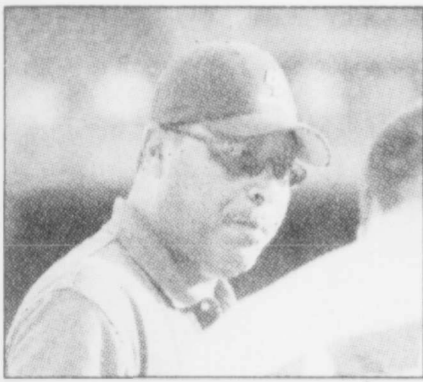


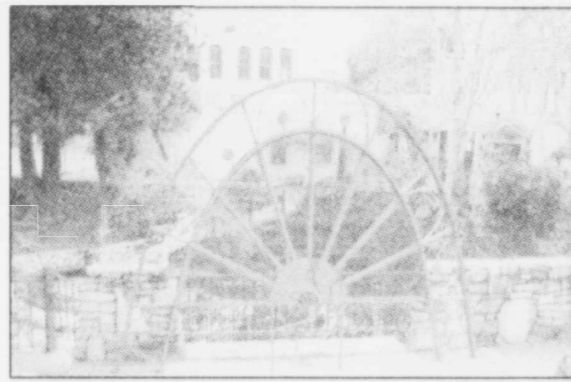
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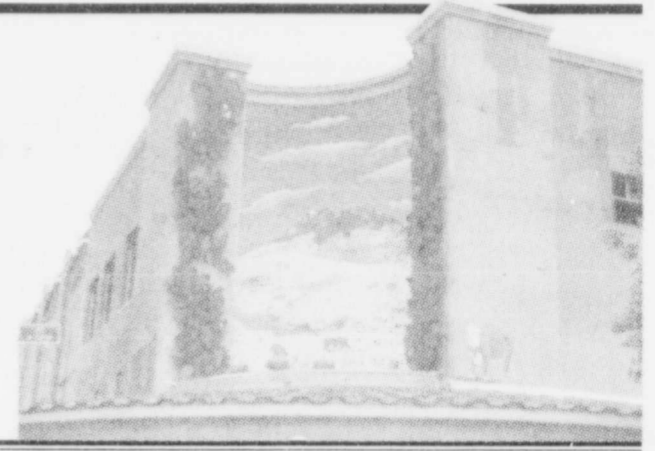
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## A campus gift guide to Valentine's Day

**Genevieve Loggins**  
MUSTANG DAILY

Thanks to various Cal Poly organizations there are multiple ways to purchase Valentine's Days goodies without leaving campus.

### Flowers

Cal Poly's floral design club is holding its traditional fundraiser for Valentine's Day by selling bouquets arranged by award-winning florists.

Students can choose between four arrangements: the "Beauty and Innocence" arrangement is made up of pink Gerbera Daisies, "Romance and Perfection" consists of Black Magic Roses, "Love and Fascination" is a dozen red Carnations formed into the shape of a heart and "True Love" is made up of red tulips.

"Last year we had a large turn out and decided to expand the arrangements, with four to choose from, to offer a little more variety," club director Melinda Lynch said. "Each arrangement is personally delivered, creating a personal approach."

The Cal Poly Plant shop has a variety of special Valentine's Day floral arrangements and bouquets, including balloons, potted plants and prearranged gifts, co-manager Natalie Lovgern said.

"The steal of the day is the 'romance to go' which is a \$20 arrangement, with different varieties of chocolate and candy with mixed flower arrangements," she said.

Arrangements and bouquets will be made before the holiday, and the shop will be open on Valentine's Day, a very popular time of year for foot traffic, she said.

"It's really fun with holidays, because a lot of students come, and they're able to find something for their sweetheart, or friends," she said. "And with our delivery service available to students it makes things easier for those living in the dorms."

Jewish fraternity Alpha Epsilon Pi is holding their annual rose sale on Feb. 12 and 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with two booths set up, one in the University Union and one at Campus Market.

Fraternity president and business junior Jordan Leib thinks the event is important to raise awareness of AEPi to students. The fraternity tries to price competitively to raise turnout.

"We sell roses every year, which has become identifiable with the fraternity, and it's always a good way to advertise who we are," Leib said.

### Fun

Peers Understanding Listening Speaking Education (PULSE) will be raising awareness about how to have healthy relationships and promote responsibility, director Rojean Damingas said.

"We will be selling condom roses and candy rosebuds to

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### CAMPUS VDAY DEALS

Condom roses/rosebud candies: 25 cents

AEPi: 1 rose-\$3, 2 roses-\$5, 12 roses-\$20

Floral design club bouquets: ranging from \$11 to \$27

Poly plant shop bouquets: \$12 to \$55

Cal Poly ties: \$44

30 percent off Valentine's Day items at El Corral

## Health services fee could increase

**Ashley Ciullo**  
MUSTANG DAILY

If approved, students will be facing a \$30 per quarter increase of the health services fee alongside any other potential fee increases that may occur. This fee will afford three additional health professionals, three counselors and additional psychiatrists and could start fall quarter 2009.

"The health services fee increase is going to have a double benefit; obviously, it's going to benefit the students directly, but it will also help the staff deal with less stress in terms of their client load," Cornel Morton, vice president for student affairs said.

The current health services fee is \$55.40 per quarter and pending approval, could increase to \$87.62. The center would be able to see an additional 250 to 300 appointments per week thanks to the additional health-care providers. Counseling services would have up to 70 more appointment times per week, and psychiatric services would be available to help students who are experiencing emotional difficulties.

The proposed fee increase was recommended by the Campus Fee Advisory Committee in direct response to California's budget deficit and Cal Poly's growing residential community, which has over 2,700 new tenants in Poly Canyon.

Based on previous demand, health services saw 1,000 fewer students and had 10,000 fewer visits last year. Counseling services saw nearly 300 fewer students; only 18 percent could get an appointment within 72 hours. Fewer available appointments and referrals to community services resulted in lower satisfaction ratings for health services by students.

Martin Bragg, director of Health and Counseling Services said the additions will be more convenient for students by decreasing the amount of time it takes to wait for an appointment. He said that not being able to see clients once a week because of heavy demand diminishes the effect of counseling. The outcome will allow health services to see more people individually and every week versus every other week or every third week.

"If you're emotionally upset waiting for weeks to be seen it's not right, it's devastating," he said.

The proposed alternative consultation process will seek approval from three constituencies: Associated Students Inc. Board

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## Stimulus bill narrowly survives Senate test

**David Espo**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — An \$838 billion economic stimulus bill backed by the White House narrowly advanced in the Senate on Monday over strong Republican opposition, and Democratic leaders vowed to deliver the emergency legislation for President Barack Obama's signature within a few days.

The vote was 61-36, one more than the 60 needed to move the measure toward Senate passage on Tuesday. That in turn, will set the stage for possibly contentious negotiations with the House on a final compromise on legislation the president says is desperately needed to tackle the

worst economic crisis in more than a generation.

The Senate vote occurred as the Obama administration moved ahead on another key component of its economic recovery plan. Officials said Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner would outline rules on Tuesday for \$350 billion in bailout funds designed to help the financial industry as well as homeowners facing foreclosure.

As for the stimulus, Obama said Monday night at the start of his televised news conference, "I can tell you with complete confidence that a failure to act will only deepen this crisis as well as the pain felt by millions of Americans."

The Senate vote was close but scarcely in see Stimulus, page 2

## SLO POWDERED WITH SNOW



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San Luis Obispo County was surprised yesterday by rare snowfall in some of its higher elevations after several days of rain and cold temperatures.



# Stimulus

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doubt once the White House and Democratic leaders agreed to trim about \$100 billion on Friday.

As a result, Republican Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania broke ranks to cast their votes to advance the bill.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., battling a brain tumor, made his first appearance in the Capitol since suffering a seizure on Inauguration Day, and he joined all other Democrats in support of the measure.

