Activists protest spill at Unocal's Guadalupe oil field

Unocal opened its gates on Saturday, attempting an open dialogue with protesters

By Kelly Victoria Yunker Daily Staff Writer

More than 100 anti-oil demonstrators rallied Saturday at Unocal's oil field in Guadalupe, drawing attention to the four-year-old spill which has contaminated eddies and ocean around the area.

As of Sunday afternoon, three protesters were still at Unocal, holding what their lawyer called a "vigil." The demonstration began around 10 a.m. under rainy skies at the oil field's front gate on Thornberry Road.

The protest occurred just a day after the Regional Water Quality Control Board approved a cleanup and abatement order that will result in some excavation of the pollution at the Guadalupe Dunes. Unocal admitted leaking 8.5 million gallons of petroleum contaminants at the site, but public records indicate the spill could amount to a total 20 million gallons.

Mother Nature also worsened environmental damage to the area. The winter storms caused contaminants to seep into the ocean and uncovered two unknown waste oil sites, according to protest sponsor Coastal Oil Action Coalition.

The coalition formed on the premise of the public's lack of attention to this spill. Some groups which make up the coalition include the Surfrider Foundation, the Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo County, Communities for a Better Environment and Get Oil Out, a Santa Barbara-based anti-oil group.

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Program Administrator for Public Safety Cindy Campbell said there are good reasons for the detour.

"Lots of people were concerned with the excessive flow of traffic going both ways," Campbell said. "We can't have traffic flow for traffic flow's sake. We need to consider safety, pedestrians, bicyclists and car speeds."

The addition of three stop signs in the small area is one tactic used to try to reduce speeds. While this has been effective in slowing down traffic, it has also angered some students.

"I hate all those damn stop signs," social science sophomore Tim Wargo said. "One would be OK, but they've got a bunch of
MONDAY

It's Scottish Tartan Day today, announces the Central Coast Scottish Society. Wear Scottish Tartan (it looks a lot like plaid) and celebrate the contributions Scots have made to the development of this country.

For more info, or to join the Society, call 544-2899.

TUESDAY

ASI is searching for someone to become the new ASI Executive Director. Everyone is invited to observe candidate presentations today. Soncia R. Lilly will be giving her presentation in Staff Dining Room B (behind the Lighthouse). It will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Paco de Lucia, recognized as one of today's greatest guitarists, will play the fiery, haunting Gypsy rhythms of flamencos at 8 p.m. tonight in the Performing Arts Center's Cohon Center. De Lucia will be joined by a singer, mandolin player and dancer, among others. To order tickets, call 756-2787 (that's SLO-ARTS in case you have a bad short-term memory).

The "Bones BBQ" is a benefit to support SLO High School. They're promising the best BBQ in town and they'll even do takeout. Buy a ticket, and you'll also get a chance to purchase a limited-edition "Bones BBQ" T-shirt. The event will be at the Performing Arts Center's Cohan Center. De Lucia will be there at 7:45 p.m. Proceeds go to the Performing Arts Center.

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WEDNESDAY

Stressed? A free introductory class in "mindfulness-based stress reduction & relaxation training" will be put on by Dr. Mark Schecter at 7 p.m. at the French Hospital auditorium in San Luis Obispo. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more info, call Dr. Schecter at 993-2010.

THURSDAY

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Barbecue, beer, bagpipes and big men were bountiful at the 11th annual Pozo Saloon Whiskey Highland Games on Saturday.

Men and women competed in events such as caber tossing, weight throwing, hammer throwing and "strong man" at the Pozo Saloon in Santa Margarita.

Because the events are sanctioned by the Scottish-American Athletic Association (SAAA), all participantswere kilts as part of the official uniform.

Scattered April showers didn't stop local vendors who gathered under tents to sell sweaters, kilts and trinkets. One woman selling kiltscame along with a map of Scotland so curious families could track the origins of their Scottish friends.

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The Bonnena Brewing Company, located in Atascadero, was on-hand to sell a beer called "Celtic Mild," brewed especially for the Pozo Games. They also offered a variety of other beers like Klosh, Double Wheat, Porter and Pono Pale Ale.

The salon is one of many locations for the Highland Games, where the traditional competition involves throwing large, heavy stones like a shot put, using long, wooden rods (resembling telephone poles) like a javelin toss, throwing metal hammers for distance and tossing 56-pound weights over a bar.

Many participants said they compete for the camaraderie. Dave Garman said he competes because "it's a brotherhood out here, and a sisterhood now that women are competing. It's a sense of community and extended families.

Garman's inspiration: "Not to get hurt...avoid injury at all cost." Loud grunts were heard from both sexes as they threw the objects with all their might.

