crowd cheered and waved their hands. "God is offering



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Billy Graham sits down before speaking to reporters about his crusade during a news conference Tuesday, Nov. 16, in Pasadena

to you and to me a pardon for our sins. God says, 'I love you, I'll forgive you, and I'll have mercy on you.'"

This mission will be the preacher's last in California, and likely his second-to-last ever, his advisers said. Graham is expected to appear at a revival in New York's Madison Square Garden in June.

Organizers had worried that Los Angeles' size and linguistic diversity would make it difficult to mobilize worshippers, but said they were pleased with the turnout.

"What makes a crusade happen is when people in the local church-

es bring friends and family, and obviously that happened in a big way here in Los Angeles," crusade spokesman Larry Ross said.

After Graham finished his sermon, hundreds of people came down from the stands to make a commitment to God, filling the football field as non-English speakers gathered under dozens of signs in different languages. Faith counselors circulated to help people fill out cards to be distributed to local churches.

Sunday's program began with a performance by Christian rock

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REVIEW

Destiny's Child is, like, the best



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Destiny's Child, despite the media's skepticism, regrouped to record a new album, 'Destiny Fulfilled.' Many believed the group was finished after lead singer Beyonce experienced immense solo success last year.

Josh Ridgway
ARKANSAS TRAVELER

When Destiny's Child took a "break" two years ago for the members to pursue solo efforts, few people thought the group would ever get back together. With the massive success of its two prior albums, "The Writings on the Wall" and "Survivor," Destiny's Child seemed unstoppable.

In 2002, Beyonce Knowles, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams left the enormously successful group to record and release solo albums. Rowland's "Simply Deep" went platinum, Williams' "Heart to Yours" became one of the top 10 selling gospel albums of all time and Knowles' "Dangerously in Love" spawned four top 10 singles and still remains on the Billboard charts.

Each member was experiencing success on her own, so it came as a shock when Destiny's Child re-entered the studio last spring to begin recording its fourth album,

"Destiny Fulfilled."

The album's lead single, "Lose My Breath," shot up the Billboard and Top 40 charts early last month. The song, written by Knowles, Rowland, Williams and producer Rodney Jerkins, is a great way to start the disc. The up-tempo song has pounding beats and catchy lyrics. Sadly, the rest of the album doesn't follow suit.

Unlike 2002's "Survivor," "Destiny Fulfilled" is mostly slow songs. Rowland said the group decided to return to its R&B roots to make an album full of vocally pleasing songs to really show off the group's talents and maturity. Of the 11 tracks, only the first two are up-tempo.

The second single, and second track, "Soldier," features raps by T.I. and Lil' Wayne. The song says that Destiny's Child needs soldiers for boyfriends, "men that will stand up for us."

There are many other stand out tracks, but in comparison to Destiny's Child albums of the past,

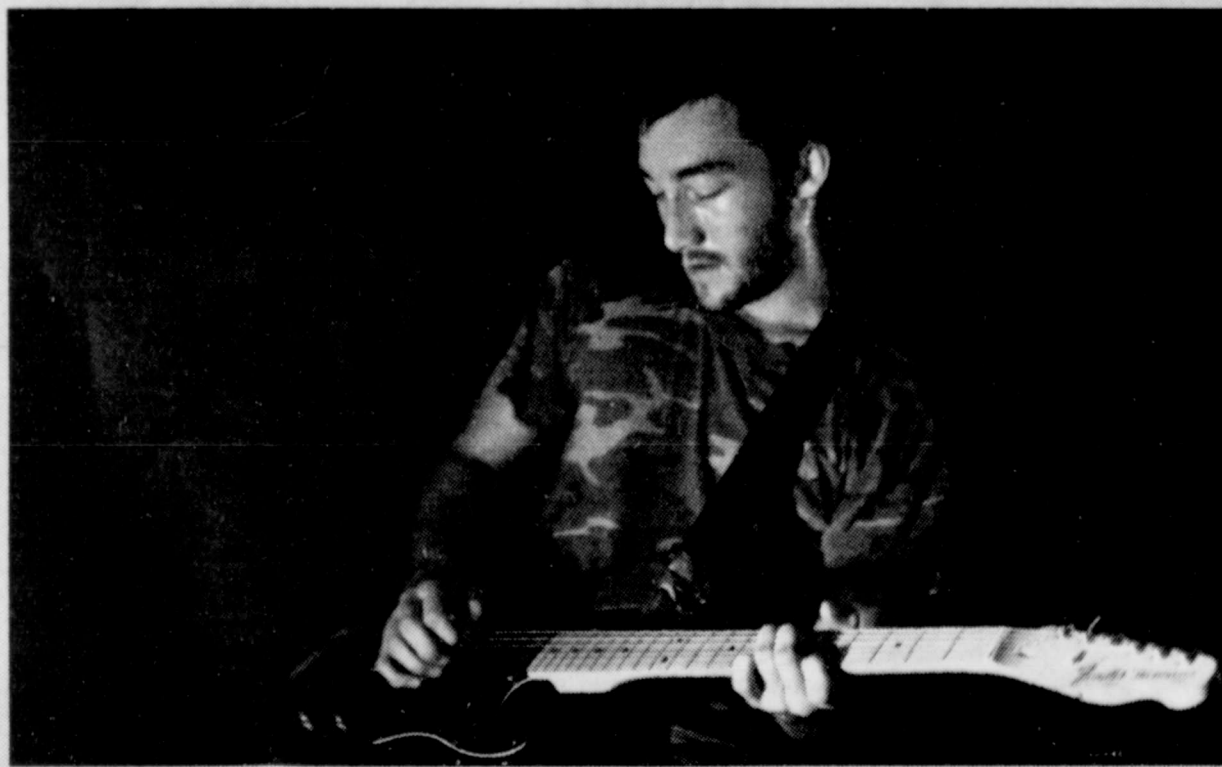
the album falls slightly below par. There are just two or three great songs that could potentially be radio hits.

"If" is standout track. While sampling the Natalie Cole standard, "Inseparable," Knowles, Rowland and Williams built a deep harmony on top of the piano plucking of the original Cole song. Rowland even throws in a sassy spoken interlude which is sure to be repeated time and again by fans of Destiny's Child, "You see ladies, I knew, I knew better. What was I thinking? He's going to miss me when I'm gone."

"Destiny Fulfilled" takes a few listens before it grows on you. It is sure to become one of the great albums in music history. Knowles, Rowland and Williams have grown "to handle it" and regardless of how many times you "say their names," they will still be Destiny's Child, and they have fulfilled their destiny once again.