"There is no reason we can't do this by the end of the week," said Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. As House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has said, he declared he was prepared to hold the Senate in session into the Presidents Day weekend if necessary, and cautioned Republicans not to try and delay final progress.

Moments before the vote, the Congressional Budget Office issued a new estimate that put the cost at \$838 billion, an increase

from the \$827 billion figure from last week. Ironically, the agency said provisions in the bill intended to limit bonuses to executives at firms receiving federal bailout money would result in lower tax revenues for the government.

"This bill has the votes to pass. We know that," conceded Sen. John Thune, a South Dakota Republican who has spoken daily in the Senate against the legislation.

As if to underscore its prospects for passage, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, a prominent and powerful business group, issued a statement calling on the Senate to advance the measure.

Even so, in the hours before Monday's vote, Republican opponents attacked it as too costly and unlikely to have the desired effect on the economy. "This is a spending bill, not a stimulus bill," said Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn.

Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., ridiculed the bill. "The emperor has no clothes! Somebody has to say it. I'm referring to this additional bailout, this spending bill that spends everything we've got on nothing we are sure about."

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# Gifts

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help students understand the importance of safe sex," Damingas said.

PULSE will have a booth set up in the University Union on Thursday at 11 p.m. for students to visit and play games, each with a relationship theme and even get "married."

"We will have games all based on communicating in relationships, and a booth set up for couples, or friends to get "married" and have their picture taken," Damingas said. "It's just to have a good time and enjoy relationships."

The bookstore is having a pajama party Wednesday night from 5 to 8 p.m. and all Valentine's gifts, ranging from cookware to picture frames, will be 30 percent off.

To up the fun factor, Backstage

Pizza will be handing out free slices of pizza with the purchase of a drink, and 19 Metro Station will give free breakfast to students wearing pajamas, marketing manager for El Corral Bookstore Teresa Kaiser said.

"Everyone will be wearing their Pjs, including the staff, but the idea is to just have fun; we turn up the music, making it a very fun nighttime event," Kaiser said.

The sale offers students a chance to save money and get creative with the different arts and crafts supplies for those interested in making gifts for their family and friends, she said.

Valentine's items on display at Campus Market include gifts featuring Cal Poly chocolates made by the food science and nutrition department. The chocolate production course, founded in 2000, is the only one taught at an American university.

# Health

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of Directors, the six college councils, and students, who will be able to attend any of the two open forums or the ASI Board or college council meetings where the fee increase proposal will be presented between Feb. 23 and March 4.

Students who attend any of the nine events will receive an official response form where they can provide individual support or reject the proposal, as well as the opportunity to

give suggestions and feedback. Majority support of at least two of the three constituencies is required for the proposal to pass.

Morton said that he hopes the alternative consultation process will give students an opportunity to practice direct democracy. "This mechanism requires us to be certain that we have reached out in a sufficient way to the student community in gathering detailed feedback. Students have an opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions," he said.

A sample response form is available via the Student Affairs Web site.

# MUSTANG DAILY CORRECTIONS

The Mustang Daily staff takes pride in publishing a daily newspaper for the Cal Poly campus and the neighboring community. We appreciate your readership and are thankful for your careful reading. Please send your correction suggestions to mustangdaily@gmail.com.

In yesterday's article "Fee raise passed by school, now pending student approval," the Mustang Daily incorrectly stated that the Campus Fee Advisory Committee (CFAC) passed the proposal to ask students to raise College Based Fees (CBFs). CFAC simply approved the proposal to be sent to student vote.

The article also incorrectly stated "because some colleges have more expensive programs than others, a university-wide increase would mean a portion of a student's fees might not necessarily be going toward his or her particular college." Each student's CBFs will remain in his or her college.

The article said that "the increase of \$362 would apply evenly to every student at the university" but failed to clarify that part-time students would pay a reduced fee of \$181 per quarter.

When the article stated that "the vote will be held...for two days and require participation of at least 38 percent of the student body to pass," it failed to clarify that 38 percent participation by the student body is required to consider the voting valid, however, in order to pass the fee, a majority of participants must approve the fee increase.

Finally, the article stated "currently the amount a student pays in CBFs was assessed by the dean of the college." Deans, in consultation with various campus organizations including student representatives, recommended CBFs be instituted. Their recommendation was then put to student vote, as the article noted.

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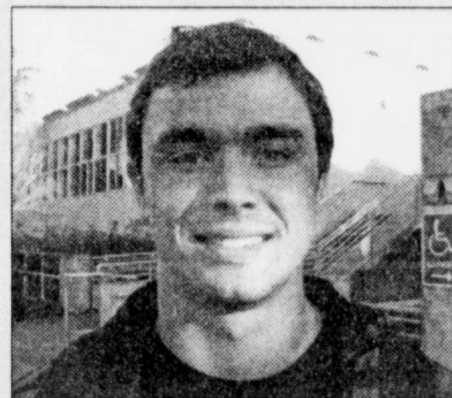


"Yes. I don't know much about it, but I know that he's usually not good with the media."

David Enlow, civil engineering sophomore

"I wouldn't say so. He probably knows the consequences that everyone else has suffered and doesn't want to get further (into) trouble by denying it."

Michael McMahan, earth science junior



"It's kind of sad athletes now feel like they have to do that to get ahead."

Alisha Lopez, psychology junior

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**Stimulus**

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All 36 votes in opposition were cast by Republicans.

The two remaining versions of the legislation are relatively close in size — \$838 billion in the Senate and \$819 billion in the House, and are similar in many respects.

Both include Obama's call for a tax cut for lower-income wage earners, as well as billions for unemployment benefits, food stamps,

health care and other programs to help victims of the worst recession in decades. In a bow to the administration, they also include billions for development of new information technology for the health industry, and billions more to lay the groundwork for a new environmentally friendly industry that would help reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil.

The measure nearing approval in the Senate calls for more tax cuts and less spending than the House bill, largely because it includes a

\$70 billion provision to protect middle-class taxpayers from falling victim to the alternative minimum tax, which was intended to make sure the very wealthy don't avoid paying taxes.

Both houses provide \$87 billion in additional funds for the Medicaid program, which provides health care to the low income. But the House and Senate differ on the formula to be used in distributing the money, a dispute that pits states against one another rather than Republicans against Democrats.

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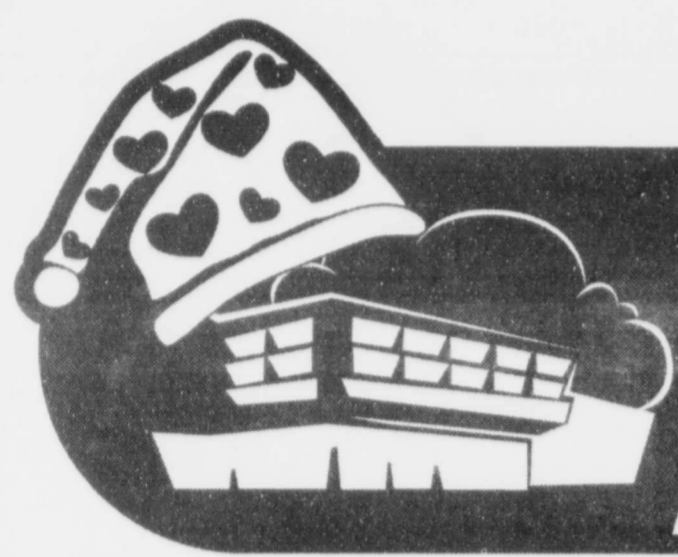
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# art in public places

## Local art displays provide downtown treasure hunt

Alisha Axsom  
MUSTANG DAILY

Hung on parking garages, adorning buildings and decorating creek walkways around San Luis Obispo are hidden treasures. These art pieces were put in place by the Art in Public Places program, a committee under the San Luis Obispo County Arts Council, "ARTS Obispo," which helps the city decide where to place public art pieces and pick which artists get commissioned.

