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Health and living event heads to UU
By Cathy Lee
Mustang Daily
Cal Poly students and faculty members can pick up swing dancing tips and a few condoms at Thursday's Wellness Day.

The first Wellness Day, sponsored by Peer Health Education and Rec Sports, is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Union Plaza.

Kate Clusen, coordinator for Recreational Sports for Lifestyle Programs, said, "Students should be aware that wellness should be a balance of mind, body, and spirit. It is not just about being physically fit. We hope Wellness Day becomes an annual event and we hope to see a lot of students out there."

There will be nine booths in UU Plaza with information for students and faculty on how to live a healthy life, said Rojman York-Dominquez, director of health education.

The booths will feature different activities focusing on the seven realms of personal wellness - social, physical, emotional, career, intellectual, environmental and spiritual.

Rec Sports will have instructors demonstrating how to swing dance and kick box from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Peer Health Education Sexual Health Team will have a booth called Fishing for Safer Sex. Students will have the opportunity to get a free test for panic disorders, anxiety disorders, and phobias.

High-Wire: Mickey Wilcox (wearing dark helmet) and Drew Hanson install I beams at the construction site of the College of Engineering's new Advanced Technology Lab. Last week, crews used a new technique to place walls on the structure.

Poly tries 'tilt-up' technique
Approach lets workers raise walls faster than before
By Bryce Alderton
Mustang Daily
For the first time ever at Cal Poly, construction crews are using a faster, more cost-effective building technique on the Advanced Technology Lab.

The technique is called tilt-up concrete construction. Concrete walls are poured flat on a floor slab, the slabs are left to cure for a minimum of seven days and then lifted up to form the walls of the structure.

The last of the walls was poured April 9. Crews will lift the walls last week. The process is running on schedule, according to project manager Katherine Dunklau.

"An advantage of tilt-up is that the process is very quick. The project coincides with its Aug. 10 deadline," Dunklau said. "Labor costs are reduced, because the concrete walls are poured flat on a floor slab, so workers don't have to do scaffolding."

Architecture and environmental design students are being introduced to tilt-up.

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Health Center offers free anxiety screening
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ASI weighs changes to credit/no credit policy
By Cathy Lee
Mustang Daily

The Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors is proposing a new resolution to resolve what they see as complicated. He said the computer system cannot tell the difference between students taking a course for CRNC within their major and students taking another major's course as an elective.

"It is a difficult system to set up because it relies on the list from individual majors telling the records office which courses students can take CRNC. Students are allowed to take four units CRNC for their major or support course depending on their major. Once a major does not allow a course to be taken for CRNC, then no one can take that course for CRNC, regardless if a student is taking another major's course as an elective," Conn said.

The Board changed its resolution because it wanted to implement the current policy as it stands, allowing students to take 16 units for CRNC depending on their major. Nicholas Dwork, an ASI board member, said it is not just about being physically fit. We hope Wellness Day becomes an annual event and we hope to see a lot of students out there."

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Students can spin the Wellness Wheel of Fortune for prizes, or get a fortune cookie with a message relating to each of the seven realms of personal wellness.

Also, students can try on the Beer Goggles intoxication simulator, presented by Peer Health Education's Alcohol and Other Drugs Team. "Students can wear the goggles, which simulate being under the influence after having three to four alcoholic beverages. It shows how difficult it is to have hand-eye coordination," York-Domínguez said.

Raj Kapur, a certified personal trainer and motivational speaker, will talk to students and faculty members on an individual basis about strategies for exercise, nutrition and motivation.

At the Craft Center booth, students can make candles for free. Other booths will have representatives from Planned Parenthood, Chumash Challenge, Stressbusters and Nutritional Stealth Food Sampler.

York-Domínguez said wellness is a process of becoming aware and making conscious choices toward a more balanced and healthy lifestyle. "Basically each of the seven realms must be in balance for a person to live a healthy life. Ottentimes, we focus on two or three of the realms and forget about the others. They focus on the social, physical, intellectual and emotional realms," York-Domínguez said.

She said the social realm for college students is not just about partying. "Social realm focuses on encouraging independence, cooperation with others and harmony within yourself," York-Domínguez said.

The physical realm supports regular physical activity that produces cardiovascular endurance, strength and flexibility. Good nutrition, abstaining from the use of tobacco and drugs, and no excessive alcohol consumption also play a part in the physical realm.

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A group of students sits inspecting and tasting campus food for quality control. So they are not just paranoid eaters. They are the group known as the Student Dining Committee and they have been meeting all year.