Editor's Note: We hope you found the humor in this ridiculous review.

Sherwood incinerates SLO Naz



SCOTT STEBNER MUSTANG DAILY

Local band Sherwood returned to San Luis Obispo on Friday, after completing five months of touring in support of their self-titled EP. The show took place at SLO Nazarene Church and featured four opening bands. Sherwood is currently in town preparing to write and record its first, full-length album for Sidecho Records.

Eminem: Hot as ever

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eminem's new album debuted atop the charts, following a decision by the rapper's record label to move up the album's sale date amid piracy concerns.

"Encore" sold 711,000 copies between Friday and Sunday, according to Nielsen SoundScan. The media tracking firm's figures cover all U.S. album sales for the week.

Behind "Encore" were three compilations by country music acts Shania Twain and Toby Keith and pop diva Britney Spears. Twain's "Greatest Hits" sold 530,000 copies, while fans bought 435,000 copies of Keith's "Greatest Hits 2." Spears' "Greatest Hits: My Prerogative" sold 255,000.

"Encore" was originally slated to be released Tuesday, but Eminem's label, Universal Music Group's Aftermath/Interscope, decided to move up the sale date after tracks began turning up on Internet file-sharing networks.

The release date of Eminem's previous album, 2002's "The

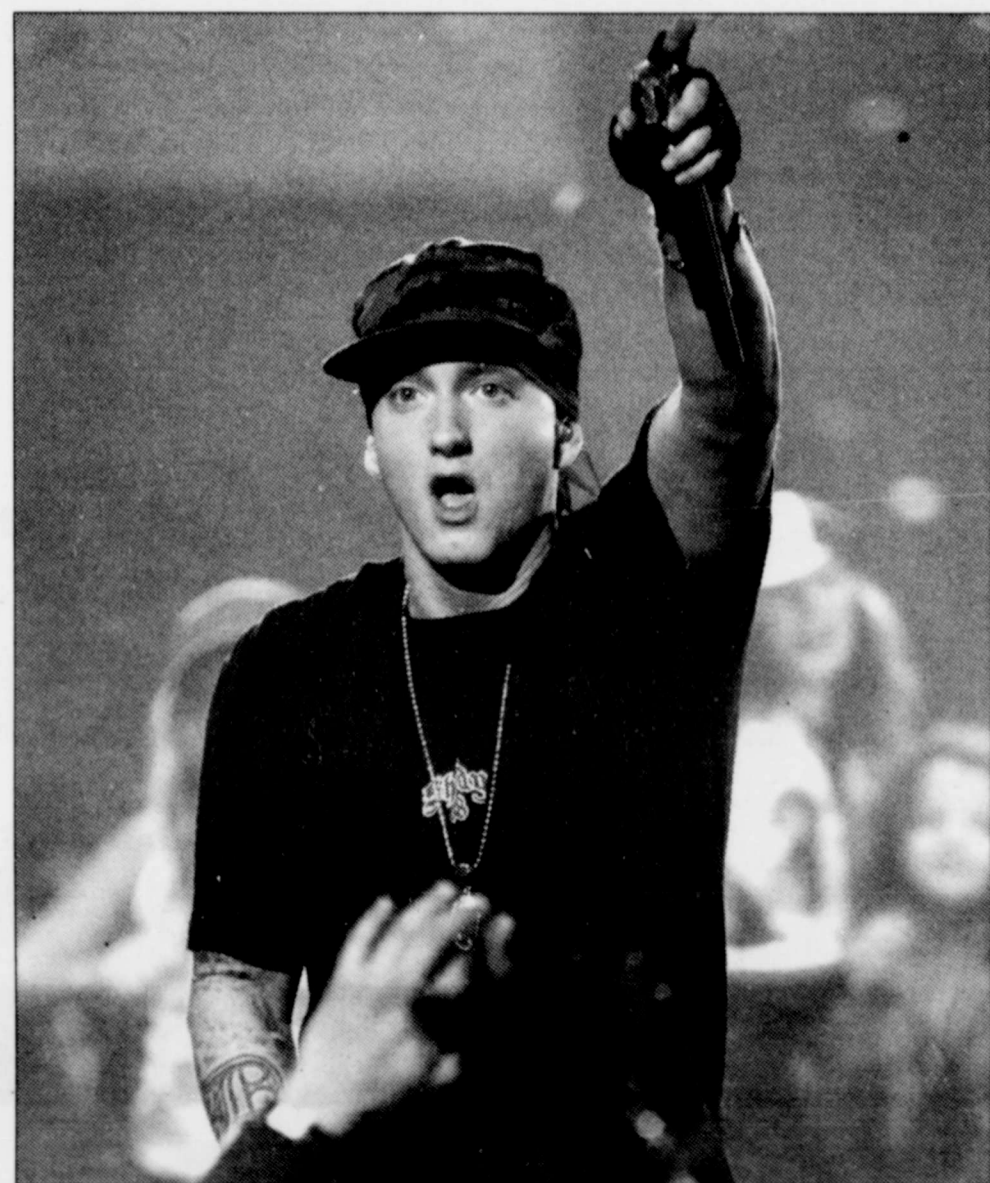
Eminem Show," was released four days before its original sale date, selling 285,000 copies in three days. A week later, it sold 1.3 million copies.

Record labels put a premium on racking up strong sales in the first week. But last-minute changes in release dates can be dicey, because advertising and promotion deals often hinge on the timing, which can be designated months or weeks in advance.

That hasn't kept record labels from altering the release date of recordings by several high-profile acts in recent weeks.

Universal's Geffen label moved up the release of rapper Snoop Dogg's latest album, "R&G (Rhythm & Gangsta): The Masterpiece," to Tuesday, a full week ahead of the original Nov. 23 sale date.

Sony BMG Entertainment's Columbia Records label also opted to release the new album by pop trio Destiny's Child a day ahead of schedule, citing worries over piracy.



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Eminem's career shows no signs of slowing down after selling 711,000 copies of his new album, 'Encore,' in the first three days of its release.

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REVIEW

Soak up the 'Sponge'

Daniel Ely
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I'm going to be honest with you. I'm not a preteen. In fact, I'm not any kind of teen. The 2 in front of my age makes me too old to keep up with every little thing those darn kids are into. In fact, the only time I talk to kids is when I'm yelling at them to get out of my yard. Still, even I know the answer to the question of our times, "Who lives in a pineapple under the sea?"

If, like me, you know the answer is "Spongebob Squarepants," then you have probably considered going to see the new movie featuring everybody's favorite yellow sponge. Mr. Squarepants must journey across the bottom of the sea to find King Neptune's crown to save the butt of one Eugene Krabs, his boss at the Krusty Krab restaurant.

