Homecoming returns to Poly after 15 years

By Leslie Morris

The weekend celebration began with the Homecoming Kick-Off in the University Union Thursday. The featured event of today is the fourth annual Laugh Olympics to be held at the women's softball field from 2 to 4 p.m.

"This is a crazy-game day," said Rutledge, who is involved in organizing Homecoming '89. The Laugh Olympics is a time to get clubs teamed up against each other, said Rutledge.

Of the six games to be played, she said, the Mountain Mackerel Ride is a favorite among students. Teams consist of one male and one female. Each man has an egg placed on his head, held down with a shower cap, while he carries a woman on his back who uses a fish to crush the eggs of their opponents. The couple with the last broken egg wins.

Other games will include Eat and Whistle, an ice cream sundae building contest, Dress a Mustang, and Sunday, are open to all students, alumni and friends.

Kim Rutledge, assistant director of Cal Poly's Interfraternity Council, has currently pushed fraternities nationally to eliminate little sister programs is not a big problem with the greeks. Nationally, it tends to get more attention because the media tends to focus on it.

Every man should treat a woman the way he would treat his own sister, said speaker Will Keim. Keim was part of the Make a Difference Now national sexual assault and rape education program. Because the program was so well received on campus, it was decided to bring it to Cal Poly.

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According Lambert, the decision to remove little sister programs is based on a two-year-old United States Supreme Court opinion that said fraternities jeopardize their single-sex status if they have rules regulating members of the opposite sex. This included requiring little sisters to pay dues.

Ultimately, little sisters could become fraternity members themselves and fraternity guys were not too thrilled about that.

Although Lambert said that Cal Poly's Interfraternity Council has not decided on a specific change, he said that the council has been encouraged to eliminate little sister programs.

"It is becoming a national trend," said IPC President Lance Doherty. "It is their feeling, as well as mine, that little sisters are in no way promote brotherhood." Doherty said that when a fraternity spends time on little sisters, it takes away from its own members.

Other problems associated with the relationship between little sisters and big brothers are the public's perception of little sisters being "slaves" of big brothers. Instances of abuse resulting from this include allegations that little sisters are made to wash dishes and bake cookies. Cases of date rape have also been reported, where the big brother takes advantage of the relationship and trust of a little sister.

Lambert mentioned a case of alleged date rape between a big brother and little sister at Cal Poly last year but said that date rape is not a big problem with the greeks.

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Hypocrites join ribbon campaign

By Rob Lorenz

Red or green. What a tough choice. Do I get a red ribbon and claim, "The choice for me! I don't drink!" or a green one and claim not to use illegal drugs or use alcohol illegally? All right, let me back up. I don't mean to demean the dozens of do-gooders who are trying to promote a drug-free society. I think that is a noble cause and support it 100 percent. However, I'm sure there are those who have donned the red ribbon for the sole purpose of pleasing their peers. Please. I can just see Biff, age 20, saying, "I can't wait 'til Sunday. I've never been dry for a whole week." Oh, gee, dude, way to get into the spirit of things. Why don't you just stay, "I'm going to stop snorting coke, shooting heroin and drinking Jack Daniels for an entire week, but then as soon as the week is over, I'm going to jump right back off the wagon... headfirst?"

That is my problem with this happy, joyous drug-free week. It's a sham. Hypocrites. People will put on their pretty red ribbons, and their friends will all say, "That's really good you're going to go a whole week without using illegal drugs!" A whole week! Seven entire days! Now that's something to tell the grandkids.

OK, so in addition to not using illegal drugs, the ribbon signifies alcohol won't be used illegally by the wearer. Does that mean if? If you are under 21, you break the law every time you take a sip of alcohol. If you are over 21, then you had damn well not drink and drive, or be drunk in public. But as soon as the week is out, you can go back to popping on the curb and skipping through downtown with a clean conscience, because you will have been dry for a whole week, and that makes everything alright.

People, please. Why don't you just wear one of those ribbons, which I've been told mean, "The choice for me, drugs for free." At least those wearing the green aren't living a lie. I guess the point of Red Ribbon Week is to make people aware that drugs in our society are wrong, illegal and work to destroy our youth. OK, I'll buy that, but when I see someone who is nowhere close to the legal drinking age wearing a ribbon, I have to wonder if they are just as interested in using alcohol as in the legal drinking age wearing a ribbon, I have to wonder if they are just as interested in using alcohol.

We're just another wave of people to look at Indiana University and see what happened. That is the stimulants they wish. The red ribbon from their clothing and consume all the dangers of drug use and alcohol abuse during a drug awareness week than watch someone anxiously awaiting the midnight hour, so they can rip the red ribbon from their clothing and consume all the stimulants they wish.

