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By Cindy Utter
Life staff writer
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More facilities turning away Poly Greeks
Owners say parties are trouble, but are bans discriminatory?
By Chris Rambarts
de last week
At a gala and vandalism-related problems have led many county banquet facility owners this year to ban or alter their policies for Cal Poly Greeks.
Throughout the county, many owners and managers of banquet facilities say they’ve had enough of fraternities and sororities throwing parties that get out of hand and end up with property covered in vomit or otherwise vandalized.
Officials stress their problems are not with the entire Cal Poly student body, but simply with Greeks.

SPECIAL REPORT

Though not all fraternities and sororities have had such problems, many owners say they are implementing new policies to guard against such actions being repeated.
Meanwhile, representatives from many of the university’s 27 fraternities and nine sororities say such stereotyping, and stereotypes who discriminate
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Leniency efforts defeated; Fay lashed in Singapore
By Denis D. Gray
Associated Press
SINGAPORE — Singapore delivered the stinging last words in a case that provoked international debate on crime and how to discourage it: four strokes with a rattan rod across the buttocks of an American teen-ager.
Michael Fay was among 10 prisoners to be flogged Thursday at Queenstown Prison. The 18-year-old high school senior was completing his fifth week of a four-month prison term also ordered for spray-painting cars and other acts of vandalism.
The punishment, considered torture by many human rights groups, was carried out using a wetted, four-foot-long, half-inch-thick rattan rod.

Floggings are a common form of punishment in Singapore and some other countries, but Fay’s case touched a nerve in the United States and some other Western countries struggling with rising crime and the apparent leniency efforts.

History is key to civil rights awareness
By Kristina Von Soun
Daily Staff Writer
On a campus where some say diversity has been steadily improving, the upcoming Civil Rights Awareness Week provides an opportunity for improving knowledge of civil rights and diversity at Cal Poly.
“Civil Rights in Education” is the theme for this year’s Civil Rights Awareness Week, May 8 to 12.
The purpose of the events is mainly to broaden awareness of issues on civil rights on campus,” said architecture junior Mark Thorpe, president of this year’s Civil Rights Awareness Committee. “That’s one of the key points. (The awareness week is) for people who don’t normally have a voice.”

Last year, several ethnic organizations and other concerned students marched to President Baker’s house. Their goal was to get response to their demands for a more diverse curriculum and a more active administration role in ethnic issues.

According to Thorpe, Cal Poly has seen taken steps to improve campus diversity.
“I can see an improvement since last year, especially with the new ethnic studies minor,” Thorpe said.
“The ethnic studies program is very valuable,” he added. “We need
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House barely shoots down ‘deadly’ guns
By Larry Margosk
Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The House narrowly Thursday to ban 19 types of assault-style weapons, a major victory for President Clinton and law enforcement groups lobbying for the bill.
The 216-214 vote had a dramatic ending, as Rep. Andrew Jacobs Jr., D-Ind.
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25 school days remaining in spring quarter.

Today's Weather: Fifty percent chance of rain.

Tomorrow's Weather: Morning 40 percent chance of rain.

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Today
- Seminar: "Lessons from the Northridge Earthquake.,
  Room 905-109, 9 a.m. / 756-1314
- Special Olympics: Country-wide Meet, Arroyo Grande High School, 9:30 a.m. / 944-6444
- Cinco de Mayo Dance: Barra, Hip-Hop, Old School, Achievement House (behind Cucuta), 8 p.m.
- Dinner/Dancing: CSA Senior Banquet, Marie Callender's, Pismo Beach, 8:30 p.m. / 543-5946