"I think the cities have realized it's important to have a public art program," said Jim Jacobson, a local artist who has several art pieces around San Luis Obispo. "It makes a city so much more attractive and so much more revealing as to what it stands for and what it's about."

The statue of Puck in the Downtown Centre, the signs identifying each level in the Palm Street parking structure and the Child and Bear fountain in Mission Plaza are just a few examples of art pieces that have been installed over the years as a result of the Art in Public Places program.

Jacobson was one of the first artists selected to

create a piece for the program and the first piece he completed was the mobile in front of the Parks and Recreation Department building. He said he read that the city had gotten money together for public art and wanted to be a part of the program.

"I've been a part-time artist just about all my life and I thought (the public art program) would be an exciting way to get involved in making larger pieces and some pieces that had a significant amount of money behind them," Jacobson said.

Now a full-time artist, he said there wasn't as much competition in the early days of the program when there were only 10 proposals instead of the most recent 70, but Jacobson considers himself fortunate to have been commissioned.

He worked on two more mobiles in the Mission Plaza area and a hand railing on Santa Rosa Street in front of the Frank Lloyd Wright building. He said there wasn't much money involved with the hand railing but it didn't matter.

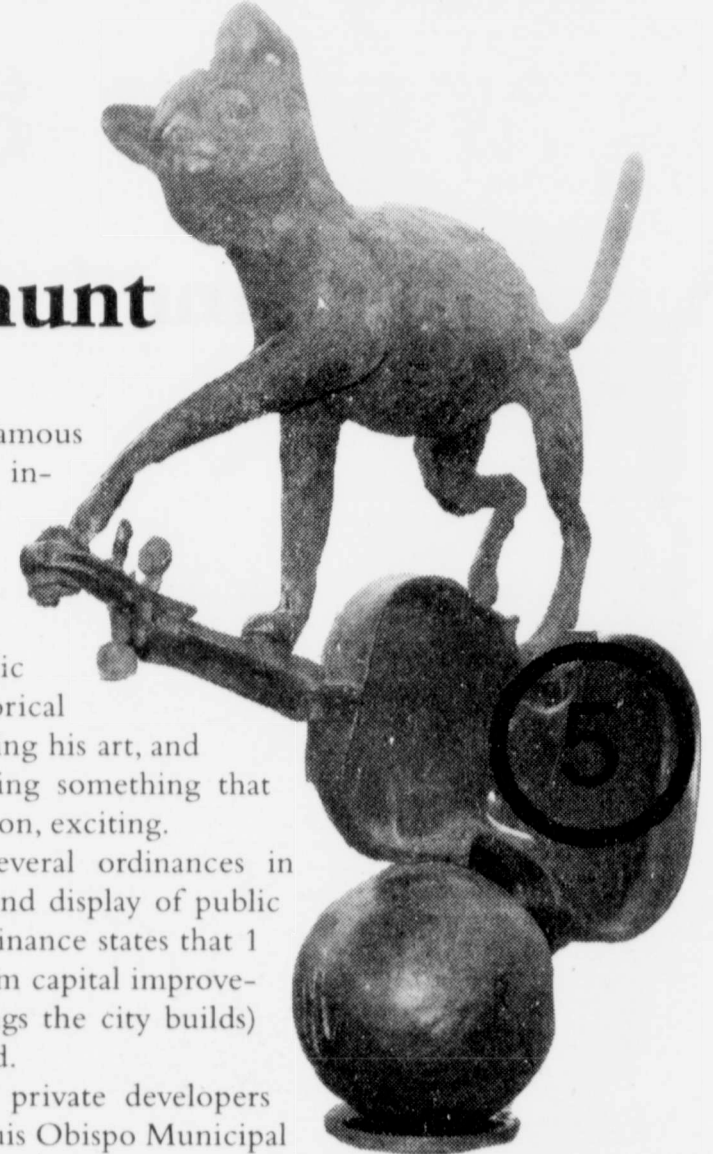
"It was just so exciting to do something that would tie in to the Frank Lloyd Wright building, which I thought would be quite an honor," said

Jacobson, who includes the famous architect as someone who inspires and influences his art.

Jacobson has worked on many more pieces for the program and said he enjoys the entire process of public art. Jacobson calls the historical research that goes into creating his art, and the design process of creating something that will work in a specific location, exciting.

San Luis Obispo has several ordinances in place to fund the creation and display of public art around the city. One ordinance states that 1 percent of all the money from capital improvements (meaning any buildings the city builds) goes toward a public art fund.

A second ordinance for private developers was later added to the San Luis Obispo Municipal Code, stating that 0.5 percent of the money the developer spends goes toward public art for that building. If the developer chooses not to do pub-

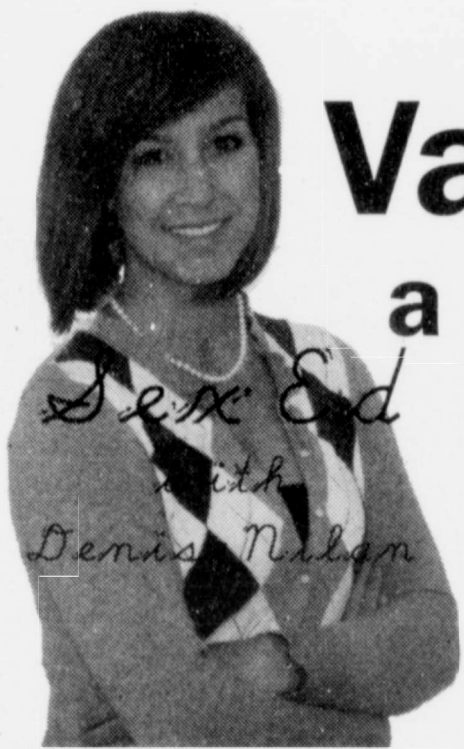


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### sex column

## Valentine's Day: a love-hate relationship



ers on Valentine's Day, I think no more of him. It's expected. America has done an excellent job of hyping up this post-Christmas holiday. So now people are pressured to make some sort of romantic gesture, sincere or not. But think about it — how much better would it be to get flowers on March 14? The flowers will be cheaper, and if you really want to go there, restaurant reservations will be easier to get. This gesture says, "I love you and I want to show you and not because society says I have to do this today."

Reason No. 2 Valentine's Day sucks: All of a sudden, everyone who is single decides they want to complain about it. I know that glittered hearts patronize everyone at every store, but that doesn't give anyone the right to

be grumpy. The day is intended to celebrate love, and not just the romantic kind. There is nothing wrong with being single because you're not the only one. Someone loves you, even if it is only your mom. So you want to wear black to make some grand point about how upset you are that you're single and how you hate the idea of Valentine's Day? Original. That's attractive and uplifting. I wonder why you are single when you are beaming with such positivity?

In reality this holiday is decorated with good intentions, even if corporate America has led it slightly astray. Embrace the day with friends you love, it would be better then spending it with a date you can't stand.

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I have a love-hate relationship with Valentine's Day. I love the overpriced flowers that everyone complains about. I love the chocolates because it's a sign that all of those New Year's resolutions have been forgotten, and the excuse to wear pastels in the winter, but mostly, I love to love.

There is much to be happy about with a day dedicated to love, but frankly, it's all a little overwhelming. The cliché Hallmark holiday reputation that follows this day is just so true. Why do we need to have one day out of the year to express something that people in healthy relationships should feel all the time? Have our daily lives become too hectic to express love regularly? This holiday just reminds me of troubled middle-aged couples scheduling annual time to have sex, when really it should remind me of all the happy couples I know, and the good friendships I enjoy.