Rob Lorenz is sports editor for the Mustang Daily and has chosen not to wear any colored ribbons.

Letter to the Editor

Volleyball coach should retain job

Editor — The Cal Poly athletic department has made a crucial error in not offering women's volleyball coach Mike Wilton his contract for next year and, in a sense, terminating him. From reading many reports in the press, I have been left with an impression that under those traumatizing circumstances should have the same options as the rich — would be far more palatable to many. This would be a traumatic event for people who are victims of incest and rape. Bush is left to explain to an American public uncomfortable with over inquiry why he is comfortable with it in this case.

AIDS prevention begins by using prophylactics, not sharing needles

By Matt Bazzani

Since the first reported cases in 1981, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) has wreaked havoc upon the lives of many thousands of people. Even though the disease is totally preventable, many people are uninformed or actually choose to ignore the possible threat to their lives. College students as a group fall into this category. A recent college study by the American College Health Association showed that as many as 1 out of every 300 students test positive for HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), which usually leads to AIDS. For Cal Poly, this means that statistically as many as 50 students carry the virus that will lead to AIDS. These numbers should be of concern to two groups of students: First, the virus that causes AIDS can infect anyone, regardless of race, sex or sexual orientation, and infected people cannot be identified by looking at them. Second, personal protection is of paramount importance.

Fortunately, the virus that causes AIDS is actually quite difficult to contract. Much of our information on AIDS comes from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Medical authorities at the CDC agree that HIV is spread in the following ways only:

• Having sexual intercourse with an infected person. Semen and vaginal fluids contain high concentrations of HIV, and sexual activities often involve an exchange of these fluids. Latex rubber condoms (especially with a spermicide such as nonoxynol-9) can reduce your risk of transmitting HIV. Only water-based lubricants should be used (like K-Y Jelly), since vaseline can cause a condom to break.

• Sharing intravenous (IV) needles and syringes with an infected person. This mode of transmission has accounted for 20 percent of all U.S. AIDS cases.

• Pregnant women who are infected with HIV have a 20 to 40 percent chance of transmitting the virus to the children before or during birth. Chances are that an infected infant will not live more than two years.

• There is still a very slight risk of being infected with HIV from blood products, such as through transfusions. Of course, all blood is tested for HIV and destroyed if it is found to contain the virus. There is absolutely no danger at all from donating blood. All blood-drawing equipment is sterile and used only once.

The following activities have been classified as being risky that is, they are highly likely to spread the virus that causes AIDS:

• Sharing IV drug equipment (needles and syringes).

• Any sexual intercourse with or without a condom.

• Having many different sex partners.

• Having sex once with any of the following people: gay or bisexual men, sometimes also using prophylactics.

Point about thinking of every woman as your younger sister... that really hits home.”

“Using our sisters as reference made his talk personal and emphasized the importance of realizing that everyone is somebody’s sister or mother,” said Sigma Nu Member Bryan Baum.

Keim said that the victims and the men who rape them usually didn’t think much.

“In one study, 99 percent of the sexual aggressors were alcohol related,” he said. “We must learn to drink responsibly.”

Kristi Robinson, a Gamma Phi Beta member, said, “He was an extremely dynamic speaker and his comments really put the big picture into perspective.”

Keim concluded his speech by encouraging everyone.

“Be the community leaders, scholastic achievers and demand your rightful place on your campus.”

Lambert said a second speaker is scheduled to talk about hazing in February.

Mews alert officials to trapped kitty

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. (AP) — City Hall employees listened intently Wednesday for the plaintive mews of a kitten trapped between two walls outside the assistant city manager’s office, but silence was all they heard. Firefighters and other city workers used a jackhammer to knock a hole in an outside wall Tuesday in an effort to free the trapped kitty.

By Matt Bazzani
Economic aftershocks hit SF Bay Area tourism drops in wake of quake

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Cash registers fell quiet along the Fisherman’s Wharf waterfront following the earthquake and the multibillion-dollar tourism industry still awaits the return of its sales.

The usually bustling tourist spot was quiet Monday and Tuesday, and many hotels in the area reported both a drop in business and damage from the earthquake.

"It’s business as usual," said Frank Boylston, who manages the Fisherman’s Wharf Inn.

"We don’t have a single room available," he said.

The Wharf, which is situated near the epicenter of the quake, was one of the hardest hit areas.

"We have a lot of cancellations," said Boylston.

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This weekend in sports

Friday, October 27:

• Volleyball — The Mustangs are coming off a huge victory against UC Irvine. They will travel to San Jose on Friday to take on the Spartans of San Jose State. Same difference. Calvin Polly on Sep 30 is those-guys. They have an overall record of 5-6 and a 4-3 mark in the Big West conference. Cal Poly will carry an overall mark of 11-6 into the match. The Mustangs are 4-6 in conference play. The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Hornet Gym.