I also have to admit that I have no great love for Nickelodeon. When I was young, Nick was the channel to watch until my cable company started carrying Cartoon Network. I still love "Pete and Pete" and even have fond memories for stuff like "Hey Dude" and "Salute Your Shorts." Still, the Nickelodeon of today isn't the youth-friendly playground for the mind I remember. Now it's a marketing-based MTV for preteens that I find difficult to watch. Unless "Spongebob" or "Fairly Oddparents" is on, that is.

The laughs may be a little more spaced out, but the movie feels like watching a really long Spongebob

episode. If that sounds utterly repellent to you, then you might want to take a pass on this one. All of the craziness you either love or loathe from television is there in spades. There is an actual plot to the movie and a moral that

isn't completely overdone.

Even if you are excited about seeing the movie, there's another reason you might want to wait for it to come to rental. Remember this movie appeals to the elementary and junior high crowd. You might want to think hard about if you want to wade through the sea of little people to see it in theaters. Between the screaming from sugared-up progenies (they really should sell Ritalin at the snack bar) and the snoring from the parent or legal guardian behind me, I felt my enjoyment of the movie was impinged.

Still, I was impressed by the quality of the movie and enjoyed it much more than I was expecting to. The tale is more mature than the usual children's movie. I learned

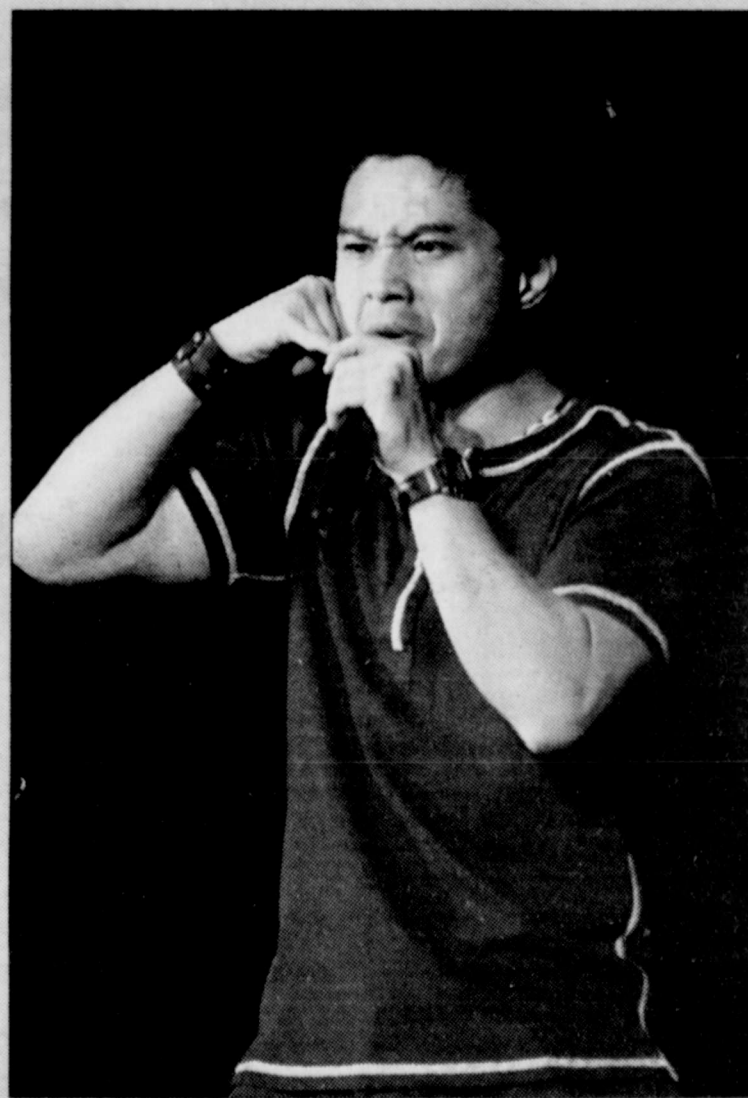
there's a big difference between a G and a PG once I heard Plankton say "Lord knows," or watched Spongebob get drunk at an ice cream bar, and then tell off Mr. Krabs while hung over.

Still, the humor is for kids. There are lots of butt and underwear jokes and a heaping portion of nudity jokes. That's not to say it wasn't funny as heck, but I was glad that my overall emotional immaturity allows me to approach situations from a sixth grade perspective.

Some of the intentional jokes seem like they would be lost on younger viewers too, like a visit from David Hasselhoff or a musical adaptation of Dee Snider's "I wanna rock." Chances are good that the demographic for this movie has not seen Baywatch or listened to Twisted Sister.

As a college student, if you're wanting to go see this film as a group of ironic teens at a movie for younger kids (like punks at a McDonald's playplace), you'll enjoy this film. I mean heck, The Flaming Lips and Wilco are both featured musically. If you want to go and look fashionable, wait until the kids have all seen it. There's less chance you'll get Cheerios and drool all over yourself.

'Last Comic Standing' winner garners big laughs



MATT WECHTER MUSTANG DAILY

Winner of the first season of NBC's reality series, "Last Comic Standing," Dat Phan gave a free performance of his comedy routine for students in Chumash auditorium Thursday evening.