My main beef with Valentine's Day is that any Valentine's Day gesture would be appreciated so much more if it were done any other day of the year. If a guy brings a girl flow-

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lic art for their project, or it's determined not to be suitable for public art, the developer can put the money in an in-lieu fund. From this fund, the city can fund new art projects, as well as complete repairs and maintenance on existing art pieces.

"The most important thing (the private developer ordinance) does is it provides the city a way to do matching grants," said Art in Public Places committee chairperson Ann Ream.

After one of the original founders of the program, Bill Beeson, passed away, the arts council wanted to honor him with an art piece. The council asked the city if it would match the money they raised, up to \$10,000, and the city agreed because it could use the in-lieu fund.

When the city decides it wants to put a piece of art somewhere, an extensive selection process is completed before the artist and artwork is chosen. A Request for Qualifications is sent out as a call to artists who want to participate. Artists then submit their resume, references and a narrative of what their vision is for the site. A jury of five to seven people from the community decide which artist and artwork they think will work best for a specific space and then the artist can begin the creative

process.

ARTS Obispo helps facilitate the process of finding the artist, getting jurors and then distributing the art piece when it is finally finished, but they are more of an advisory body to the city council, said ARTS Obispo program director Alissa Maddren.

"To reach out to the community is very important and for them to get involved in public art," said public art coordinator Shannon Bates. "The most significant way they can do that is to be part of the jury," she said, adding that they often seek people to do just that.

Certain people have to be on the jury, such as a community member or business owner in the area where the art will be placed and artists, Bates said. The rest of the jury is made up of people who are simply interested in picking a piece or being involved in the community.

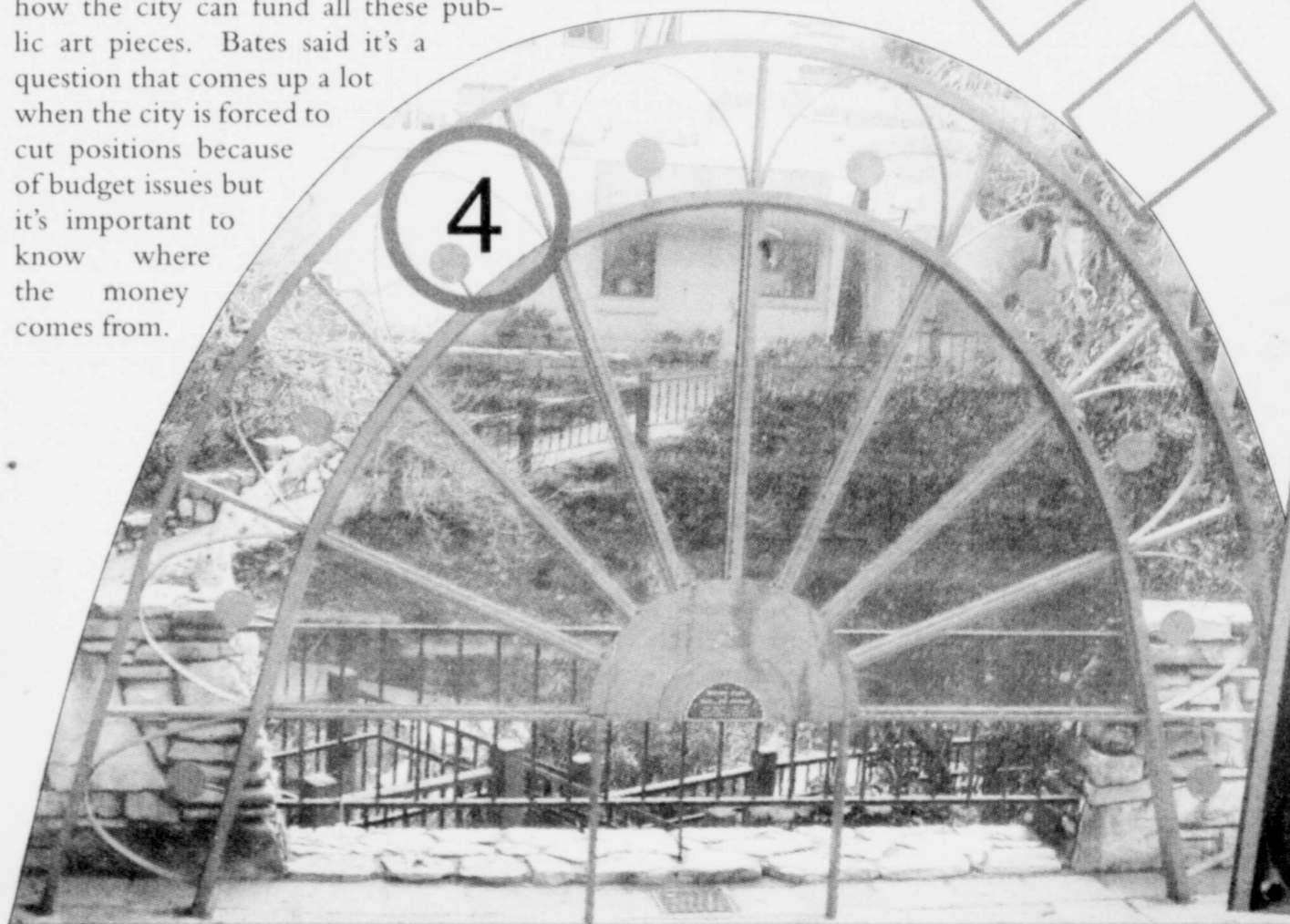
"It's a big commitment of time, but it's also something that's interesting and fun and a great experience; you get to be involved in the community," Bates said. "A lot of our pieces will be there for hundreds of years and you could say, I was involved in putting that piece there."

After the jury selects an artist, their artwork moves to the Architectural Review Committee and members of the public are allowed to voice their opinion at this time. Ream said it's written in the guidelines for the Art in Public Places program that the public have the opportunity to express their opinions on each proposed project. The city council will then either approve or not approve the piece.

Currently, a stainless steel sculpture set is proposed for a site across from the Apple Farm restaurant. The project has already been through the jury selection and review process and is near construction, Bates said.

Other projects in the works for the public art program include reconstructing the fountain at Marsh and Higuera streets and a piece of sidewalk art that will go in front of San Luis Obispo Little Theater.

With the economy in its current shape, some may wonder how the city can fund all these public art pieces. Bates said it's a question that comes up a lot when the city is forced to cut positions because of budget issues but it's important to know where the money comes from.



