Children’s Center granted accreditation

By Rachel Brady
Daily Staff Writer

The ASI Children’s Center was recently granted accreditation, making it part of an elite 5 percent of early childhood programs that receive this honor.

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) puts programs seeking accreditation through an extensive procedure. It includes a self-study, a collection of information from parents, teachers and administrators, classroom observations and finally a review by a team of national experts.

NAEYC is a large organization whose purpose is to promote awareness of child care and to be an advocate for quality child care.

Patty Greig, ASI Children’s Center program coordinator, said the accreditation demonstrates the excellence of their center.

“It helped show that we are a model program for our communi-

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Jujitsu highlights Japanese Wisteria festival in Avila

By Jaime Borosi
Daily Staff Writer

A bit of Japanese culture swept through Avila Beach with Saturday’s annual Wisteria Festival hosted by the San Luis Obispo Buddhist Temple.

The Wisteria festival is the celebration of Shinran Shonin’s birthday, the founder of the branch of Buddhism that the temple practices.

The event gets its name from the Wisteria flower, a symbol on the Shonin family crest in Japan.

“The festival is a cultural sharing” said Janis Klio, event coordinator. “It’s where we can show the different areas of Japanese culture that people might not be exposed to.”

In sharing the Japanese culture, the festival provided activities for the whole family with its booths, displays and demonstrations.

Cal Poly’s Kodokai Jujitsu team and the Cal Poly Kodokai Jujitsu team, led by Sensei Hayawo “Ken” Kiyama, demonstrated an assortment of Japanese martial arts, including Aikido and Jujitsu.

In its fifth appearance at the Wisteria Festival, the Cal Poly Kodokai Jujitsu team, led by Sensei Hayawo “Ken” Kiyama, guided the audience through a brief representation of one of its classes.

“We model the movements, which makes it more of an art form than a sport,” said John Pearson, Cal Poly alumus and Kodokai student for 11 years.

Pearson, one of the eight Kodokai stu-

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Speakers make light of AIDS awareness

By Rachel Brady
Daily Staff Writer

When one hears the word AIDS, the last thing he or she probably thinks about is humor.

But on Thursday night, nearly 500 people in Chumash Auditorium were laughing during “Friendship in the Time of AIDS.”

This presentation, sponsored by Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council and Student Community Services, featured T.J. Sullivan and Joel Goldman, who used humor and frankness to talk about AIDS and HIV.

Sullivan began the program by discussing his previous feelings about AIDS, before Goldman informed him that he had contracted the disease.

“It wasn’t something my friends and I were talking about after work,” Sullivan said. “We didn’t know anybody that had HIV. We didn’t think it happened...
Scholar criticizes theories on Jesus's life, personality

By Kimberly Kenny
Poly Staff Writer

Jesus was a "laconic sage," a wise man of few words, a man who didn't initiate dialogue and like a western cowboy — he was a modest man. He didn't promote celibacy; he celebrated life freely. He was a party animal that enlivened a dull cocktail party. Jesus was just like the average professor at Cal Poly without tenure, or that's what a group of secular scholars of the Jesus Seminar found.

How did the Jesus Seminar come to these conclusions?

Birger Pearson, professor and interim director of the University of California at Berkeley's Religious Studies program, was critical of the seminar's conclusions Friday in the second part of the Cal Poly Philosophy Department's lecture series. Students, professors and community members filled every chair in the room and many sat on tables to hear the speech entitled "A Cynical Look at the Jesus Seminar."

"The Seminar completely misunderstands and overlooks ideas," Pearson said. "Too bad it was such a waste."

The Jesus Seminar is a collective scholarly inquiry that began in March 1985. Pearson used the seven pillars of the sewing methods of the Jesus Seminar and its historical premises allowed by critical studies by German and American scholars.

The majority of the book is colored black, and there are very few red passages.

"The seminar is led by secular scholars and then they looked at the idea of the existence of a hypothetical Jesus. The historical look first started with an investigation in the 18th century. This was followed by critical studies by German and American scholars. The most notable was Albert Schweitzer who won a Nobel prize in 1906. All three groups have struggled with many ideas but have shown Jesus to mirror them. Schweitzer said Jesus was a political animal and an enigma to the world."