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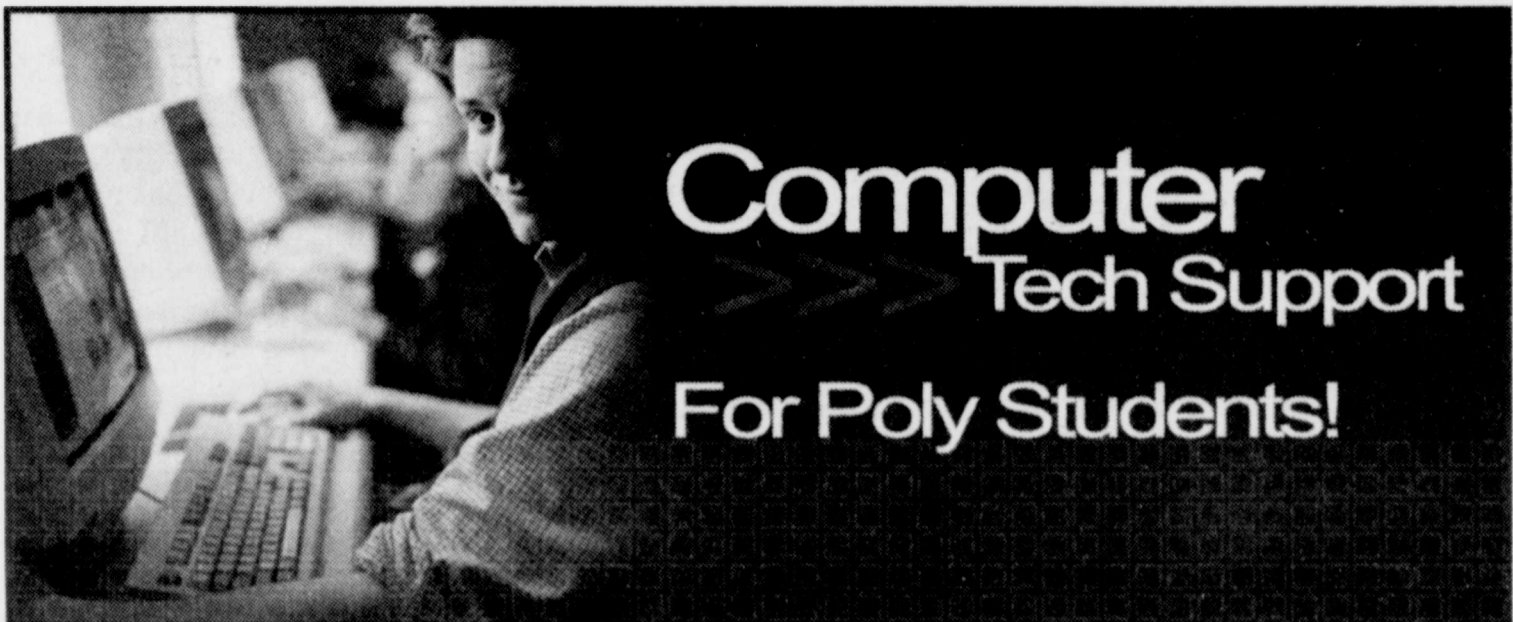
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Be creative and original, not stereotypical and biased

Looking at the recent displays on campus, I wonder what will be next. Perhaps silver plated swastikas with the words "A Better Time" written on the side walks or maybe a back-alley abortion scene with the words "Death to Murderers."

The point is, it's easy to cause a stir. I can use a racial slur and have a similar effect. However, if the point is to inspire intellect or discussion, I, as well as the students responsible, would have fallen short. All we would have accomplished is to stir up hatred and pain because all you did was represent an extremist, one-sided view. You did not bring up any new topic. Let's face it — women's rights, gay marriage and religion have always been major issues, and the arguments you used were nothing new. If your point is to see how much free speech one is entitled to, just look at laws like the Patriot Act or how often a minority viewpoint is heard. If your point was to create controversy and discussion, you could have tried representing both views; therefore, you would have caused less anger and more real discussion. Notice how people haven't really been debating over the issues but more on how bigoted some people can be.

Perhaps your next display will actually foster communication over the relevant topic, and inspire discussion without having to take poorly replicated jobs at a targeted group. Be creative and original to prove a point, not stereotypical and biased.

Rebeka Levin
Psychology senior

Lack of interest in Indigenous People's month depressing

How many people on this campus know that this is Indigenous People's Month? Has anyone been aware of the events taking place in honor of this month? The clubs representing this ethnic group have been working hard putting on events to raise awareness of this culture, but does anyone seem to care? Not really.

Last week they had a showing of a movie called "Smoke Signals" and only eight people showed up to the event. Last night's event "The meaning behind a name" where guest speaker Joe Talaugon talked about Native American discrimination and sports mascot issues, a total of about four students showed up that were not

part of the club who put this event together.

I was truly depressed to see the turnout. It's not like the month has not been advertised — there were flyers, emails, postings outside the Multicultural Center and announcements in some classes. Some professors even offered extra credit to attend this event, but no one showed up. I mean really — what is it going to take for people to show some interest in other people's culture? Isn't informal education just as important as your formal class education? Would it really hurt to take an hour or two of your time to gain some insight?

I would suggest taking some time to check out the events, step outside the box and gain some insight. Being knowledgeable will only help you in the long run.

Fanny Chavez
Industrial engineering senior

Don't pretend to know about the universal laws of physics

We've noticed lately an increased interest in our field of study, physics. However, this interest has often been misguided and the statements unfounded. In general, one should never invoke something they don't understand, and many of the letters regarding God and the universe haven't shown any sign of any correct understanding of the basic laws of physics.

From now on, if you haven't had an upper-division physics class, we would appreciate it if you would refrain from making blanket physics statements that are untrue. If anyone has a genuine interest in how the universe works, feel free to stop by the physics lounge, H-bar, in building 52 room E25. We don't even care about the argument at hand — we just don't like the misuse of physics. We don't pretend to know how to build bridges or airplanes, so please don't pretend to know the laws of physics.

Robert Poorman, Matt Sutter, Brandon Seilhan, Ed Marley, Aryn Hernandez and Antoine Calvez
Physics seniors

E&J Gallo winery reaps benefits of Cal Poly vineyard

It is great to know Cal Poly now has a wine and viticulture major and it plans to open the program to freshmen next fall ("Wine major flourishing," Nov. 16).

As most of us appreciate a tasty bottle of wine with our sweetie, we also appreciate direct and honest communication, perhaps for no better reason than it increases our awareness of the "other side." Some would call this sort of communication an act of love.

Phillip M. Doub said Cal Poly

can now boast that it has a 150 acre vineyard of both Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes, but they only plan on marketing the wine to alumni through their newsletter.

Is Mr. Doub actually misleading us? A moderate vineyard yield is about four-five tons of wine-grapes per acre equating to about 300,000 bottles of finished wine (four tons per acre; one ton equals 45 cases wine).

Assuming the cost will be \$5 to \$10 per bottle, that is \$1.5 to \$3 million dollars of finished wine. Just how many bottles of wine will the alumni purchase? No one knows, but Cal Poly sure does know a deal when it swirls, sniffs and sips with E&J Gallo winery. It sounds as if E&J Gallo gets all the benefits of access to cheap land, labor and wine-grapes with little competition. Is this part of the funding President Baker intends to divert toward lowering and stabilizing student tuition and fees? Thanks for the love.

Eric Finlayson
Philosophy senior

Prejudiced attitude keeps women from progressing

I was willing to let the gay marriage art display go. I thought it was in extremely poor taste, but I understand that the goal of these projects is to get people to have a strong reaction and discuss the topic. However, the anti-female display that I witnessed on Dexter Lawn has really crossed a line into the realm of completely discriminatory, narrow-minded and lacking in class and taste.