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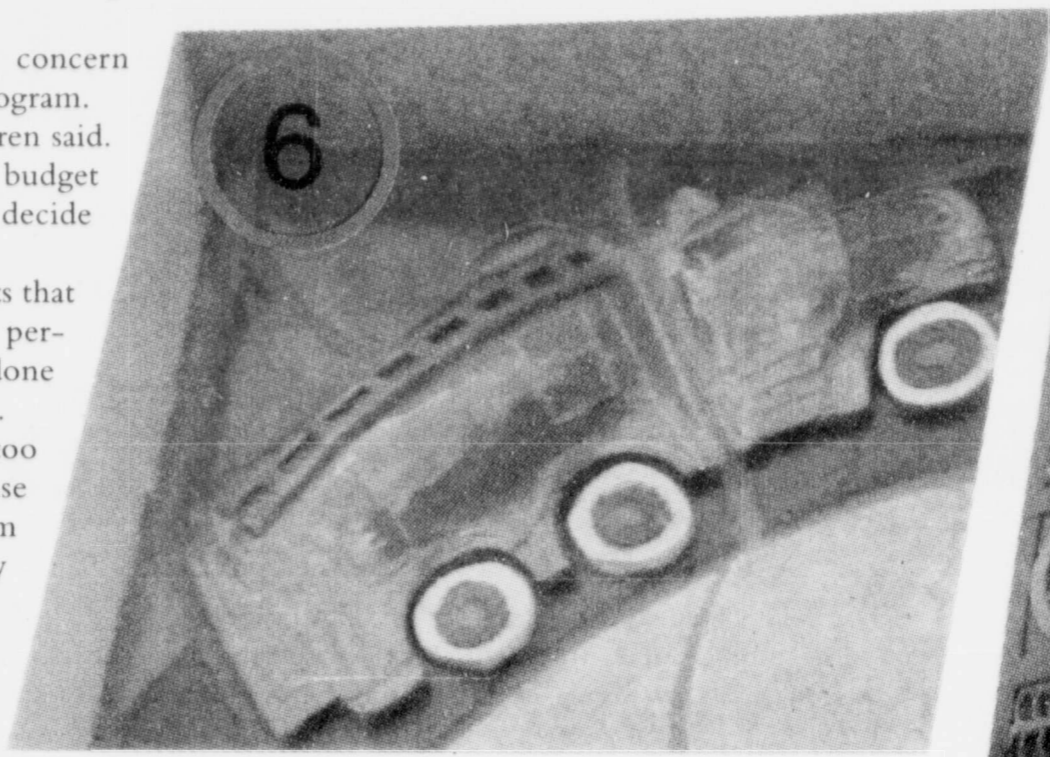
The ever-shrinking budget is cause for some concern among those involved in the Art in Public Places program. "The program could definitely go away," Maddren said. "It's one of our big concerns right now because our budget is so thin (the city council) might look at it and decide (they) can't do that."

The percentage of the capital improvements that go toward public art could be reduced to 0.5 percent which is something the council has done previously during slow economic times.

Bates said she doesn't predict too much of an impact right now because the city uses a lot of money from private developers (not the city budget) and the money used for current projects is from the city's budget two years ago.

"(Some people) are saying that development won't be down because this is the time to develop," Bates said. "Land costs are low, construction costs are low so maybe there won't be that decline in development that we're predicting and then our public art fund will be pretty healthy."

Even with the budget concerns, the program remains strong for now and an important part of San Luis Obispo culture. Ream said she recently drove past the Hey Diddle Diddle sculpture (which depicts a cat atop a fiddle on



the corner of Marsh and Garden streets) and saw a young girl on her father's shoulders with her nose touching the cat's nose.

"That sums it all up," Ream said. "There's all this language, and it's good language, but it's the language of public art helps the community, it does this, it does that. It's all true but to see that, to see the language come to life was really wonderful."

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**Valentine**

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Even with my complaints and woes over this holiday, I can't help but love to hate it. I've done the romantic dinner and even received a heart shaped box of chocolates, but these things didn't make me love the person more or make the relationship any better. What makes a good Valentine's Day is doing what you want to do, not what you are expected to do. If candle-lit dinners and chocolate covered strawberries are your thing, then go for it, but that's not for me. This year I'm going to do Valentine's Day right: I will wear pink, order pizza, drink beer and enjoy good company.

*Denise Nilan is a journalism senior and the Mustang Daily's new sex columnist.*

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# China, U.S. should work together for greener future

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who will make her first visit to China in just a few weeks, will likely set a new tone for U.S. foreign relations towards the country. Among other issues, she's expected to discuss climate change, an issue that should be dealt with by the two countries focusing on their similarities rather than their differences.

Unable to agree on each other's role in addressing climate change, the talks between the world's two largest greenhouse gas emitters have remained in gridlock since the United States excused itself from the Kyoto Protocol in 2001. To ease into a new era of policy making, both countries should focus on popular initiatives that could still significantly reduce emissions, such as shared efforts to develop electric vehicles, green buildings and carbon sequestration projects, as devised in a recent Brookings Institution report.

"Climate change evokes philosophical disagreements, whereas clean energy evokes economic opportunities," said the report's co-author David Sandalow, who served as associate director for the global environment in former U.S. President Bill Clinton's Council on Environmental Quality. Rather than grapple with the most controversial issues in the climate change debate — trade competition, coal use and emission targets — a focus on mutually beneficial, large-scale projects would "capture the public's imagination" for further emission reductions, said Sandalow.

The two countries could also strengthen pre-existing local partnerships that exchange technology and expertise in a range of climate-related industries. For example, Denver, Colo. and the Chinese city of Chongqing have joined forces to develop electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles. These partnerships currently suffer from "information barriers" and a lack of funding, the report said. Zhou Wenzhong, Chinese ambassador to the United States, said "China has done a lot, but of course it's not enough. Our most urgent issue is to limit poverty and develop the economy for one-fifth of the world's people."

Coal-mining efforts have recently been shifting from China's northern Shanxi province to an even more vulnerable ecosystem: the grasslands of Inner Mongolia. Many worry that if this area becomes the next big provider of energy and chemical products, large amounts of its natural resources will be destroyed beyond the point of restoration, as seen in Shanxi. It must be emphasized that no amount of money can replace the soil carried off by sandstorms.

To break out of the vicious circle of using fossil-fuel energy, China must shift its reliance to clean energy sources. Rural communities have the means to contribute to this transformation by developing their own energy, which would reduce their toll on their immediate environment and decrease their collective greenhouse gas emissions. Many wealthy Chinese farmers are already using energy-hungry appliances such as air conditioners, refrigerators and microwave ovens, as well as coal for heating and cooking. Yet, they typically ignore the traditional bioenergy sources at their doorsteps — like straw — by simply burning them off in the fields.

So what if the millions of villages in China were mobilized? For one simple and repeatable solution, look at the data collected for the experiment entitled "Using straw as livestock fodder to promote circular energy use in rural areas" by the Institute of Botany at the Chinese Academy of Sciences. The experiment was aimed at making full use of the straw that farmers discard, and was carried out in the village of Jiangjia in the Shandong Province.

Mobilizing farmers to use readily accessible, traditional bioenergy sources like straw may go a long way toward helping China reduce its carbon footprint. The straw fodder can be fed to cows, thus turning straw into dung. The dung could then be converted into methane gas for energy and organic fertilizer, which could replace 50 percent of chemical fertilizer use.

Energy for heating and cooking would come entirely from methane gas, replacing coal, natural gas and electric ovens.

This improvement would make the villagers self-sufficient in energy, with a small surplus that could be sold to urban areas. Using methane as an energy source has allowed the researchers to persuade the county agricultural authorities to install methane generators in over 120 households. Each household produces an average of 1.3 cubic meters of methane per day. Using methane for cooking saves 339 kilograms of coal annually, reducing carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions by a little over one ton. The entire village saves 41.6 tons of coal, reducing emissions by 133 tons. International carbon prices put the cost of one ton of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at U.S. \$200. Using these calculations, this project has earned 244,000 yuan (U.S. \$35,882).

This is such an interesting report. Chinese policies should encourage rural farmers to use the energy sources naturally available rather than force rural locations to compete with cities and industry for fossil fuels. The government will not only be closer to its goals of reinvigorating its villages, but China also will save energy, reduce emissions and increase food production in the process.

China has 3.2 million villages that are home to over 800 million people. If similar methane projects were undertaken in each one, 853 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions would be avoided every year (current annual emissions are 7 billion tons annually). If one takes into consideration the 50 percent reduction in use of chemical fertilizer and the carbon returned to the fields via organic fertilizer, the emission reductions are even larger.

The United States and China combined contribute more than 40 percent of the world's annual greenhouse gas emissions. "Neither side is doing enough," said Kenneth Lieberthal, a co-author of the Brookings report who served as senior director for Asia on President Clinton's National Security Council.

"Each of us plays a major role in the politics of this issue in either country, and none of us are very sensitive to that."

Let's make this an era of Chinese and American collaboration and ensure that Bush-style silent stagnation becomes a thing of the past.

Ben Eckold is a business senior, the president of the Empower Poly Coalition and a Mustang Daily columnist.