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Nearly 200 students sacrificed sleeping in Saturday morning to get up at 8 a.m. to take part in Good Neighbor Day. "All of it is in the good spirit of getting along with the community," said Arturo Rodriguez, ASI executive vice president. "It's giving something back to the community." Good Neighbor Day is an annual event that is sponsored by ASI, Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, Student Community Services, and WOW. The city of San Luis Obispo, the Parks and Recreation department, Residents for Quality Neighborhoods (RQN), the county Board of Supervisors and community members gave ASI suggestions for tasks that needed to be done to clean up San Luis Obispo. These activities ranged from moving lawns, painting fences and washing windows to cleaning up trash in parks. The goal was to create a better Cal Poly student image in the community.

"Since the majority of Cal Poly students are not from this area, community members feel that they are being taken advantage of," Rodriguez said. RQN members welcome this type of activity. "We enjoy working with students and are happy to see a cooperation between students and RQN continue," said RQN member Dotty Conner. "It's important that we are communicating is working together.

In conjunction with Greek Week, fraternities and sororities were given points for taking part. These activities ranged from mowing lawns, painting fences and washing windows to cleaning up trash in parks. The goal was to create a better Cal Poly student image in the community.

"It's nice to show that the greek community can give back to the community of San Luis Obispo," Rodriguez said. "It's just another way of saying that this program is quality.

"It breaks down barriers and shows the greek community can give back to the community of San Luis Obispo," said Peaches Graf, a food science junior and member of Alpha Omicron Pi. The day began at the University Union, in which volunteers checked in and received a free continental breakfast. They were then given their assignments and sent on their way to work from nine a.m. until 3 p.m. It ended with a free barbecue dinner with Mayor Allen Settle and ASI President Steve McShane.

Greig also feels that this recognition will help to put parents at ease and give her staff a well-deserved pat on the back. "In terms of parent comfort, it says a lot," she said. "It also boosts the staff to know that they are being validated for their hard work.

The staff, which is predominantly students, was pleased with the center's accreditation because of the possibility of imitation. "We'll get more exposure and hopefully people will start more places like this in other areas," said Tammy Brokaw, a liberal studies senior. Brokaw has worked in the center for three years and hopes that their curriculum is one that many others will adopt in the future. "Here we have the attitude that each child is an individual," Brokaw said. "They get to develop and learn on their own." The recognition may also benefit the children at the center.

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"I believe that the accreditation will bring more resources to the center so we can do more with the kids," said Katy Thompson, staff member and ag business sophomore. "Our program is geared toward teaching them socially and educationally.

According to Greig, United Methodist on Fredericks Street is the only other children's center in this area to be accredited.

"We've been wanting to do this for a long time," she said. "For this community, it was an important thing to do.

Greig cited the high cost as the reason that the center hasn't applied for accreditation before. The process cost more than $1,000.

Yes, ASI President Steve McShane is also a soil science major. At Saturday's Garden Festival, he gave a lecture on growing rare fruit, and sported his casual flip.
President Baker and sacred memories

BY RANDY DAVIS

Imagine my surprise when, toward the end of December, the brothers Rowan's "The Brothers Karamazov," I found part of a speech I vaguely remember from a friend's sunny Poly graduation long ago. In my warped, underground sort of way, think we should revisit the passage in question. After a bit of exposition I think you will see why the expressed sentiments spoke from 'The Brothers Karamazov.' Cal Poly President Warren Baker's this rings familiar.

"People talk to you a great deal about your education, but some sacred memories, preserved from childhood, is perhaps the best education."

Now the details are a bit fuzzy, but I don't recall President Baker telling the crowd that, in the larger sense, Alyosha Karamazov speaks to a group of Russian youths who stand over the grave of a small, innocent boy — whom they had tormented terribly. Toward Iasha's demise, however Alyosha's prompting, the boys came to his side to ease his suffering. The "sacred memory" Alyosha speaks of is not simply some "good" memory; rather the memory of the selfless acts that youths had committed in easing Iasha's pain. So much for explanation, now on to the really good stuff.

I contend that Poly's lack of real answers to student questions and the fuzzy Poly Plan shows we students have grasped at least the rudiments of critical analysis and rhetorical strategies — I unequivocally told the administration that their "presentation" failed to measure up to the level we students are held to. The Poly Plan, they say, is a concise prose. "We are admonished to support our claims with evidence and to present, or at least recognize, the conceivable answer to the question." I was often mistaken for her little sister is a less clear posture. Though I am 21 years older than she.