Weekend
- Cinco de Mayo Carnival: Showcase dancing and food, Sun., Desert Lawn, 11 a.m.
- ACLU Social: "The War on Crime: Death Knell for Civil Liberties?," Ramona Ripston, Sun., Community Room, City/County Library, 2:30 p.m. / 544-0142
- Rally: Amnesty International Ballot, May 20, 944 San Adriano St., 9:30 a.m. / 543-2220
- Discussion: "The Caretaker Performance: Liberties?," Ramona Ripston, Sun., Community Room, 22, Mission Plaza, 7:45 p.m. / 781-3660
- WriterSpeak Forum: "Concerned for Our Safety: Issues of Student Safety"
- Showcase dancing and food, Sun., Desert Lawn, 11 a.m.
- Real Riders' Rendezvous, May 15, Lake Mathews Park, 7:45 a.m. / 724-7273

Firefighters investigated in '93 blaze

By John Atzcock
Instructor/Writer

Los Angeles — Revelations that two firefighters are under investigation in the killer blaze that killed two firefighters sent a jolt Thursday through the scorched community where the title firefighter is synonymous with hero.

Outrage over the allegations in the still-developing probe mixed with anger that the reputation of all firefighters could be tarnished by a few.

"I have a hard time imagining this true. Firemen have to know that people die in fires," said Ann Brishin, 39, whose home burned in the fires that started on Nov. 2.

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"It was terrible thinking it was some kind of a pyromaniac. But the fact is, that's true. Firemen have to know that people die in fires," said Ann Brishin, 39, whose home burned in the fires that started on Nov. 2.

"I can't look into their minds," said Block, who faked the discovery of a body that two firefighters are under investigation in the killer Malibu wildfire.

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Greeks: Members say local business restrictions aimed at their parties are unfair, but owners say it's protection

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against them, are being unfair. They say the actions of a few become all Greeks after a security review has raised the reputation of the entire Greek system. Their individuality goes away, said Cal Poly's Coordinator for Greek Affairs Walt Lambert. 

"Out of all, I think the problems are more than just the Greeks," he said. "I think when businesses are asked about the Greeks, what people see are the fraternities and sororities. In fact, many banquet facility owners are simply refusing to rent their property out to Greeks."

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"They had a knot on "Northern Ex- 

"They had different policies," she said. "If we walked in, how were we supposed to know you can't take a drink from the hotel to the restaurant?"

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"They have a great time, they were real fun," she said.

"They work hard (and) they earn a lot of money, which they donate to nonprofit organizations," he said. "They keep the atmosphere young, fun and healthy."
Finally, we’re breaking free from being PC

By A.J. Schuerman

We now live in a post-politically-correct world, which means it’s no longer PC to be PC.

Fortunately, A.J. Schuerman doesn’t take us long to recognize the counterproductivity of the PC movement.

First of all, the obsession with polite and sensitive language became an easy target for conservatives, bigots and anyone else who wished to become a martyr for the cause of free speech.

Second, in spite of its hype, politically-correct language produced no tangible benefits for those seeking to improve society. The mistake was in diverting attention from the reality of inequality and obscuring polite language as the answer to our social problems.

Finally, the PC police only confused and irritated well-meaning people who knew deep down that sensitivity training could be better applied to jobseekers and wife-beaters than the general population of white males.

For these reasons political correctness was an ineffective, confusing and irritating movement, and we should celebrate its downfall.

Too many people were condemned and labeled as “racists” and “sexists” for too many reasons. Just like a radio station playing a popular song over and over until its listeners became irritated, these “racists” and “sexists” became so commonplace that their labels lost impact. The real racists and sexists, as well as their real virtues, were indistinguishable in the crowd.

As we discard the folly of left-wing political correctness, we should remember not to pick on liberals without acknowledging the folly of the other side. Conservatives have been just as bad in shamelessly advocating their patriotic correctness, in which they claim the high moral ground of fighting for correct usage of language.

So now, looking to the future, we should remember that our post-PC world is not regressing to the pre-PC world of intolerance and inefficiency. It must include cautious consideration and courtesy but must also be more tolerant of contradiction and controversy for the sake of open communication.