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# Give entire \$875 billion to students for quick economic fix

Jason Staggs

THE BATTALION (TEXAS A&M)

To the leaders of the illustrious 111th Congress of the United States:

In view of their somewhat-less-than-profitable efforts, I humbly submit a suggestion for stimulating the national economy. In the immortal words of failed presidential candidate John F. Kerry, "I have a plan." (Only this time people get to see what the plan is before they choose whether or not to support it.)

Step One: Do not shrink the size of the house stimulus bill. Something around a trillion dollars in new spending is desperately needed, and in fact, \$875 billion is undershooting it a little.

If the federal government has been able to give out hundreds of billions of dollars in loans from foreign dictators and megabanks over the past few decades to pay for useless things like the Department of Defense, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, surely there's still credit out there somewhere for us to feed on.

I don't care if it's our great-grandchildren's grandchildren's great-grandchildren's credit, we need it now. Obviously, the federal government hasn't been spending enough over the past eight years, or we wouldn't be in the jam that our silly free market economy got us into.

Step Two: U.S. Senate Republicans need to send a bill to the House

of Representatives to replace the omnibus pork bus President Obama sent in January. This bill should have these allocations: \$875 billion (at least) in stimulus checks to every college undergrad. One line item in the bill and they're done. You laugh, but I have done the math on this. It works.

There are about 14.2 million students pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree in the United States.

**Obviously, the federal government hasn't been spending enough over the past eight years, or we wouldn't be in the jam that our silly free market economy got us into.**

this year. If you take a calculator and divide 14.2 million people into \$875 billion, you reach the whopping number of \$61,619.72 per student. Imagine what would happen if every college student in America received a check for \$60,000. For those of you with limited imaginations, allow me to enlighten you on why this plan is flawless.

College students spend money. It's what we do. If we are not spending money, it is because we don't have it to spend. Obviously, not a problem with \$60,000 in cash burning a hole in your checking account. None of that waiting around for a project to be studied, commissioned, designed,

discussed and voted on. No waiting around in committee for us. Problem solved, for us and for the economy.

What kinds of industries does undergrad spending support? Local businesses, small businesses, American businesses; the ones in need of support.

The food and beverage industries, which are taking just as much of a hit these days, need help the most. One can only imagine how much of an impact money spent at grocery stores would have on the national economy. Think of all the jobs.

Speaking of jobs, I think the U.S. auto industry might be saved by this. Speaking as a carless American, the first thing I would buy would be a vehicle. With all that money, GM might even restart the Hummer line. Maybe that's only a dream, but there is more in my line of reasoning.

Recognizing that the laundry, landlord and liquor industries might move in on most of the profit from this stimulus bill, one should note that college students are not all stingy people. I'm sure some of the money would make its way to our parents, who would spend it on responsible stuff. So, in the end, everyone benefits.

Now try to disagree with me \$875 billion is undershooting our potential just a bit.

Jason Staggs is a contributor to *The Battalion of Texas A&M*. This article was originally published in *The Battalion*.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### National teach-in lets down audience

Focus the Nation is an inappropriate label for what was afflicted upon me last week. Having been to last year's sustainability lectures, my expectations were already low. Before class, I attended a lecture called Climate Justice. What exactly is climate justice and what does it have to do with focusing the nation?

Climate justice links the effects of climate change to socioeconomics, gender and race. The ideas presented in this hour long lecture were essentially irrelevant to the causes or solutions to climate change. There were four lecturers that were given ten minutes each to present their individual findings.

One lecturer discussed the ideas of risk and vulnerabilities. In his convoluted presentation, the speaker came to the conclusion that everyone is at risk of climate change, which are issues of droughts, flooding, temperature increasing and other related topics.

According to the speaker, uniform risk leads to inconsistencies in vulnerabilities. In simple terms everyone is effected by climate change but not everyone is equipped to handle it, be it lack of money or resources.

Another portion of this debacle dealt with topics of climate racism. At this point I was just infuriated by the shortcomings of the topic.

Not only were most of these statistics dealing with just socioeconomics, but no speaker actually presented an interesting idea as how to fix them or even why these issues are relevant to the audience.

Needless to say I walked out, frustrated that I was misled to believe some form of education would be taking place in this activity.

Ron Assa  
architecture senior

### Rain's plans foiled by moat clearer

To the Anonymous Moat Clearer:

Anyone who has ever parked their car in H12 (behind Campus Market) has had to cross the concrete bridge that connects the staff lot to the general lot.

Unfortunately, during periods of any precipitation, the base of this bridge becomes an uncrossable moat. Many times I have seen brave souls try to cross this barrier. Very few survive.

Just last week, as I approached the bridge in pouring rain, I prepared myself both physically and mentally to cross the moat. To my dismay, someone had drained it. Who knew that a simple drainage trench, carved into the earth with a stick, would change the lives of all Cal Poly students.

So, to the Anonymous Moat Clearer: I salute you.

Lawrence Fong  
mechanical engineering graduate student

### Peter Pan comic crossed the line into vulgarity

Upon opening the Mustang Daily today, I was appalled to see the vulgar Pop Culture Shock Therapy depicting Peter Pan and Tinkerbell in bed together. Though the frequent articles on sex are offensive, as a reader I have the option not to read them. The cartoon is almost impossible not to view. I know I am not the only reader who cringed after seeing it. This is not the first time Pop Culture Shock Therapy has been distasteful, and I am surprised that Mustang Daily has continued this cartoon. From now on, I will make sure to avoid that page or avoid the Mustang Daily all together.

Brett Thornhill  
earth science junior

## political cartoon

CHRIS SHARRON DAILY KENT STATER



I believe that the administration at Campus Dining should take a 2.5 hour field trip north to UC Santa Cruz to learn how on-campus dining ought to be run.

UC Santa Cruz has the best on-campus food that I've ever tasted. The Owl's Nest has the best Angus burgers and curly fries that I've ever tasted. Joe's Pizza and Subs puts VG Café and Backstage Pizza to shame (Joe's pizza is of the same quality of most off-campus places), and their dining halls are much better than the Lighthouse.

(For those of you who are not super-seniors, Metro 19 used to be Garden Grille, which used to be a dining hall called the Lighthouse. Just uttering "The Lighthouse" to some of the older Cal Poly students still gives them nightmares.)

Just mentioning the food makes me want to drive up there. The prices at UCSC are also rea-

sonable as well. If Campus Dining adopted some techniques from nearby campuses that serve great food at decent prices, then on-campus food would taste so great that students will be complaining about the lines instead of the quality or the price.

— Michael McThrow  
Response to "Video: What do students think of on-campus food prices?"

Cure for obesity epidemic is at hand! Distance is under two miles...well within the limits of the average college age student. I was too poor to afford even a second-hand vehicle for first two years of college. To offset fear, walk in groups.