I am in shock at the ideas that motivated the creator of this display to construct it. Do you really believe that females should be told that they don't need an education because they are going to be a wife and mother, and this is the only "role" we can aspire to? Maybe you haven't noticed the huge gains women have made this century in all areas of business, politics and arts. Women now sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, are CEOs of major multinational corporations and have become talented architects, engineers and doctors. Yet we still only make 74 to 76 cents on the dollar compared to males.

It is exactly your prejudiced attitude and beliefs that keep the glass ceiling in place that makes it difficult for us to progress. What is it about women that you believe makes us second-class citizens? I find it ridiculous that you accuse women of being ignorant, given the beliefs you hold. Reminder: You wouldn't be here if it weren't for a woman. My regards to your future wife.

Kristen Michalik
Business administration senior

COMMENTARY

Crosswalk conflict: cars vs. pedestrians

They locked cold eyes. The driver and the pedestrian. Who would be first to the crosswalk? It was anyone's game. The driver stepped on the gas in one last effort, but alas, he had been beaten to the crosswalk by the pedestrian who flashed a smile of victory before strolling slowly across the street, cell phone to ear.

Sounds all too familiar, doesn't it? Pedestrians stepping out into traffic, often without looking up to see if a car is coming. Sometimes not even in the crosswalk at all. Take the stick out of my what, you say?

Well, it's annoying. And furthermore, it's dangerous. It's not just the pedestrians fault, either. Cars are supposed to obey the 25 mph speed limit on campus, so they have plenty of time to stop at crosswalks.

The problem is, who can even see the crosswalks? The crosswalks downtown announce their presence like a holiday parade, with cheery flashing lights. The crosswalks on campus are simply lines drawn in the middle of the street. It seems that it would be a lot easier to note their presence if they were only put at stop signs, or intersections. Instead, drivers on campus are forced to test their breaks each day as they step on the gas and then slam on the brakes as pedestrians step out into the invisible crosswalks, heads down.

University Police Sgt. Robert Eckrote said there have been several accidents in the last few years involving pedestrians and vehicles, although he

does not recall any fatalities.

He said in accidents involving pedestrians and vehicles, "it's almost impossible to tell who would have been at fault."

He said this is because the accidents are always much worse as far as injuries to pedestrians, even they were not at fault.

Eckrote said, "peds have to look first, then step out."

A simple lesson but one often ignored.

He added that cell phones do seem to distract people walking and slow them down.

Eckrote said pedestrians and drivers alike should be more aware of their surroundings, and pedestrians should be courteous as far as stopping and letting the cars go through. Eckrote explained that oftentimes, pedestrians will continue to file through the crosswalk, not stopping and letting cars pass. This leaves the cars backed up the street. He said this is a gray area, as it's not a violation of any kind, but it is just not considerate.

What's not a gray area is the fines set by the state for jaywalking and failure to yield right of way. Failing to yield right of way to a pedestrian packs a \$122 fine. A pedestrian can be fined \$90 for not yielding right of way to a vehicle. Jaywalking and walking in the street will both cost you \$90.

Eckrote said there is a safety committee that addresses various safety issues around campus, including such problems as the lines of cars backed up by pedestrians at crosswalks. The crosswalk issue runs deeper than cars being backed up, though. It seems it would be a worthy investment to update the crosswalks to include stop signs or flashing lights. A perfect use for all that parking ticket money the university loves to collect.

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College coed's abduction prompts stricter laws against sex offenders



University of North Dakota student Dru Sjodin is shown in this undated family photo. Prosecutors say she was abducted and killed by a convicted sex offender

Curt Woodward
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BISMARCK, N.D. — From the moment he enters the sex offender's apartment, parole officer Brian Weigel is looking for contraband.

He kicks aside a blanket on the floor, peers down and spies a video game rated for mature players — complete with buxom computer-generated women on the cover. And despite protests from the man who lives here, the video game is coming with Weigel.

In the year since college student Dru Sjodin was abducted from a North Dakota parking lot and killed, allegedly by a convicted sex offender, the state has made its sex offender laws among the strictest in the nation.

Officers like Weigel have to determine if an offender is sticking to restrictions that often include a ban on sexual material in the home.

"There's a real threat," said Weigel, one of five sex offender specialists in the state's parole and probation division. "If these guys reoffend, there's going to be another real victim out there."

Weigel's unit is new, part of the state's heightened enforcement since Sjodin's abduction a year ago Monday. The 22-year-old University of North Dakota student's body was found last spring in a ravine in Minnesota.

The man charged with abducting Sjodin and killing her, Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., is a convicted sex offender who had been released from prison just six months before she disappeared. He has pleaded not guilty to a federal charge of kidnapping resulting in death. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

The passage of a year has not softened the blow for Sjodin's family.

"Every day weighs heavy in our hearts," said Linda Walker, Sjodin's mother. "There isn't one day that we don't think of her, even from the moment we wake up to the

moment we go to sleep."

The case drew national attention as volunteers, National Guard soldiers and law enforcement officers searched the region for months looking for Sjodin. Her body wasn't found until after the snow melted.

On Friday, the U.S. Senate endorsed a bill called "Dru's Law," which would set up a national public database of sex offenders and require strict monitoring of high-risk sex offenders for a year after their release from prison.

The bill was introduced by Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., who said other senators remembered Sjodin's abduction.

"The entire country was looking for Dru Sjodin," Dorgan said.

The case was particularly troubling here and in neighboring Minnesota, where Rodriguez lived, because the convicted rapist had been released even though he had been classified as a Level 3 offender, meaning he had the highest risk of committing another sex crime.

Both states have since moved to crack down on sex offenders. In North Dakota, the new parole unit is partnered with an expanded sex offender program at the state psychiatric hospital in Jamestown for the most serious sexual predators, who are recommended for civil commitment after their release.

The number of people civilly committed has doubled to 23 in less than a year.

In Minnesota, two separate commissions have been working since Sjodin's death on new sentencing guidelines. One plan would double the maximum sentences for sex crimes and impose a life term on any repeat sex offender. It also would set up a new board to review the cases of inmates who have served their minimum sentences.

More restrictions may be on the way. When North Dakota lawmakers convene their 2005 session, they will face a list of proposals from a task force launched by Gov. John Hoeven. Among them are life sentences without parole for gross sexual offenses that result in death, and supervised probation for all other felony sex offenses.

The panel also is seeking a stronger method of tracking sex offenders, using global positioning devices that could alert authorities to an offender's location at all times, said Duane Houdek, an attorney for Hoeven.