Onlookers laughed when one participant used an inflatable sheep to scare off a small dog that wanted to partake in the old Scottish tradition of beer drinking while competing. He said the worst injury he can remember was when a hammer toss competitor dislocated his knee last year.

Pozo Games are unique among the Highland Games because the winners receive a bottle of malt whiskey along with their medal.

After the sports competition, a big bonfire is held every year to finish up the night.

Pozo Saloon owners Rhonda and Brian Beanway first got the idea to sponsor the games 11 years ago at the bequest of some Scottish friends.

Sponsor Janet Winder of Paso Robles said this year was her first visit to the games and she decided to come because, "it was something different to do on a Saturday."

Cal Poly computer consultant George Westlund came back to the games after attending last year. He described the event in one word — awesome.

"If you're sorry you missed the events, you never fear! The next Highland Games is the Sacramento Valley Scottish Games, scheduled for April 25 at the Yolo Fairgrounds in Woodland. For more information, visit the "Highland Homemakers" website to find dates and locations.

Liquor and restaurant groups admit that after losing in the Senate, they waged a full-court press effort in the House. The National Beer Wholesalers Association and the American Beverage Institute ran large ads in Capitol Hill newspapers, sent letters to lawmakers and had wholesalers and brewers write or fax their representatives.

The ABI's general counsel, Richard Berman, hired lobbyist Ann Eppard, who for 22 years was chief of staff to Transportation Committee Chairman Bud Shuster, R-Pa., author of the highway bill.

"We're very proud of the folks," said David Behr, vice president of government affairs for the beer wholesalers. "They were not embarrassed to tell people that this was not the solution."

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It is shaping up as one of the most hard-fought drinking issues since the drive more than a decade ago to make 21 the nationally recognized legal age for drinking.

The legislation was an amendment to the House floor. But its Democratic chief of staff to Transportation Committee, Steve Israel, D-N.Y., main sponsor of the House amendment, angrily blamed the liquor and restaurant lobbies for stopping her efforts.

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I'm the boss of me in the real world

By Jaime Zuffoletto

It seems to me that the further and further I get into my college coursework the more I hear teachers starting sentences with phrases such as "If this were your job..." and "Well, in the real world..." Excuse me, but I thought that I was living in the "real world." I sure am glad that somebody finally let me know that all the things that I am going through right now are just another pretense in the illusion that is multinational.

Now, when I tell you that this article is more about the myth of Cal Poly being a "real world" university you may find yourself asking, "What in the world has that got to do with teachers teaching?" Everything I mentioned in this column apply to the most educated palettes to date. So my friend, grin and bear it, because someone somewhere said it and you are caught in its wake.

Or perhaps you just need a nice glass of water. But where to get it if you are "the king of the world!?" In Paris, of course. It is the first water bar. The bar, by the name of Collette, serves 39 different types of water. Waters come from various sources including Iceland, where water is of no scarcity, yet cost up to six dollars for a glass. Undoubtedly this is genuine hyperbole, France but honestly, what is the difference between one glass of water and another? Water is two things, hydrogen and oxygen. It is really possi­ ble for the most educated palettes to determine the differences between Icelandic and Swedish water.

Among other extremely absurd trends in Paris is the use of bottle­ gnomen models instead of bottled water. It harks back to "Spareballs," in which Mel Brooks stirs fresh canned "Air." Which brings me to the point that trend Following has become a full time habit for so many people these days, it virtually homogenizes our individual identities. Just look around you, how many people are wearing "Tommy Hilfiger" or "Abercrombie and Fitch" clothing? I don’t think anyone can tell me that the fashions that these designers sell are really very unique or revolutionary, they simply sell by their tag because someone somewhere said it was on vogue.

The trends trickle into movies, music, everywhere. Individualism is at all time low, even those with body-piercings are pushing into the majority. You aren’t different anymore, what you compromise more than half of everyone else.

So I say, branch out, take a leap in your own direction and find yourself, and get some new clothes.

Bryan Ridley is an architec­ ture sophomore.

Responses to “Obliterating Cal Poly’s rumored greatness,” –Friday, April 3

Is Cal Poly that bad?

Editor,

In response to Mr. Kunz’s letter regarding Cal Poly, I can say I feel your pain. It is plain to see that we do in fact have many problems at Cal Poly. I am not sure if we can say that this is a bad school though. Mr. Kunz did in fact have a few good ideas. His idea to “go to the top” is not so bad. I would say that we ought to slash as much administration as possible. I read recently that students only get twenty percent of institution dollars, where is the rest? We know that it is being wasted by the minds of those people making the rules.