— Mark  
Response to "Night bus riders may be left in the dark"

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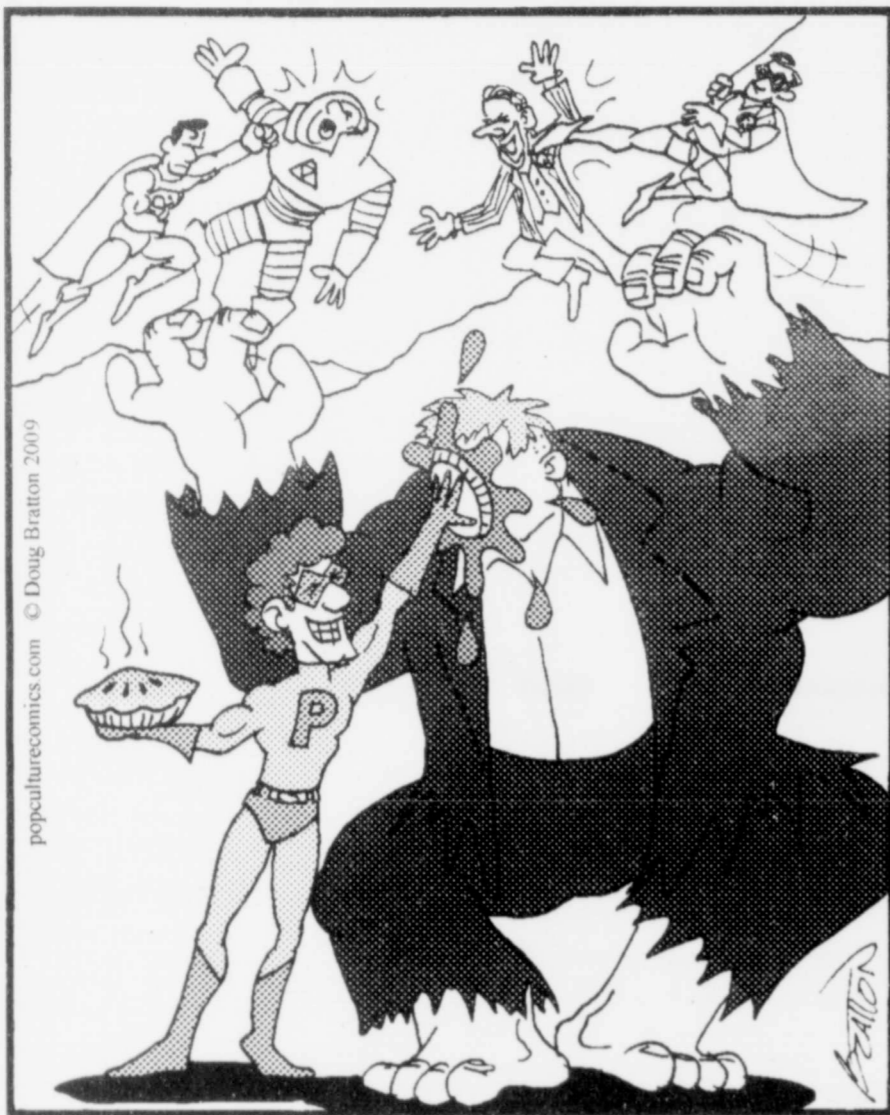
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  - 17 They're hard to believe
  - 19 Eerie sighting, for short
  - 20 PT boat crewman: Abbr.
  - 21 Adoptees from shelters
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  - 26 Have the nerve
  - 28 1939 Bette Davis drama
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  - 36 Take five
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## Kaufman

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Born Feb. 24, 1958, in Los Angeles, Kaufman earned two varsity letters in football at Santa Monica High School, graduating in 1976.

He obtained his bachelor's degree in social science and industrial relations at Cal Poly in 1984.

After his time in football was over, Kaufman became heavily involved in volunteer work.

He was director of the minority internship program and a training camp director for the Redskins. He also worked with Big Brother's and Big Sisters of Washington D.C., served on the board of directors for the Northern Virginia chapter of the American Lung Association and was a spokesperson for the FBI, Drug Enforcement Agency and the U.S. military, working with and speaking to children and adults.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Chapel of the Roses in Atascadero.



To see what Redskins fans are saying about Kaufman, check out Off the Page at [apps.mustangdaily.net/offthepage](http://apps.mustangdaily.net/offthepage)

## Rodriguez

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and Andy Pettitte.

Rodriguez's admission is in stark contrast to the denials of former teammate Roger Clemens and Bonds.

Bonds, a seven-time MVP, is scheduled for trial next month on charges he lied when he told a federal grand jury in 2003 that he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs. Another federal grand jury is considering whether to indict seven-time AL Cy Young Award winner Clemens on charges he lied when he told a congressional committee last year that he never used steroids or human growth hormone.

SI.com reported Rodriguez tested positive for Primobolan and testosterone.

"It was such a loosey-goosey era. I'm guilty for a lot of things. I'm guilty for being negligent, naive, not asking all the right questions," Rodriguez said. "And to be quite honest, I don't know exactly what substance I was guilty of using."

Rather than hold a news conference, as Giambi and Pettitte did for their confessionals, Rodriguez chose the controlled setting of an interview with ESPN, one of Major League Baseball's television partners.

The interview left open many questions:

- Whom did Rodriguez obtain steroids from?
- How did he pay for them?
- Did anyone help him to ob-

tain them?

ESPN was scheduled to broadcast the full interview later Monday.

Monday's ESPN interview directly contradicted a December 2007 interview with CBS's "60 Minutes," when Rodriguez said "No" when asked if he had ever

claimed he introduced Rodriguez to a steroids dealer. Canseco, who has admitted using steroids, subsequently said he had no knowledge of any drug use by Rodriguez.

"They are looking in the wrong places," Canseco said in a text message to The Associated Press. "This is a 25-year cover-up. The true criminals are Gene Orza, (union head) Donald Fehr and (commissioner) Bud (Selig). Investigate them, and you will have all the answers."

SI said that Orza, the union's chief operating officer, tipped off three players in September 2004 that they would be tested. Orza has repeatedly denied that he tipped off players, saying he merely reminded them late in the season that if they had not yet been tested, baseball's drug agreement required them to be tested by the end of the regular season.

Orza, who has been widely criticized by media since the SI report, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press that he doesn't care what the media says.

"I know the facts," Orza wrote. Rodriguez said Orza told him in August or September 2004 about the list of names that had been seized by federal investigators.

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Texas Rangers' owner

used steroids, human growth hormone or any other performance-enhancing substance.

In his 2008 book, "Vindicated: Big Names, Big Liars, and The Battle to Save Baseball," Jose Canseco

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positive," Rodriguez said.

On Friday, Rodriguez is still expected to attend an event at the University of Miami, which is renaming its baseball field in his honor.

He gave \$3.9 million to the school in 2003, the largest gift ever to the Hurricanes' baseball program and money that provided much of the resources needed for renovating the existing on-campus stadium. In return, the baseball complex will be called Mark Light Field at Alex Rodriguez Park.

Despite the scandal, the facility will continue to bear Rodriguez's name, a university official said Monday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the matter's sensitive nature.

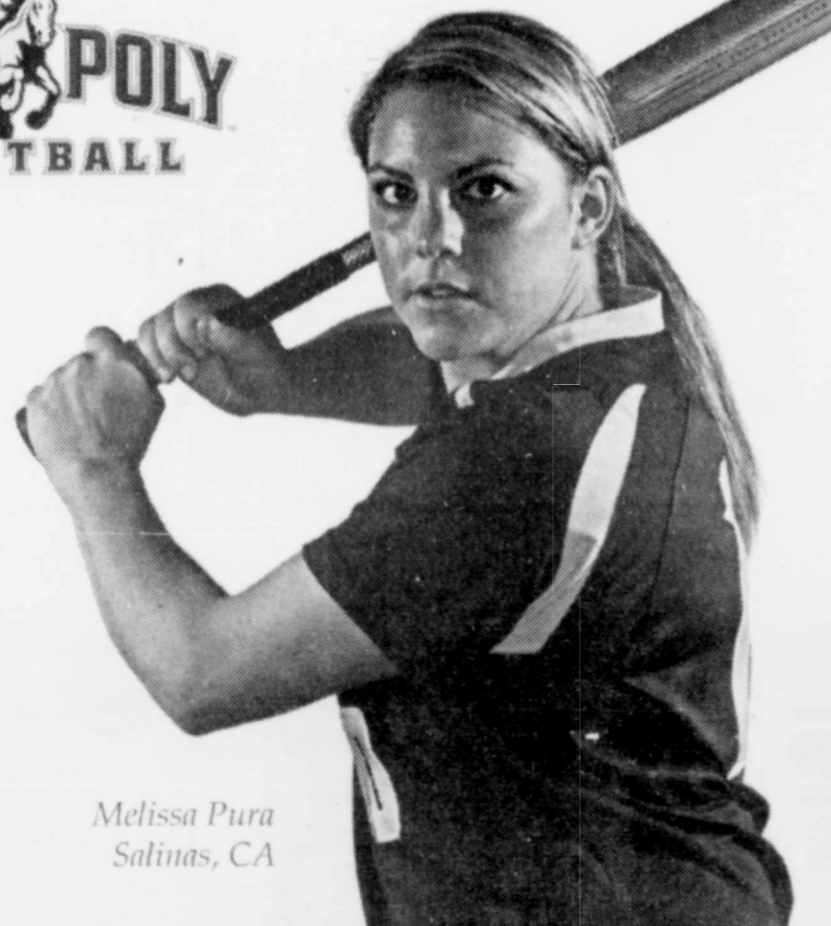
Miami baseball players and coaches were not available for comment, spokesman Mark Pray said.