While North Dakota's crime rate remains low, getting tough on sex offenders will help preserve that security, said state Rep. Lois Delmore.

Thousands gather to dedicate Laci Peterson Memorial

ESCALON (AP) — A cavalcade of motorcyclists and other community members converged on this Central Valley farm town Saturday to dedicate a memorial to Laci Peterson and the fetus she carried.

Some 2,000 people gathered at a downtown park for a ceremony to unveil the memorial, a metal park bench donated by a local businessman.

Peterson's cousin Shawn Rocha, who organized the event, told the crowd that family members were "overwhelmed" by the turnout.

"Thank you from our hearts," Rocha said.

Earlier, members of Peterson's family, including Shawn Rocha, Peterson's mother Sharon Rocha, and several members of the Modesto police department led 1,700 motorcyclists from Modesto to Escalon, stopping briefly at Burwood Cemetery in Escalon where Peterson is buried.

A similar ride organized last year



Members of the Black Sheep Brothers bike club circle around a large picture of Laci Peterson at her gravesite at Burwood Cemetery, Saturday. More than 1,700 bikers rode from Modesto to honor Laci and Connor Peterson during a bike run that ended with a bench dedication in Escalon.

by Shawn Rocha drew 500 bikers.

As a child, Laci Peterson divided her time between her mother's home in Modesto and her father's dairy farm outside Escalon. Her father, Dennis Rocha, still lives in the area and attended the ceremony.

"The support of the town and its people mean a lot," Dennis Rocha said.

Mourners left a small Christmas tree and a wrought-metal angel near the bench.

Earlier this month, her husband, Scott Peterson, was convicted of first degree murder in her death and second degree murder in the death of the fetus, a boy the couple planned to name Connor.

Peterson penalty phase to begin

Brian Skoloff
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REDWOOD CITY — Scott Peterson's life now rests in the hands of the jurors who found him guilty of murdering his pregnant wife, and who are about to hear testimony much more laden with emotion than they did during the five-month guilt phase of his trial.

The penalty phase in Peterson's case was set to begin Monday, 10 days after he was found guilty of first-degree murder for killing Laci Peterson and second-degree murder for killing her fetus. Jurors will choose between a life sentence or execution.

A delay was possible because defense lawyers filed a motion last week seeking to have a new jury seated in another county to weigh the sentence. The lawyers claim San Mateo County is too prejudiced against Peterson for this jury to be impartial. The judge planned to

review the motion Monday morning.

The penalty phase is like a miniature trial, absent most of the typical rules of evidence.

Unlike the guilt phase of a trial, it allows jurors to hear pleas for leniency and heartfelt recollections of the victim.

This phase will begin with opening statements from both sides, followed by testimony from friends and family members and closing arguments, before the jurors are once again sequestered for deliberations.

"Witnesses are pretty much allowed to say whatever they want," said Robert Talbot, a University of San Francisco School of Law professor who has observed the trial. "Laci's family will be talking about the impact on their lives without Laci there and not having a grandchild. The Petersons are going to attempt to show there is something

of value in him that shouldn't be destroyed by the death penalty."

Talbot said defense lawyers also are allowed to "argue lingering doubt," playing to jurors who may still be somewhat uncertain about the prosecution's case.

The Peterson penalty phase will be unlike most murder trials, where the convicted person has a history of violence, anti-social behavior or a childhood marred with abuse.

"You're not going to have any of that here because there isn't poverty in his background and there isn't parental abuse or a criminal record. He seemed to have a pretty good childhood," Talbot said.

No testimony is expected from one of the prosecution's star witnesses, Peterson's former mistress, Amber Frey. Wiretapped telephone calls between Peterson and Frey played for jurors portrayed the 32-year-old former fertilizer salesman as a habitual liar and a cad.

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The Mustangs scored twice more in the first half and gave up a touchdown early in the third half. But from there on, the Mustangs poured on the points.

Garnett scored on a two-yard run before Chicoine waited on under thrown pass from Leadingham, caught the ball and escaped a number of tackles before scurrying up the Cal Poly sideline for a stunning touch-

down and nail in the Hornet coffin.

After another Hornet turnover, it took more than 29 seconds to score. The score was 44-13.

It was getting ugly, and it wasn't over.

Chicoine did it again picking off another pass and battling his way to the Hornet 18-yard line. The Mustangs scored on a six-yard run by Matt McCormick.

Josiah Jennings ran the ball in for the last touchdown pushing the score to 58-13.

Playoffs

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Jones said he was nervous Saturday night that a lack of a playoff bid would end his Mustang career. He said he would miss the camaraderie on the team and he smiled as he noted how before plane rides to away games, the Mustangs would raise their hands, as if on a rollercoaster.

"Small things like that, that's what I'm going to miss the most,"

Jones said.

As Wofford barely beat VMI 19-18, Cal Poly could overtake its 17th spot in the new Sports Network and ESPN/USA Today polls today — no use in postseason terms. It could mean something, though, if future

Mustang teams can enjoy similar success.

"The good is the guys got the program to a point we could have some high drama this morning and that won't be the last time, I promise you," Ellerson said.

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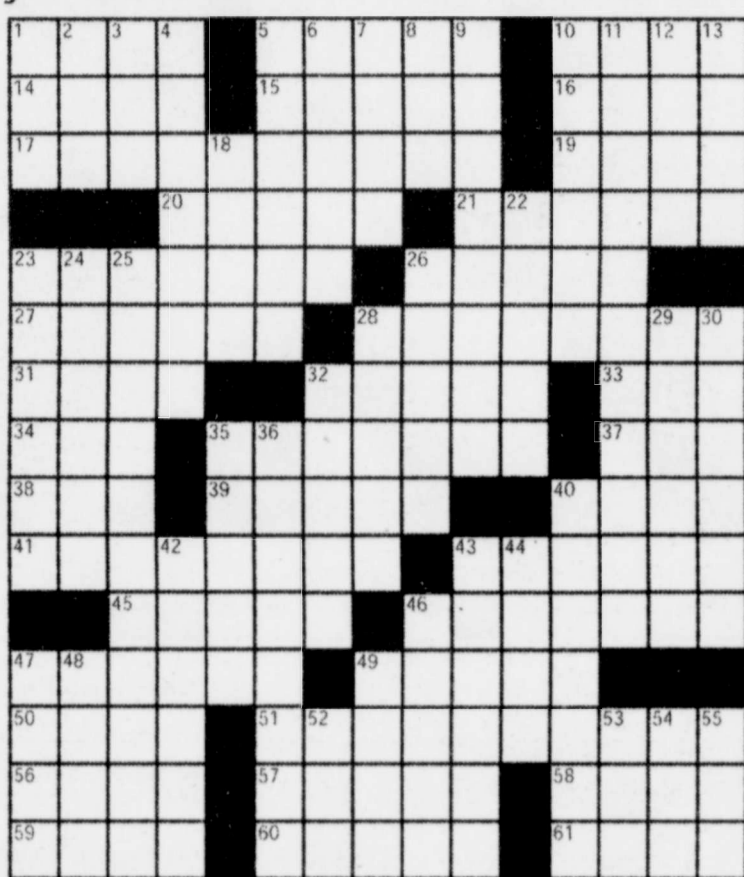
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- Spanish gents
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- Lots and lots
- Finish, with "up"
- All-female get-together
- State confidently to
- "Wheel of Fortune" phrase
- Sign of hunger
- "Peter Pan" pirate
- Future indicator
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This week's spotlight on ...