I also plagued me in high school when I went to a tennis match with my older brother's girlfriend. She is a mere one and a half years older than I am, but somehow asked her if she was baby-sitting. Now that I have recently turned 21, the stories are getting more interesting. When I go to buy beer or get into a bar, the cashier or bouncer says is: "Can I see your ID." What their smirks and smiles are really saying is: "Let me see your worry, fake ID so that I can do you." My first exposure to this type of thing was during my birthday weekend in Las Vegas. While I went there to celebrate my new freedom, I discovered that this freedom was only possible after I flashed my valid ID to the entire casino. During one memorable incident, I was standing next to my mom at a slot machine watching her lose quarters. The pit boss actually yelled at me and said, "Steve, you can't be in here!" She didn't ask for my ID or politely ask me to leave, she yelled at me. I am sure that a lot of people are there cursing me for my complaint. The common response that I get when I express my frustration, is: "You may be hummed now, but when you are 40 and you look 27 you'll be glad." But this is not necessarily the case. My mom, who is 41 I used to hear the all the time when she was my age. She passed on to me a sad realization. She said: "When you're 40, you will look like a short, 40-year-old." I know that there are a lot worse things in life than looking young. It is not the end of the world and I will probably live through it. But when guys around look at you like you are some kind of genius protégé that is in college at age 15, it really hypes up the disarmament factor and adds to my belief that I will have to go to SLO High in order to get a date. Hey, maybe there's still a chance to get asked to the prom.

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Keeping students out of the PAC

Editor

Nothing has ever infuriated me during my time at Cal Poly until today. I went to get tickets for a play at the Performing Arts Center that I had seen advertised in Mustang Daily. The newsstand had been for more than three months, actually. That got me thinking. Why was this the first time I heard about this play? Why hadn't they advertised this and many other plays earlier, say at the beginning of the quarter or at the beginning of the year? I came to a conclusion. It is my opinion that the people who schedule and advertise these events don't want students to attend. I discussed my ideas with some friends first to see if I was way out of line and most of them agreed with me that the whole situation sucks. A few people did receive a schedule of events and told me that I should have bought my tickets early. I asked them how they got schedules and they told me that they were mailed to their parents because they had contributed. After I heard this I truly felt discriminated against as a student. The idea that people would try to keep other people out of something really disgusts me. I now know what discrimination feels like and I don't like it.

So to prevent this whole situation from happening again I went to the ticket office and had them put me on their mailing list. I also found out that I could pick up a schedule of events in the summer, around August. So what's my point? Get down to the PAC and get yourself on the mailing list or stop by the ticket office in September to get a schedule. Don't let the elite community of San Luis Obispo have the PAC all to themselves.

Morgan Steenhanegen Landscape architect freshman

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A Buddhist lecture and traditional tea ceremony followed the members' participation. The temple's Taiko drumming provided an auditory component to the festival.

During the show, both presented statistics and the mixture of decisions about sexual partners. Goldman believes that this mixture is the product of bad decisions about sexual partners. "You can't tell from just looking, who had HIV or AIDS," he said. "We don't just sleep with one person anymore, we sleep with a chain of people."

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After saying that he looks like any regular guy, Goldman stated that looks don't determine who is sick or healthy. "The face of AIDS is changing. It's now mine but it could be yours," he said. "I'm HIV positive and someday I'm going to die of AIDS."

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are accepted by mass media, they are accepted as martial artists, cooks and other stereotypical figures," said James Lee, architect and junior and Omega Xi Delta member who led Thursday's discussion.

The group compiled a list of six popular Asian male figures, including actors Pat Morita, Bruce Lee, George Takai and Russell Wong, professional golfer Tiger Woods and television cooking show host Martin Yan.

"Of these six, four fit into typical Asian male stereotypes," Lee said.

The group considered George Takai's role as Sulu on Star Trek and his role as a rising show host Martin Yan.

"Takai's role as Sulu on Star Trek is a typical Asian role," Lee said. "We have to look at the media itself does not acknowledge the presence of other entertainers' most famous roles.

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"To change the media's perception of Asian youth, we must change the stereotypes and show Asians as just normal people," Lee said.

"Often, the ones who do come out of the shadows and lead are Carl Wallace from the Center for Teacher Education," Lee said. "He is a very quiet individual, but he's a phenomenal leader, Price said.