—Associated Press Sports Writers Tim Reynolds in Miami, Dan Gelston in Philadelphia and Stephen Hawkins in Dallas contributed to this report.

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
3/6-8	MUSTANG CLASSIC	SEE GOPOLY.COM
3/10	PROVIDENCE (DH)	2:00PM/ 4:00PM
3/24	SANTA CLARA (DH)	2:00PM/ 4:00PM
4/4	UC SANTA BARBARA (DH)*	4:00PM/ 6:00PM
4/5	UC SANTA BARBARA*	12 NOON
4/10	LONG BEACH (DH)*	12 NOON/ 2:00PM
4/11	LONG BEACH*	12 NOON
5/2	PACIFIC (DH)*	12 NOON/ 2:00 PM
5/3	PACIFIC*	12 NOON
5/15-17	@ NCAA Regionals	TBA
5/22-23	@ NCAA SuperRegionals	TBA
5/28	@ NCAA College World Series	TBA

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2/27-3/1	SACRAMENTO STATE	6:00PM/ 6:00PM/ 1:00PM
3/20-21	CAL STATE BAKERSFIELD	6:00PM/1:00PM
3/24	SAN JOSE STATE	6:00PM
3/25	DARTMOUTH	6:00PM
3/31	USC	6:00PM
4/3-5	CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE*	6:00PM/6:00PM/1:00PM
4/7	ST. MARY'S	6:00PM
4/17-19	UC DAVIS*	6:00PM/ 6:00PM/ 1:00PM
4/28	FRESNO STATE	6:00PM
5/1-3	SAN FRANCISCO	6:00PM/ 6:00PM/1:00PM
5/8-10	CAL STATE FULLERTON*	6:00PM/ 6:00PM/1:00PM
5/12	PEPPERDINE	6:00PM
5/18	SANTA CLARA	6:00PM
5/22-24	UC RIVERSIDE*	6:00PM/ 6:00PM/1:00PM

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COURTESY PHOTO

Cal Poly assistant coach Mel Kaufman shares some tips with senior linebacker Dominic Rickard last year.

## Cal Poly Hall of Famer Kaufman passes away

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly linebacker's coach and two-time Super Bowl champion Mel Kaufman died Saturday night in his home in Santa Margarita. He was 50.

No cause of death has been announced but an autopsy is scheduled for Wednesday.

Kaufman was a linebacker for the Cal Poly Division II national championship team of 1980, but he had his greatest success with the Washington Redskins where he won Super Bowl's XVII in 1982 and XXII in 1987.

"It's a tragedy. He was a good man and a compassionate man," said former Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson in a news release. "I pray that the stress of the coaching business wasn't a contributing factor. He was just a good guy, a passionate guy, a Mustang."

Ellerson, who left to take the head coaching job at Army in December, originally hired Kaufman to guide his young linebacking core last spring.

Kaufman helped the Mustangs to an 8-3 record, a top three national ranking through most of the season and the school's first ever home Division I playoff game.

"I hired him because of his past, the number of guys he played with over the years who were passionate about him and the kind of person he was," Ellerson said. "We took a bit of a chance with him because he hadn't coached before at this level,

but there were a lot of compelling things in his background as a player and scout as well as who he was as a person."

Former Washington Redskins general manager Bobby Beathard remembered the unheralded linebacker for his work ethic and commitment.

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Former head coach

"I said to myself, 'Wow, this guy is real skinny at 198, maybe 202 pounds. He's not going to make it at linebacker,'" Beathard said in a news release. "But he worked out real well, so I told him we're not going to draft you, but we will sign you anyway after the draft."

"I bought Mel a whole bunch

of protein powder and peanut butter, and told him to start lifting to gain weight," Beathard added. "He got up to 218, 220 at the start of the 1981 season and ended up playing at about 215. He just did just an amazing job."

Former Cal Poly defensive back LeCharles McDaniel, who along with Kaufman signed with the Redskins in 1981, said that the pair were able to push each other towards the success they achieved.

"Mel and I came to Cal Poly together," McDaniel said in a statement. "Both of us were skinny kids and we both knew we had to work to achieve anything. We went into pro football doing the same thing. Bobby gave us an opportunity. We roomed together. We kept each other going."

McDaniel will also remember Kaufman for the purity in which he played the game of football.

"There were tough times, but it's a little easier when doing it with friends," McDaniel added. "He was a true friend, a great football player. He came into Cal Poly at 170 pounds and played with leverage, played with speed and played with confidence that you can only try to teach kids today."

"He's one of the great Redskins."

Kaufman retired from the NFL in 1989 after starting 78 of 91 career games with Washington. He remained with the team as a scouting supervisor until 1998.

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## A-Rod admits using performance-enhancers

Ronald Blum  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez, the player who would restore integrity to baseball's home run record, admitted Monday to using performance-enhancing drugs himself.

The All-Star third baseman said in an interview with ESPN that he used steroids with the Texas Rangers for three years, from 2001-03, in an attempt to justify his status as the game's highest-paid player after signing a 10-year, \$252 million contract.

"Back then it was a different culture," Rodriguez said. "It was very loose. I was young. I was stupid. I was naive, and I wanted to prove to everyone that, you know, I was worth, you know — and being one of the greatest players of all time."

He said he quit after 2003, his first of three AL MVP seasons, because "I've proved to myself and to everyone that I don't need any of that." He was traded to the New York Yankees before the 2004 season.

The admission came two days after Sports Illustrated reported on its Web site that Rodriguez was among 104 names on a list of players who tested positive for steroids in 2003, when testing was intended to determine the extent of steroid use in baseball. The results weren't subject to discipline and were supposed to remain anonymous.

"When I arrived in Texas in

2001, I felt an enormous amount of pressure. I felt like I had all the weight of the world on top of me and I needed to perform, and perform at a high level every day," Rodriguez said.

"And I did take a banned substance and, you know, for that I'm very sorry and deeply regretful. And although it was the culture back then and Major League Baseball overall was very — I just feel that — You know, I'm just sorry. I'm sorry for that time. I'm sorry to fans. I'm sorry for my fans in Texas. It wasn't until then that I ever thought about substance of any kind."

Rangers owner Tom Hicks said the admission caught him by surprise.

"I feel personally betrayed. I feel deceived by Alex," Hicks said in a conference call. "He assured me that he had far too much respect for his own body to ever do that to himself. ... I certainly don't believe that if he's now admitting that he started using when he came to the Texas Rangers, why should I believe that it didn't start before he came to the Texas Rangers?"

The 33-year-old Rodriguez ranks 12th on the career list with 553 homers, including 52, 57 and 47 in his three seasons with the Rangers. He is 209 behind Barry Bonds' record 762.

Now, though, he's on top of a much different list — the highest-profile player to confess to doping, joining teammates Jason Giambi

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ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

Alex Rodriguez runs towards first base after hitting his 300th career in 2003. He admitted to using steroids during the 2003 season yesterday.