Guilt will no longer loom over our conversations because sensitivity training will be replaced with genial wit. The law will be wiser and reality will be fixed by people who would otherwise hide behind the verbal smoke screen of correctness and balk at the notion that actions speak louder than words.

To establish any equality or moral high ground we must first hear our own voices without being intimidated or distracts or made to feel guilty. Once we have freed ourselves from the language police we can get down to the business of action. We can stop talking on a tight rope while condemning and correcting each other.

A.J. Schuerman is the Daily’s business manager.

LETTERS

“Learn by doing,” we are told. What it seems to mean, though, is: “Learn by doing, as long as your hard work and ingenuity won’t infringe on our profit margin.”

— Bill, Berkeley

No comments, and we may as well care a little bit.

Until that time, though, the West End Cafe needs to fight like hell and pull out all the stops in order to show campus Dining Director Allen Churchill that this is a school, and the students and their education, as well as our sanity, need to be taken into consideration. No one really cares if Campus Dining can’t afford to offer seconds on chicken nugget night (well, maybe). But don’t forget that the only way to do anything well is through experience.

Aaron Brown

Mechanical engineering senior

Witmer has the right attitude

Re: “Tolerance goes deeper than skin,” Opinion, May 3

I am a student assistant in the Sierra Madre office of Housing and Residential Life. When I first read the opinion article by Lori Witmer, I thought it was a great article to bring up against the March of Dimes.

However, the article was wonderful. Witmer did not whine about how she was rejected and how the whole application recruitment process was a waste of time, unlike the statements of some other applicants.

Thanks for explaining to her students that the resident representative recruitment weekend is not a time for weeding out the “undesirables.” This weekend is a time for growth and gaining awareness about yourself and the world around you. Despite the fact that you were not offered the position this year, you still gained insight about how you relate to the campus. I think it is what really matters. I was a resident adviser last year, and the realization that you are made are definitely needed as tools for this position.

Please, Lori, apply again next year. You’re one of the few students who actually “got it!”

Beth Simmons

English senior

More ingenuity, less chicken nuggets

Re: “Guide me to your student eats,” May 4

Let’s hear a word on the following: — At Cal Poly once again! I just finished digesting Wednesday’s article concerning the future of the West End Cafe program and the people who planned and executed what sounds like a successful, though apparently short-lived, foray into the quasi-real world of business and design. It is a sad day when the greatest attribute and capital Cal Poly comes under fire, and from places like Campus Dining.

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Come on! These are the people who brought you “The Stalks,” the land of nonsensical “lunch meat” and the ever-pleasing all-you-can-eat lettuce bar! Show us that Campus Dining’s loss in the matter is greater than the benefit to the students, both as operators and as customers.

It’s called Watergate; look it up

Re: “Justin’s new way of saying goodbye,” Opinion, April 28

Before Keith Spencer and Cawas Mody mourn the death of Mr. Nixon too much,” I suggest they take the time to read a transcript of the Watergate tapes.

I don’t know what their peculiar senses of value in the corporate, but I really would prefer that the president of the United States not agree to pay $1 million to keep convicted burglars quiet. Nor do I think the president ought to ask the CIA to obstruct an FBI investigation in order to cover his ass. This is called “obstruction of justice.”

I also suggest they consider the career of this president’s vice president, Spiro T. Agnew, a man who not only extorted money from Maryland contractors but who had the temerity to speak on national television and argue that his no contest plea meant he was not guilty.

In my Humanities 402 class last quarter, open only to upper division students, not one knew who Spiro Agnew was.

By the way, Mr. Spencer, giving Richard Nixon credit for ending the war in Vietnam is like giving Harry Truman credit for ending World War II.

Karen Norwalk

karen20829, English
Learning about nutrition is a way of life, according to nutritional science senior Anthony Velasquez, president of Cal Poly's Nutrition Club. "People have to understand what is happening in their bodies with the food they eat," he said. "As food products become more processed, it's hard to understand what is happening in their bodies with the food they eat." He also said that food labels are voluntary, so people need to understand what is happening in their bodies with the food they eat.