• Cross Country — Both the men’s and women’s cross country squads head to Bakkerfield this weekend to compete in the CCAA championship meet. Both teams took last weekend off after finishing the SLO Invitational two weekends ago. The women are the top-ranked Division II team in the nation, while the men’s squad is ranked second Division II.

• Football — The Mustangs return home this weekend after a tough last last weekend to face lightning-bolt State. It’s back-to-back for this weekend, so the game will begin in the afternoon. Cal Poly will square off against UC Davis in a side-conference match-up. Davis is 6-1 and is ranked 13th in Division II. Cal Poly has an overall mark of 4-4. The game begins at 2 p.m. at Mustang Stadium.

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NFL finds Rozelle’s replacement

CLEVELAND (AP) — Paul Tagliabue, a Washington lawyer and one of Pete Rozelle’s top advisors, was elected NFL commissioner Thursday, ending a four-month deadlock and allowing Rozelle to fade into retirement.

Tagliabue, the candidate of the insurgents who had blocked Jim Finks’ election in July, was elected by a vote that Rozelle said was slightly less than unanimous after a five-member committee agreed unanimously to recommend him.

The committee worked nearly all night to resolve the differences between the so-called “old-guard” owners who supported Finks and the insurgents.

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Teen-ager kills self in high school restroom

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A 17-year-old boy shot and killed himself in a high school bathroom in front of two fellow students, causing educators to call off classes and counsel upset classmates.

Eric Pointexter, an 11th grader at Fairfax High School was pronounced dead Wednesday at Cedars Sinai Hospital after about four hours after shooting himself, officials said.

Fellow students reported that Pointexter, who had transferred to the school last year, appeared disturbed during the first period of classes, district officials said.

Teacher Mark Holzbahn said he was alerted to the shooting just after 9 a.m. when a student entered the school office screaming that someone had committed suicide in the bathroom.

"A lot of kids were disturbed. We had a pretty rough day," Holzbahn said. "Some students may have known he had a gun, and there was guilt about that."
Northern foliage spruces up South Florida

MIAMI (AP) — Florists, nurseries and even supermarkets in South Florida are selling the same leaves that northerners rake up and try to get rid of.

"It brings back that northern atmosphere," said Pam Halliday, a manager at Frank's Nursery in Tamara, where a bag of six to eight leaves costs $3.99 to $4.99. "When I was a kid I used to hate them because I had to rake them all the time," said Ohio native John Tsugranes, whose two Palm Beach County floral shops sell bags of leaves ranging in price from $1 to $12. "But after 18 years here without fall, I sort of miss them."

At Publix supermarkets, the leaves go for 99 cents a branch. "They're very popular," said spokesman Bill Schroter. "I'm at a loss to explain why."

**HEALTH**

From page 3 and shares IV needles and syringes, someone who has or has had many sex partners, someone who has had sex with a person affected with HIV.

Oral sex has not been determined to be a highly likely means of spreading HIV, but since it usually involves an exchange of saliva or vaginal fluids, it cannot be entirely safe. Again, use of a condom or rubber dam (a protective barrier for oral sex on a woman) can help protect you. Although you may think that these items don't feel as good as the "real thing," and that they're inconvenient, just remember: AIDS feels a whole lot worse.

The following activities do not spread HIV:

- Sneezing or coughing.
- Hugging, holding or shaking hands.
- Sharing food utensils.
- Hot tubs, swimming pools or toilet seats.
- Kissing.
- Being bitten by a mosquito.

Remember, the only way to know if you are infected with HIV is to be tested. Once infected, even if you are not yet sick, YOU ARE CONTAGIOUS. Be aware of the danger to yourself, and take steps to reduce your risk.

If you are interested in more information on AIDS you may arrange an appointment for a confidential meeting with the doctors or nurses at the Health Center. There is also a Peer Education team available for AIDS workshops. Contact Carolyn Hurwitz or Donna Darmody at the Health Center, 736-1121, for more information.

In addition to Health Center services, a new class is being offered next quarter. It is BIO 310X, "Sexually Transmitted Diseases." It is an experimental general education course, offered for two units, and is graded on a credit/no credit basis only. The course will be taught by Dr. Donald Smilowitz, an internist specializing in infectious diseases.

So far, more than 2 million Americans have been infected with HIV. More than 100,000 have developed AIDS (become seriously ill), and more than 50,000 have died. In San Luis Obispo County alone, there have been 72 adult cases and one infected child. Of those, 30 have died. Don't become another statistic.


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