Yes, I say it, thoroughly, go back again and say that you need it, but WE PAY at least part of the salaries and bills around this campus, therefore we are part owners of what goes on.

By Jaime Zuffoletto

Cal Poly’s options are limited to those that the rule­ makers see fit. Nobody is willing to take the time to consider the real world and I have to live with the conse­quences myself. I am the one who has to figure out how to make the most of my current status, how to make the most of my current status. I am the one who has to decide whether to see a class as really necessary or not. And I am the one who should decide whether a class is right for me, when I want to decide, and I will deal with the consequences.

So my friend, I think I still hear people talking… Yep, I hear people from the administration saying “Then who is going to teach you the responsibility?” Well the last time I looked I was an adult and I learned I am responsible for my own actions. Sometimes I think that the administration thinks too highly of themselves. They are able to live without­ out some of your rules. We are not stu­ pid. We don’t need and don’t want you in our lives.

I have actually heard, from a knowl­ edgeable friend (yes I do have some friends.) be a major reason that Cal Poly does not allow this type of dropping unless we do it because it is bad. The paper­work involved would require more work and would cost more than the current system. I am glad that we got that cleared up. I wouldn’t want administrators actu­ ally “doing” something for me with the money I pay them. How could I be so silly?

So I guess all I can do is run home to Mommy and Daddy and tell them I am right, I will sit in San Diego, all right I will call them and ask them what their rule is for dropping classes, give me the rules for me, you just give me advice. Maybe that is because your parents know something very important to me. As an administrator at Cal Poly I am absolutely responsible for the things I do or don’t do. The only real way to learn that is “Learn by Doing.”

Jaime Zuffoletto is a journalism senior with many more opinions about Cal Poly’s myth.
Exxon has Valdez, Unocal has this Titanic," Thomas said. "By being here today you are showing what you believe with your body. Where will the next Guadalupe be?"

Unocal's gate was opened to the public Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, and refreshments were served at the office about one mile up the road. The protesters stayed at the gate area saying that Unocal was trying to get them out of the public eye.

"It is ironic that they are opening the gate, but they will not let us know what they know about the spill," Cohn said.

Told Cardinal, vice-president of the San Luis Bay chapter of the Surfrider Foundation said he was at the protest to make sure Unocal knows that the eyes of the world are upon them.

"I am happy that they are going to clean up the spill, but I am unhappy that I even have to be here."

The protest remained peaceful and the participants said they just wanted to see the documents that reveal when and how the cleanup will occur. Protesters said this information is not available to the public.

"I am here today because Unocal has covered up for several decades what could be the largest oil spill in the history of the country," said Skye Leone, a member of the Surfer's Environmental Alliance. "The State Attorney General Dan Lundgren has worked out a deal with Unocal, but he will not tell us how the cleanup will occur Unocal is also blocking public access to information."

Several Unocal employees were available to speak with protesters. They said they opened the gate to show they had nothing to hide and served refreshment as a gesture to show that they wanted to have a dialogue with the protesters. "We (Unocal) are a little confused at the timing of this protest," said Bill Sharrer, environmental manager for Unocal. "We are moving forward, we have worked with state and local agencies to fabricate the best way to deal with this (On Friday), cleanup and abatement orders were approved by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The process is going forward and a lot is going on to clean up the site."

Sharrer said the documents which state when and how the cleanup will occur are available to the public.

"I think the cleanup will now get started," Mulholland said. "I support this demonstration's efforts to enhance the community awareness. I feel that we should now focus our attention on the largest spill in our area, the Unocal spill at their Tank Farm Road site."

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them right next to each other. Then after you go five miles per hour you've still got people stopping where another stop sign used to be."

Other students are upset at how difficult it is to get to California Boulevard from campus. "I live off California, so it's a real pain trying to get home from school," animal science sophomore Freya Kruger said. "I'm tired of all these detours."

According to Campbell, there shouldn't be any other detours on campus any time soon. However, Campbell said the Poly Grove detour could last for quite a while.

"Our ultimate goal is for it to be safe and convenient, but for now it's better to be one-way," she said. "I anticipate it will be one-way for some time."

Campbell said Public Safety is also waiting for an engineering firm (hired by the university) to give the results of a campus traffic circulation study. Campbell said it is uncertain when the study will begin or end, but said it should provide much-needed information.

"Public Safety strongly supports this, and is very interested to get the results," she said. "There are certain things we can do now, but for major problems such as Poly Grove we're very anxious for the plan."