Schools need to teach nutrition in addition to math, English and science, he said, and they should start at the elementary level.

The new nutritional label, he said, people can start to understand what nutrition is all about.

"Lots of fresh meat -- such as steaks, roasts and fresh sausages -- do not need labeling," Vance added.

"We're getting fewer and fewer places to rent out. I know what places not to call," Jennifer Riso, Alpha Chi Omega Greek, said. "I feel like there is a bias," Riso said. "We're getting fewer and fewer places to rent out," she said. "I know what places not to call."" said animal science junior Kristin Hildebrandt, chair for Alpha Phi sorority. "If you see total fat at 5 percent or less, the product is low in fat content such as Coke and Dr. Pepper. The companies that produce low-fat food products will capitalize on the new label information," he said. But companies that produce high-fat food products such as meats will be forced to show exactly what is in their food," he said.

"A simple rule, a simple tip; If the place you can see, just think what he might have done in the places you can't," said German Auto. "I feel like there is a bias," Riso said. "We've had an extremely hard time getting places, because there are no places (that will rent to Greeks) in San Luis Obispo," she said. "We have to get busses to take us outside of San Luis Obispo, and that adds to the cost."
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From page 8 years ago, when she began to compete on the national level in competition. "I've always said tennis in high school wasn't a big deal. In fact, she didn't even play her senior year. She found her passion for preparing for junior tennis tournaments in honor of the junior Nationals. Some of the preparations included attending summer camps to help her game. One camp she went to was with the now famous Cal Poly Head Coach Hugh Bream and Eppright. When the ten right-hand started looking at colleges to attend, the through her Cal Poly Head Coach. She sent a letter of interest to Eppright. Eppright then sent a letter back, inviting Arnold to come for a tour and according to Arnold, that's what sold her.

"When I got here, I toured the campus and met the tennis team," Arnold said. "The campus was beautiful and everyone was so nice that I just fell in love with it." Arnold says living in California is a lot different than living in Arkansas, but she likes it. "I’ve never lived in a place with water before — the temperature is a lot more consistent, and you can cause you can go up and down the coast to so many different places like San Francisco and Los Angeles. I’m used to being so far away from family."

The competition is a lot stronger in California than in Arkansas, according to the tennis-"ing athlete. "It will be even better and more challenging in Division I next year," Arnold said.

Even though the competition is tougher, she’s handled it marvelously. She’s been one of the regional rankings to No. 6. Arnold says she’s kind of likes the energizing quality of being No. 1 once. "When you win at No. 1, it gets everyone else in the winning spirit. It’s a chance to remember that you’re the best in the world."

Arnold and her teammates will try to carry on that spirit the next year, Arnold said. "I'm trying to get across to the freshmen that it really is a big deal."

GROOM: People rent homes during Derby

From page 7 in your life," Pitzer said. "The excitement and party atmosphere is overwhelming."

Pitzer said people have to reserve a room on Derby weekend more than a year in advance.

"Some people that live in Louisville rent their house out for the week," she said.

Although Combs has never been a part of the annual Derby in Louisville during Derby weekend, he said he knew of one Kentucky Derby party back home in Pembroke. "I’ve been to the Kentucky Derby party — barbecue style, side bets," he said.

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tucky droll. "All the horses that have been there likeSECRETAMAPand all those other big horses, have all walked on the same track."

"Walking through the arches (see page 12) and knowing how many excellent horses and trainers and owners is an awe-inspiring feeling, especially when you see all the people in the stands," he said.

He said besides the history, the quality of the track itself makes Churchill Downs the equivalent of baseball’s Wrigley Field.

"Other than the history and the well-kept track, the back side environment is similar to any other he has worked at, including Elk Park in Evanston, Ill.