Women's tennis coach
Hugh Bream

Nicole Stivers
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Before his team had its final fall tuneup over the weekend, women's tennis coach Hugh Bream had a chance to share his goals for the year and advice as a coach of 30 years.

Q. – What is it like to host an invitational?

A. – The players get a feel for playing on our home courts. So, it's just an exciting way to finish the fall and to also make sure we are not on the road late in the quarter. We want them here attending class and getting ready for finals.

Q. – How important was it for the team to be successful this weekend?

A. – In a team situation, you are always looking to keep building good chemistry. Certain habits in match play are going to correlate with success most of the time. We're going to focus mainly on things we can control, like attitude, effort, camaraderie and having fun with the competition. In terms of a win-loss perspective, I don't think it is really that important.

Q. – What is your biggest goal for this year's team?

A. – I would like to improve the most of any team in our conference from now until April. Two years ago, we won the conference and went to NCAAs. Last year, we finished with our highest national ranking ever in Division I; we were 56 out of 310 teams. We'd like to keep improving on all of those things, but mainly just compete hard throughout the year and compete hard from start to finish.

Q. – What adjectives would you use to describe the team?

A. – Cohesive, dedicated and selfless.

Q. – What got you interested in coaching?

A. – Tennis always fascinated me. I've now been coaching for 30 years and this is my 20th year as a college head coach. I love tennis and I love people. So it is a good combination.

Q. – If you were not to coach tennis, what other sport would you choose?

A. – Football because I enjoyed football as a player for nine years growing up.

Q. – Is there anything you learned as a player at Cal Poly that you use as a coach?

A. – You do not always get what you want

Q. – What is one lesson you hope to pass on to the players?

A. – That being part of a truly successful team on all levels is something that is going to benefit them in so many ways throughout.

One last blowout is not enough

The Mustangs impress in their final season game, but do not receive an at-large bid into the Division I-AA playoffs

Dan Watson
MUSTANG DAILY

Destroying the Hornets was not enough.

Exposing Sacramento State's suspect offense and Faberge-soft defense, Cal Poly ripped through the Hornets for 499 total offensive yards en route to a 58-13 win.

But Cal Poly's most important goal, attaining a Division I-AA playoff spot, escaped for another season. Despite the performance, the Mustangs could not impress to the point of receiving one of eight at-large playoff spots.

"We represented an extraordinary conference," coach Rich Ellerson said. "This conference deserves to be represented."

Instead, the Mustangs were shut out of the playoffs for the second straight year after posting impressive records; a 7-4 campaign last year and a 9-2 record this year.

It was in the third quarter, when the outcome was still in jeopardy at 24-13, that the Mustangs put on a frantic scoring spree posting 26 unanswered points.

"We kicked it into fifth gear," Garnett said. "Ellerson told us we needed to play like a great team. That's what we did."

The last time Cal Poly scored more points was in 1994, against Sonoma State, when it posted 64.

Saturday's game also provided the Mustangs their largest margin-of-victory since 1997, when they again picked on Sac State winning 45-0.

Sac State committed nine turnovers, coming on six fumbles and three interceptions, largely due to the Mustang defensive pressure.

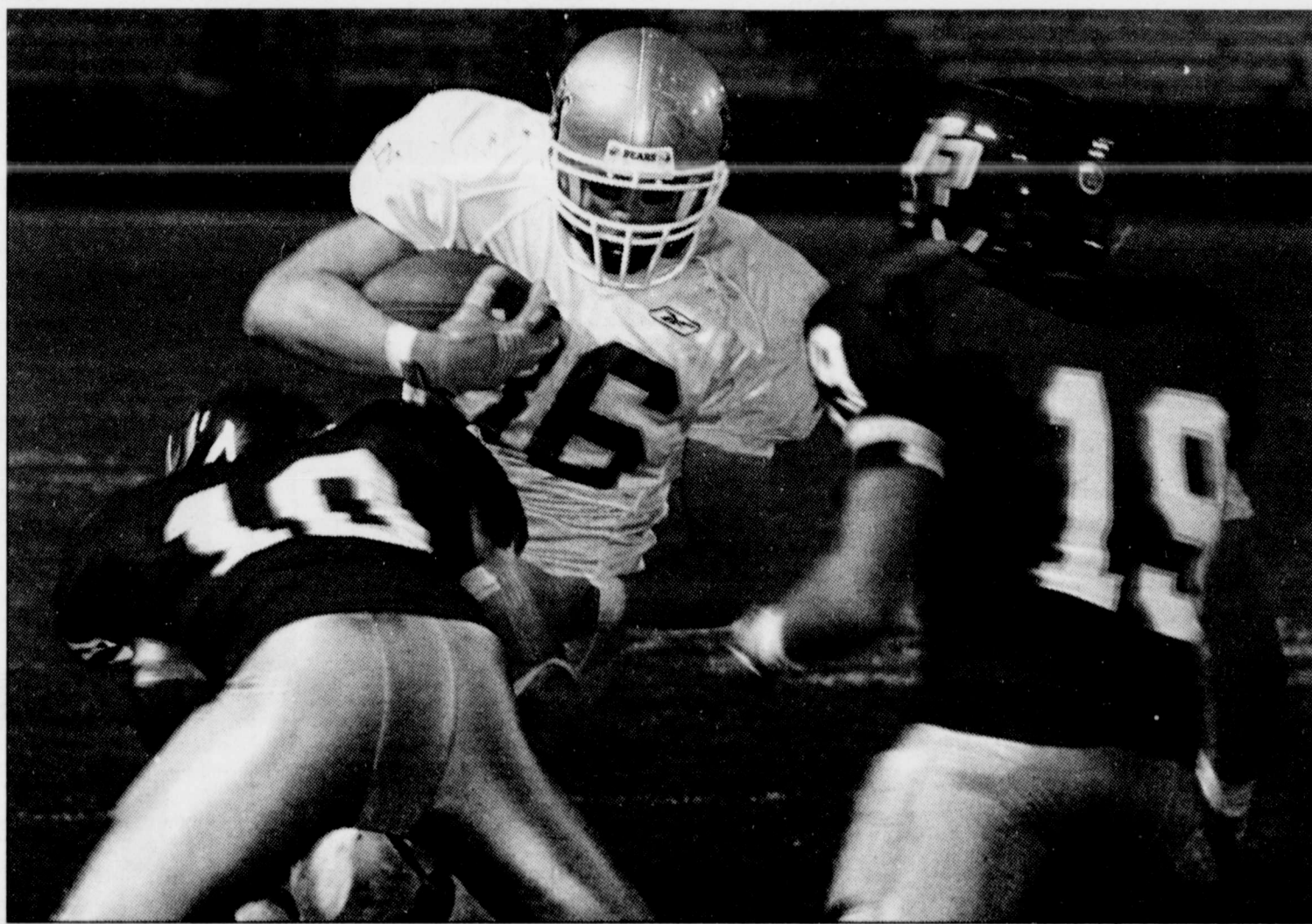
Safety Kenny Chicoine picked off two Hornet passes thrown by quarterback Ryan Leadingham and returned one late in the third quarter for a 68-yard touchdown.

