Ex-model links media to attacks on women

By Nicole Medgin
Staff Writer

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Locals hold rally to hype hemp
SLO ‘teach-in’ put together to dispel bad reputation

By Gabe Joynt
Staff Writer

“Move over Ben and Jerry,” said Alan Brady as he dished out a scoop of homemade marijuana-based ice cream at Sunday’s hemp fest.

“It tastes like gelato,” Brady said of the brown, frozen goo he makes at his Santa Cruz home.

The concoction made of legal, sterile hemp seeds and bananas looks “freaky” one taster observed, “but it tastes totally good,”

Brady’s ice cream was one of several hemp-made products on hand at a day-long marijuana “teach-in” and rally on the lawn of the San Luis Obispo County Government Center.

Curious onlookers crowded the vending tables and laid out on the lawn, listening to music and speakers and occasionally passing joints among themselves.

Among the speakers were “Brownie Mary” Rathbun, who was arrested while making marijuana brownies to distribute to AIDS patients. Rathbun said she came to the event as part of a 35-year campaign to legalize marijuana.

Sharon Williamson, a student at Alan Hancock College, brought her sons with her, so they could see an environment where pot-smoking was normal.

She said her sons, ages 5 and 7, were “free to make up their own minds” about marijuana, rather than be “flatly told ‘just say no.’”

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Hemp legalization movement has unique leader in ‘Brownie Mary’

By Gabe Joynt
Staff Writer

Sitting in a lawn chair in her fruity polyester blouse and black cardigan, she looks like a typical grandma as she shares a recipe for brownies with her friend.

But “Brownie Mary” Rathbun’s recipe has a secret ingredient: Betty Crocker never told you about: Marijuana.

Rathbun has been making her special brownies for 10 years in the Bay Area and distributes them to AIDS patients who use marijuana to soothe the symptoms of their disease.

Rathbun became celebrity of the marijuana-legalization movement. See BROWNIE MARY, page 5

Fleet-footed Cuesta student jailed after Stenner crash

By Len Arends
Staff Writer

A five-hour search for a hit-and-run driver ended in the arrest of a Cuesta College student Saturday morning, police said.

Cameron Joseph Leavens, 19, was arrested on felony hit-and-run charges at 1 a.m. Saturday in his room at Stenner Glen.

Blanke said Sang stepped out of his car to talk to Leavens and was knocked to the ground by Leavens’ vehicle as he drove away from the scene.

Leavens then stopped his vehicle and fled on foot, Blanke said.

Police said they were alerted and given a description of Leavens’ Jeep, which was later spotted on Luneta Drive. Leavens then stopped his vehicle and fled on foot, Blanke said.

Sang received “mild” whiplash from the initial collision and scrapes on his left arm from the fall, Blanke said.

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States face legal quandary if Hawaii allows homosexual marriage

What if homosexuals could legally marry? That conversational icebreaker could soon throw bombshells across America if Hawaii permits gay marriage as its high court says it should.

Would other states be obliged to honor Hawaiian vows? Law and history say yes, and no. Homosexual couples who plan a wedding in Hawaii may need a lawyer when the honeymoon is over.

 Constitutional and general legal principles require states to honor each other's laws. "Essentially, it is what allows us to exist as one nation, that we don't have a million different laws across the states," said William Rubenstein, director of the American Civil Liberties Union lesbian and gay rights project.

But another important tenet says states can make an exception when the public there holds strong contrary views. Courts weighing differing marriage laws, "as a general rule, will validate the parties' expectations if the marriage was valid where the relationship was entered into — unless it violates public policy," said Professor Linda Elrod at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. She is editor of the American Bar Association's Family Law Quarterly.

But how do you measure public policy? Laws on the books are one indicator, say experts who suggest the 25 states that outlaw sodomy will have a strong argument against recognizing same-sex marriages, as will those with laws specifically defining marriage as a contract between a woman and a man. It's clear that lawyers, judges, lawmakers and the public — not to mention homosexual couples eager to tie a legal knot — will probably find themselves hiking through a legal thicket if Hawaii allows homosexual marriages.

"This is uncharted territory," said Harvard law Professor Martha Minow, a family law specialist. "The Hawaii decision is not over, but it shows there is an avenue for possible recognition of gay and lesbian relationships, even in the traditional marriage."

It could be up to two years before Hawaii settles this question, at least for its own residents.

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Poll reveals happy Poly renters
Students worry about roommates; think landlords give a fair shake

By Sharon Wiebe

As the school year comes to a close and leases start expiring, many students are beginning to search for next year's housing.

But it's who they live with — not where, or for what cost — that is the biggest worry for Cal Poly students, according to an unscientific Mustang Daily poll.

Of 271 students surveyed at various campus locations last week, 63 percent ranked roommates as the number-one consideration when choosing a place to live.

"They are quiet and respectful of each other's privacy," he said.

Most of those who live on campus also were highly satisfied with their roommates.

"I think it's really important when choosing a place to live — if one can really feel comfortable with their roommates," said Edward Bautista, an electronic engineering junior.

"Being in the dorms allowed me to make many new friends," said nutritional science sophomore Kelly Crabtree.

Cost and location are typically important concerns for students shopping for a new place to live. Many questioned by the Daily said they felt the local housing market is giving them a fair shake.