The facilities — the stables and barn — and many of the track employees are the same as most any other track. He said the Derby attracts the million-dollar horses and their high-paid caretakers, but the regular race trainers and groomers — like Combs was — still have that same track as the line of the track. He said it is quite a blend.

"Coming back from the backside to the track is a whole different world," Combs said he was talked to his head and leaned back in a black leather chair. "It’s like a carnival in every sense of the world."

He said some of the people he noticed around the backside of the track nine years ago were a "callous type of people that travel the race circuit, living out of a suitcase." But he said Combs didn’t care.

"He was methodical and at­
tentive to details," she said over the phone at her Kentucky home.

Both summers Combs worked for Peterson and her hus­
band, he specifically attended to three race horses.

Combs said the highest-priced on the horse’s farm was worth $30,000. The Pitzer farm paid Combs a Derby runner, according to Peters­
son.

But that has not kept the pair apart. The Pitzers have attended the Derby several times.

"It’s like nothing else before See GROOM, page 6
The Arnold File

Tidbits on Mustang tennis star Tracy Arnold

Age: 19
Major: Biological Sciences
Hobbies: Reading, tennis, going to concerts

Favourites
Music: Classic Rock
Artist: Janis's Addiction
Color: Red
Favorite Movie: The Fugitive
Favorite Food: Chinese

Sophomore Tracy Arnold has shot down some of country's best to get to 1-18 record and national rank of sixth. / Daily file photo

Student reflects on walking over hoofsteps of past Derby legends

By Brad Hamilton

Despite recent sports pages being sprinkled with Kentucky Derby stories, few Cal Poly students and employees pay enough attention to the sport's most well-known race to think about what it means. Here's what a few of the Mustangs are saying about the historic horse race.

Sara Maris

"It's just another race. I don't really watch it."

Randal Banks

"Teresa Miller has me babysitting my baby brother, so I'm not really paying attention."

Toldhaye Kjos

"I'm from Kentucky, so I'm sure it's big there."

Shark fans going ballistic

By Anne M. Petersen

SAN JOSE — Don't tell the Hammerheads that Californians are supposed to know more about surfing than hockey.

The Hammerhead Booster Club is made up of about 200 die-hard San Jose Sharks fans. And their number is growing.

"I honestly believe that Sharks fans believe they can affect the outcome of the game," said Hammerhead president Kim Rahn, 36, of Lafayette. "We can't suit up and we can't take a shift on the ice — but we can certainly make some noise and let them know we're behind them."

The Sharks decisive 3-2 victory over the Detroit Redwings in Game 7 of the conference quarterfinals sent teal-clad Sharks fans into the streets, bellowing and bawling. "We literally danced around the house and then we went outside and started yelling."Then I heard some of the neighbors outside yelling for the Sharks, too. It's spread everywhere," said Michael Sherman, 26.

During the playoffs, the arena opens only a few hours before Sharks fans arrive. As the Sharks losses continue, so do their numbers. "We don't have an answer," said Agler. "This weekend might put an end to that."

"There's just too many things that can happen between now and the end of the season."

Mechanical engineering junior Ralph Combos says he doesn't miss grooming race horses one bit. He also doesn't miss a chance talking about his track days. / Daily photo by Mark Gewertz

By Lori Witner

A gray Cherokee Jeep with Arizona license plates pulls up to the G-2 parking lot and stops. Out steps a 5-foot, 6-inch woman. She heads to the back of the Jeep, opens the tailgate and grabs her weapon.

She then heads over the grassy field towards her version of a firing range to pick out her ammunition and determine if it will be one of those days when she's firing blanks.

Although tennis is probably her top priority right now, it isn't the only thing on her mind.

As she puts her graphite version of an assault weapon back into its padded casing, her mind shifts away from her war zone and toward the future.

The biological sciences sophomore hopes to graduate in three more years and go on to medical school. Arnold added she doesn't want to play tennis professionally.

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Tennis

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