Defensive end Chris Gocong was up to his old tricks recording three sacks and increasing his nation-leading sacks per game average.

Once again, the Mustangs also brought a two-pronged attack.

"You can't be singled-minded," Garnett said. "We're great at doing both. We run and run, and then it opens up passing the ball."

Running back Geno Randle was largely responsible, gaining 112 yards on the ground and scoring one



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Even a 45-point win margin wasn't enough to give the Mustangs a playoff spot announced Sunday.

touchdown.

On the other side, standout Hornet running back Ryan Mole was held to just 28 yards on 13 carries before suffering an injury.

Garnett again had a solid performance Saturday throwing for 247 yards and running for 45.

"It's been a real positive season," Garnett said. "We are Great West Champions. We had hard times and good times, but we stayed together as a team no matter the costs."

In the third quarter, both the offense and defense meshed to near perfection.

"We benefitted from great field position, but we couldn't make it go fast enough," Ellerson said of the 11-drive quarter. "When something gets out of whack like that, there's a lot of scoring."

In a typical NFL game, a team will have between 10.5-11 possessions per game, Ellerson said.

To start the game, the Mustangs wasted no time trying to make their claim for the playoffs.

Adam Martinez started the thumping with a two-yard touchdown early in the first quarter and a Hornet turnover materialized into a Randle five-yard touchdown.

But the Hornets took advantage of a Mustang fumble and started to go to their prime receiver, Fred Amey, moving 72 yards in 1:07 culminating in a one-yard touchdown pass.

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This isn't the first time the Mustangs failed to make the playoffs after a stellar season

Graham Womack
MUSTANG DAILY

On Saturday, Cal Poly played its final regular season game.

On Sunday, the Mustangs' season ended.

Today, although it now means nothing, the team could rise in the polls.

The Mustangs pounded the Sacramento State Hornets 58-13 on Saturday night, but took a loss the next morning. Although Cal Poly went 9-2 this season, won the inaugural Great West Football Conference title and was No. 18 in both major Division I-AA polls before today, the Mustangs weren't among the 16 teams given playoff bids Sunday morning.

Cal Poly fans can curse Lehigh or Lafayette for spoiling the Mustangs' playoff chances. Lafayette, unranked in either of the major polls, upset Lehigh, No. 8 in the Sports Network Poll, to capture the Patriot League title and was one of eight conference winners to receive an automatic playoff bid.

Had Lafayette not won, the 16th bid would likely have gone to No. 17 Wofford or No. 18 Cal Poly, the highest ranked non-playoff teams besides No. 13 Harvard, which is exempt from the postseason.

"We're disappointed that we won't get the chance to play again,

but we want to make sure the focus isn't on a decision some committee made somewhere," coach Rich Ellerson said.

It was perhaps the most successful season of Ellerson's four-year tenure, one that saw the Mustangs win their first seven games and soar to No. 5 before finishing with their largest win total since 1997 and their first conference title since 1994.

These Mustangs have something in common with their predecessors though. The 1997 team went 10-1, was ranked 17th, and incidentally did not make the playoffs. The 1994 bunch went 7-4 in its first year of Div. I-AA competition, captured the American West Conference and, of course, didn't get a playoff bid.

Cal Poly football last made a postseason in 1990, forging into the Division II playoffs following a 9-1 regular season. Perhaps Cal Poly can crack the playoffs next year, though junior quarterback Anthony Garnett wasn't making any long-term plans Saturday night, before playoff bids were announced.

"Regardless of what happens, I'm still focusing on this season," Garnett said. "It's not over for me."

However, Cal Poly careers have now ended for 11 players including three Ellerson said have a chance to be picked in the NFL Draft: linebacker and Buck Buchanan award candidate Jordan Beck, offensive tackle Ben Cobian and receiver Darrell Jones.

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Women's tennis breezes through its home invitational

Natasha Toto
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly women's tennis dominated its fourth pre-season invitational this weekend against UC Santa Barbara and St. Mary's placing first at the annual event to conclude the fall season.

Cal Poly defeated the Gauchos 6-1 on Friday and conquered the Gaels on Saturday of 5-2.

The teams competed in a hid-

den-dual format. Each match was between two teams, competing in either singles or doubles.

However, no team scores were kept. Instead, all results were per individual and contributed to the players' Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings for the 2004-05 season.

Paige Billingsley, assistant coach for the Mustangs, said that the team was extremely happy with the results.

"We were pleased with how the girls did," Billingsley said. "The team has been working hard, and really put it all together this weekend."

Freshman Nicole Shabaz swept through the weekend winning all of her singles and doubles matches.

Although the invitational does not count as regular season play, coach Hugh Bream said that the weekend was still successful.

"It is a fun way to finish off the fall pre-season," Bream said.

Bream, now in his sixth season as coach led the Mustangs to winning records the past three years.

In 2004, Cal Poly finished 56th in the nation, its highest national ranking to date.

The Cal Poly women's tennis team will take some time off before starting its 2005 season with a home match against Cal State Fullerton on Jan. 15.