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cessing system moves very slowly.
Dignan expects Cal Poly President Warren Baker's staff to
make the final decision on whether to accept credit cards,
with input from faculty and stu-
dent representatives.
"It wouldn't look for anything
for a year at the earliest," he said.
Dignan said most CSU cam-
puses already accept credit cards
for registration fees.
"It’s a marketing issue for
them," he said. "They use it as a
feature to attract students. But
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Phillips, CSU Stanislaus director
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an automated processing system,
so students can only use credit
cards in person or by fax.
"We need to have signed, writ-
ten authorization when students
use credit cards," Phillips said.
"That’s probably why only about
15 percent use them; it’s still easi-
ier just to mail a check.
"But for some students, it’s a
matter of conveniences," Phillips
continued. "They can use a credit
card to spread their tuition pay-
ment out over several months."
Phillips said CSU Stanislaus
pays about $60,000 every year in
merchant fees.
"The university has been able
to cover that, so students don’t
pay another fee to use their card," he
said. "But it’s creeping up. The merchant
fees really add up."
Phillips said smaller campuses
have an easier time accepting
credit cards because the mer-
chant fees are more manageable.
"The larger campuses can’t
afford it," he said. "The merchant
fees for a large campus are astro-
nomical."

U.S. doubles its pleasure at Davis Cup

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. —
The United States ended its Davis Cup
losing streak in doubles Sunday, but not fast enough to
keep the Russians from extending
the series another day.
Richey Reneberg and Todd
Martin, paired for the first time in
the Davis Cup, overpowered
Russian star Yevgeny Kafelnikov
and 18-year-old Marat Safin 7-6,
6-1, 2-6, 6-1, giving the Americans
a 2-1 lead in the best-of-5 event.
Since the match exceeded 30
games, the Russians decided to
play the reverse singles Monday.
Kafelnikov will meet Andre
Agassi and Safin takes on Jim
Courrier at Stone Mountain’s
International Tennis Center in
suburban Atlanta.
The first-round series is a day
behind schedule because rain
postponed Friday’s opening
matches.
The Americans had not won a
Davis Cup doubles match since a
first-round triumph against
Mexico in 1996, quite a change
from the 1970s and ’80s when
teams such as Stan Smith-Bob
Lutz and John McEnroe-Peter
Fleming provided a virtually auto-
matic point on the middle day.
“It’s obviously a monkey off
everybody’s back,” said captain
Tom Gullikson, whose team has a
6-8 doubles record during his
tenure. “It gives tomorrow seem
like a much better chance for us
with Agassi going first, then
Courrier backing him up. It gives
that all-important 2-1 lead.”
Indeed, the Americans do seem
be in control.
While Kafelnikov is the sixth-
ranked player in the world, Agassi
has revitalized his career since
falling to No. 145 five months ago.
Should he lose to Kafelnikov,
Courrier would be an overwhelm-
ing favorite against Safin, a Davis
Cup rookie whose nervousness
and inexperience has been clearly
evident in his first two matches.
The Russians used Safin on
Sunday instead of doubles special-
ist Andrei Olhovsky, who report-
edly is still suffering complica-
tions from knee surgery two
months ago.
Kafelnikov is a top 10 doubles
player, but he didn’t get much help
from his teen-aged teammate.
“Unfortunately, he was
upright, which in understand-
able,” Kafelnikov said. “The guy is
playing for the first time in a Davis
Cup against the United States,
against Agassi, Courrier, Martin
and Reneberg.”
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Reneberg looked even
even worse in his last Davis Cup event,
losing in straight sets to the
Brazilians in February 1997 while
paired with Alex O’Brien.
But Martin and Reneberg
hooked up in a tournament last
month at Indian Wells, reaching
the finals before losing, and
Gullikson tapped them to play
against Russia.

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"I didn’t think I would get
another shot, to be honest,
Reneberg said. "I wasn’t nervous
at all today. I was very excited to
play."
The Americans focused most on
their attention on Safin, who grew
frustrated as he was pounded
with volleys by both Americans.
Kafelnikov tried to encourage his
teammate, repeatedly putting him
on the back and offering advice,
but Safin was in over his head.
"We knew that we might be able
to win some points with him at
the net," Reneberg said. "That
kind of became our strategy early
on, try to go at him quite a bit,
even off Yevgeny’s serve, put a lit-
tle pressure on him. He got dis-
couraged."
The Russian strategy became
clear after they lost the first set in
a 7-3 tiebreaker — Kafelnikov
making a couple of unforced
errors — and were blown away in
the second. They simply wanted
to get to 30 games, knowing a match
of that duration would allow their
players to take an extra day of
rest under Davis Cup rules.
When the Russians won the
fourth game of the third set,
assuring the match would go
another day, Kafelnikov pumped
his fist toward captain Shamil
Taripischev. The Russians went on
to capture the set, but played the
fourth like they already were look-
ing ahead to Monday.
"It was obviously cut and
dried before they went on the court," said Alan Mills, referee for the
International Tennis Federation.
"If we can go into the national tournament with that confidence, knowing that you’re capable of beating anybody, I think most of the time we will pull through with a win," said Garbo. In this tournament, middle blocker Tarkil Miller and outside hitter Brian Fitzpatrick led the attack for the Mustangs against the Hornets. Miller accumulated 19 kills to go along with eight blocks, while Fitzpatrick contributed with 17 kills.