"Carl Wallace coordinates a tutor education program which prepares Cal Poly students to go to community schools to provide mentoring and tutoring," Martmez-Inurza said.

"According to Culture Talk student coordinator Kelly Kammermeyer, the day's discussion will focus on Cal Poly's African-American student population.

"We're going to combine the topic of mentoring with a discussion of why so few African-American students come to Cal Poly," Kammermeyer said.

"Often, the ones who do come leave quick or their GPAs drop. We'll talk about why and what can be done."
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BY MARK O'HARE

MUSTANG DAILY

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Mustangs place third after sweeping Long Beach State

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U.C. Santa Barbara this weekend, and now he has a batting title to back it all up.

SLAP ME FIVE: Scott Kidd, shown here earlier in the season, wowed the crowd Friday when he nailed a grand slam at Long Beach State, and now he has a batting title to back it all up.

A first glance you see a rough exterior and a big frame, poised in a staunch stance with his arms folded, looking everywhere but at you. His focus never leaves the game — each thought is critical and concise. He holds the school record for the most hits in a season.

This weekend, the tables were turned. Cal Poly, with great pitching from starters Mike Zirelli, Luther Salinas, Jason Porto and reliever Chad Snowden, picked up the sweep with wins of 11-5, 2-1 and 9-3. The Mustangs finished the regular season at 15-15 in Big West play (36-19 overall).

The sweep, coupled with Cal State Fullerton’s two wins over U.C. Santa Barbara this weekend, puts the Mustangs in third place in the Big West Southern Division. This means Cal Poly will play northern division winner University of Nevada, rather than

No Kidd-ing Around

Wham, bam, thank you ma’am, Scott Kidd’s busting records, And he’s got another grand slam...

By Kimberly Koney
Daily Staff Writer

This was huge in the success of the series, Price said. Zirelli went eight innings on Friday night, giving up five runs on 10 hits and striking out seven. Freshman Luther Salinas pitched six innings Saturday night giving up only one unearned run.

Sunday, Jason Porto pitched seven innings, giving up one run on four hits, in only his second start of the season.

“Salinas has made outstanding progress and gave us a fabulous performance Saturday and Porto was absolutely special Sunday,” Price said.

Chad Snowden relief pitched in all three games and didn’t give up either a hit or walk. Friday night, he pitched the ninth inning and struck out two. Saturday, he pitched the eighth and ninth and struck out two more. Sunday, he closed it out in the ninth with a fly to left and two strikeouts.

This weekend, the Mustangs were also strong offensively, scoring 22 runs in the thick, ocean air of Blair Field. Second baseman Scott Kidd went 3-3 in Sunday’s game to beat out Long Beach’s Toby Sanchez for the Big West Conference batting title.

“I'm so proud of the way we swung the bats this weekend,” Price said. “They have the best pitching staff in the Big West and we came into this place and absolutely swung the bats.”

“We came in with a no loss attitude,” Porto

said, “We were trying to build momentum into the Big West tournament.”

Porto (2-0) took control on Sunday in only his second starting appearance in two years because of injuries.

“My arm felt good and I threw strikes, that was the main thing, and we got ahead in the count.”

Cal Poly got on the board first on a two-run home run by catcher Matt Price in the fourth inning. Long Beach came back with one in the bottom of the fourth on an RBI single by right fielder Chuck Loper.

“The Mustangs took it from there and scored another pair of runs in the fifth on RBI singles by Kidd and third baseman Steve Rohmehren. Cal Poly added to their lead with five runs in the sixth inning. Shortstop Taker Maier had a double to score two runs and Kidd followed with a single to left that scored Ryan Brennan from third and Maier from second. Right fielder

Softball snubbed for playoffs

Daily Staff Report

The Cal Poly softball team was not selected for the NCAA Division I softball playoffs. Cal Poly (37-17, 18-14) was seventh in the Pacific region before this weekend.

The NCAA selected the top six teams from the Pacific region including Cal State Northridge, UCLA, University of Arizona, Cal Berkeley, Long Beach State and Fresno State.

“Despite us not being selected for the playoffs we are one of the top 32 teams in the nation,” head coach Lisa Boyer said. According to Boyer, the Pacific division is the strongest region in the country, but the NCAA has to be balanced in their selections.

Chris Hole from the NCAA office said the teams were selected regardless of region based on the strength of their schedule and significant wins throughout the season.

“We had a great season and the players should be proud,” Boyer said.

Kim Koney