Of those surveyed, 61 percent said they felt their rent was "average" or "better," and 21 percent rated their rent as "excellent." Only 12 percent of those polled said their rent was "below average" and 6 percent said it was "poor."

A high rate of satisfaction also was given by on-campus residents.

"It's easy to walk (and) bike to campus, the grocery store and downtown," she said.

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Don't read this

By Bryan Bailey

Is there a newfound morality at work here, or did I miss the boat?

The New York Times, 1993

Commentary

I'm gonna be the one who has to die when it's time to die... So I'm gonna live my life... The way I want to.

— Jimi Hendrix

If it's 9...

Animus Ad Looe

What do the books "Where's Waldo, " Snow White, " and " Of Mice and Men" all have in common?

All, at one time or another, have been banned — not in the former "Evil Empire" of the Soviet Union. Not in some backwater pseudo-democracy like Haiti or the Philippines under Marcos, but right here, in the United States — the "land of the free."

These are by no means the only works propped from public sight during recent decades. The list is long, including (but certainly not limited to):

• "The Diary of Anne Frank," by Anne Frank — banned in Alabama because the State Textbook Committee felt it was a "real dresser;"

• "If I Can't Sing, I Ain't Nothin'," by Maya Angelou — mixed for dealing with sexual overtones (Twain was a satirist and segregation were no longer a real downer;"

• "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," by Mark Twain — this hit the list due to racial sensitivity (Twain was a satirist and segregation were no longer a real downer;"

• "The Prince of Tides," by Pat Conroy — banned by the Catholic hierarchy because the book was religious in nature (Twain was a satirist and segregation were no longer a real downer;"

• "The Odyssey," books and literature have been the basic tool of learning.

According to a recent edition of the Los Angeles Times, 27 separate incidents of book banning have arisen in California schools alone in the last year; some 119 similar incidents occurred in the Midwest, and more than 653 incidents of attempts to censorship took place in 1992.

Almost all were the result of "officially offensive to people."

If this is anywhere near the truth, people had better start reappraising their sense of offensive material or face an overwhelming wave of ignorance in the near future. The current trend of censorship is the literary equivalent of shooting yourself in the foot before learning to walk.

There can be no real point to a commentary like this other than that without freedom of choice, ensuring just might be a legitimate option; after all, no one should be forced to do anything.

But the fact remains that we do have a choice. The criterion that the material contained in a novel or other literary work is offensive to some people is rendered ineffective due to this freedom of choice.

If one doesn't want to be offended, simply put down some material and walk away.

Even with something like this.

Bryan Bailey is Mustang Daily's opinion editor. Much of this column was gleaned from the Los Angeles Times in the interest of helping elucidate the Cal Poly audience.

Letters to the Editor

Defining the terms

Lea Degrange, according to your letter (May 7), I am a hypercritical American who has not left "the plantation."

I prefer to call myself a "citizen" of the world and consider that part of my identity. Your classification of those who choose to identify themselves ethnically can be very problematic. Of course, you are entitled to your own opinion, and I respect that, but examine your position and the theory behind it.

What is meant by hypercritical? Perhaps the author's native culture is indeed a cause, but are you sacrificing any of yours to call yourself an American? Are you American? Are all Americans anti-muliculturalists? How do you define these terms?

Lillian Louise

Making the grade

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HEMP

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Dixie McAfee, a multiple sclerosis patient who has a prescription for marijuana pills, said she needs the drug to help her deal with her illness. McAfee spends more than $600 per month on Marinol, a synthetic marijuana pill, to control her nausea. McAfee also smokes marijuana because it works more effectively than the pills.

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BROWNIE MARY

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movement after she was arrested last July while mixing two pounds of marijuana into a batch of brownies. After a public outcry over her arrest, the case against her was dismissed.

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**SPORTS**

**Mustangs on top again in CCAA men's track**

By Christopher Black

Staff Writer

This weekend was a bit- tersweet one for the Cal Poly track and field program. The men came home from UC San Diego with their fourth straight California Collegiate Athletic Association crown, while the women settled with their second consecutive second-place finish in the 19th straight CCAA title.

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Cal State Los Angeles finished a distant second with 115 points.

In the women's meet, Cal State Los Angeles finished with 164 points, while Cal Poly (172) for its second straight title. Berkeland won three events by large margins as he captured the 3,000-meter race by six seconds (14:43.17) and the steeplechase by 12 seconds (9:28.33).

Edwards took the 110 high hurdles with a win of 14.90 and the javelin event with throw of 190.9 en route to capturing the decathlon with 685 points.

Sorenson breaks 4-minute mile mark at Kezar

By Brad Hamilton

Senior Staff Writer

San Francisco had never witnessed a sub-four-minute mile until a Cal Poly student and three others crossed the line under the mark two runs in the Mizuno Invitational at Kezar Stadium.

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Spring grid drills end with scrimmage

By Cam Inman

Sports Editor

Cal Poly's spring football practice came to an end this past week with the annual Green and Gold intrasquad game. "Although we missed some guys who are on this 13-5 and split Saturday's doubleheader.

Poly sluggers crank out two more wins

By Christopher Black

Staff Writer

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