Sacramento State coach Mark Harrison was quick to credit the Mustangs’ inspir­

ing performance as he also re­

served some disparaging remarks for his team’s play. “Their ‘Cal Poly’ were­

ning blocking and firing up, but the other team had a better overall play. It’s more of a mental fatigue,” explained Garbo. “During the time-out my team let me know that confidence, knowing that you’re capable of beating anybody, I think most of the time we will pull through with a win.”

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Cal Poly men’s volleyball player

The third game was marked by the flare up of emo­
tions by both teams as two yellow cards and a red card were handed out for unsportsmanlike behavior. Sparked by the overall play of Sean Douphner, the Mustangs once again jumped out to an early 5-1 lead. The Hornets then mounted a comeback. With the score tied at seven, the Hornet’s Troy Bowman was given a red card for his choice of words while arguing a call with a line judge.

The Mustangs used the call as a momentum builder to take a 12-7 lead. The longest and the most criti­
cal rally of the match came when the Mustangs holding a slim 12-10 lead in the third game. After three suc­
cessive digs by Garbo from Hornet spikers, Garbo and Dougherty then allowed the ball to drop between them. Both players were expecting the other to pass the ball.

B-BALL

Ritter drove in three runs, going 2-for-5.

Bailey also drove in three runs, going 2-for-5 on the day. On Saturday, the Mustangs stacked up a 9-4 by the top of the third inning.

Cal Poly pitcher Stae Aas improved to 2-2, allowing six earned runs against face 27 batters. Offense, Wood went 3-for-5, hitting in two runs and scoring three himself. Sheldon also went 3-for-5 on the day driving in one run and adding two himself.

Friday, the Aggies defeated the Mustangs 12-2. Barringer and Haygen went 2-4, both among the only two runs for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs return to action at home and against any that they host Santa Clara at 3 p.m.

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Garbo yelled out a curse word mid-inning and was given a yellow card. Harrison then threw his clipboard on the ground because Garbo only received a yellow card while Bowman was given a red card for his use of words earlier in the game. The referee proceeded to give Garbo a yellow card for the outburst.

The Mustangs called a time-out to regroup after the momentous eruptions. After the time-out and a sidestep, Garbo redeemed himself by serving out the game as the Mustangs won 15-13.

“That play where the ball dropped killed me,” said Garbo. “During the time-out my team let me know that the play was really bad, but they also said that it was done with and thinking about it was not going to do any good.”

The Hornets were never behind in the fourth and final game which they won 15-10.

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Rains force football to postpone practice

With one successful season in his pocket, Cal Poly head football coach Larry Walsh is ready to start preparing for next season. But Walsh will have to wait one more week for spring football.

Poor field conditions due to recent rains have forced school officials to hold off the spring drills until April 15.

About 65 players, mostly returners and redshirts, are expected to practice, according to Walsh.

The Mustangs will practice Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On Saturday, May 9, the Mustangs will host the annual Green and Gold scrimmage.

SCORES

Men’s Volleyball

NCCVL Championship semifinal
Sacramento State 3
Cal Poly 1
(16-14, 15-10, 13-15, 15-10)

Baseball
Cal Poly 2
New Mexico State 12
Cal Poly 13
New Mexico State 8
Cal Poly 16
New Mexico State 11

Track and Field
Women
Cal Poly 1st
Nevada 2nd

Men
Cal Poly 1st
San Francisco State 2nd

SCHEDULE

TODAY
No games are scheduled.

TUESDAY
• Softball vs. Sacramento State at Cal Poly Softball field at 1 & 3 p.m.
• Baseball vs. Santa Clara at Simi Valley Stadium at 3 p.m.

The Cal Poly men’s volleyball team fought its way into the semifinal round of the Northern California Collegiate Volleyball Tournament Saturday. But after four games the Mustangs battle ended in a loss to Sacramento State, the No. 1 team in the nation. The Mustangs will try to pick up the momentum again as they head to the national championship in two weeks.

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