This group meets twice monthly at one of the campus dining facilities. They bring with them concerns and ideas regarding dining facilities and foods. This group is the link between Campus Dining and the students it serves. Through all their work and meetings these students help assure quality and good taste in the food that is served on campus.

Among the responsibilities of the members is to assist in planning and evaluating special events. This includes generating ideas, enthusiasm, and participation in such events as monitory breakers and special dinners. They also taste-test new products before they reach the shelves.

Another duty of the students involved in this committee is serving as a secret shopper. As secret shoppers, students venture into an assigned dining location on campus and quietly take note and evaluate the food and service offered. These notes are scrutinized by the committee and Campus Dining.

The group helps inform students of developments within Campus Dining. It also gives the Foundation a better grasp on student concerns regarding Campus Dining.

This quarter the committee is fully staffed this quarter, however, if you think you'd like to serve on the committee next year, email Culinary at calpoly.edu. Membership is open to both students living on-campus and those living off-campus. The only requirement for membership is interest in the food served on campus. As for this quarter, The Student Dining Committee is already watching out for campus goers' tastebuds.
MEChA celebrates Cinco de Mayo at Santa Rosa Park

By Cindy Carcano

Green, red and white streamers and the smell of traditional Mexican food greeted those who attended the Cinco de Mayo celebration Sunday.

The Movimiento Estudiantil Chicoan de Aztlán (MEChA) held various events at Santa Rosa Park in an effort to draw light on Mexican culture and tradition.

The first event of the day was Artec dancing. This group presented traditional dances from Mexico that date back to before the Spanish conquest. "Every dance represents how we appreciate mother earth," said dancer Dayana Velaquez.

Soul science senior Dave Stimson was one of many in the audience who enjoyed the Artec dancing. "I think it's great," Stimson said. "I had never seen Artec dancing. It's very interesting."

Ramón Sanchez, a member of MEChA, said the dance shows the community a little bit of Mexican ancestry. "I think it is really good how this dance group keeps the culture going and doesn't let it die out," Sanchez said. "This exposes people to how beautiful our culture is."

Glories Velaquez and the Poetic Duo also performed a variety of music such as Spanish rock and original poetic music.

Justin Martin, the harmonica player of the group, said he is happy to be able to perform and believes the event is necessary for the community. "I think that it brings historical value to this culture," said Martin, a liberal studies senior. "Without events like this, people could forget. This makes people aware of what this day is about."

An impromptu speech was given by one of the members from MECHA to the audience on the importance of Cinco de Mayo for the Mexican and Mexican-American population.

May 5, 1862 marks the victory of the oppressed out-numbered indigenous people who defeated the French army in the "Batalla de Puebla" (the battle of Puebla). Throughout the festivities people helped themselves to free Mexican food.

Near the end of the celebration, there was a piñata for the children while a mariachi band Mariachi Jalisciense played. While children broke the piñata, adults danced and sang along to mariachi music.

Co-coordinator Enrique Romo said he wishes there would have been more funding for the event, but that overall he was happy with the outcome. "I'm happy that families came out this year and got involved and participated in events," said Romo, a mechanical engineering senior.

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member, said, "If ASI addressed CR/NC's concern at the start of this year, Academic Senate could have done three things. First, the Senate could have not addressed the issue, waited until the end of the year and the policy would have died. Second, it could have addressed it and not done anything about it. Last, they could have addressed it and taken away CR/NC's concern," he said.

Dowk said ASI was fearful of the three options. He said it looked at the issues that involved around CR/NC that could have an immediate impact on the students.

"What resulted was implementa­ tion," Dowk said. "The policy the Senate created is not what it imple­ mented. Although students are allowed to take 16 units of courses for CR/NC, they only get four units, because an elective course they want to take could be an elective course for another major and the computer is not allowing them to register for that course CR/NC." Dowk said, "I believe it will be difficult to resolve the problem with CAPTURE."

"Basically the records office would have to look at each student separately, and we cannot do that," Dowk said. "It would cost too much money and the records office would have to hire another staff member to handle the workload." Dowk said the records office has already spent thousands of dollars to set up the system and make it work. "If the university gave the records office unlimited amount of funds, they could probably solve the problem but there would be no money left to offer courses at the university," Dowk joked.

"We are talking about real money spent on real resources," Dowk said. "It is a trade off. How much money does the university want to give the records office to implement this into the computer system and how much they want to spend on providing the students a better undergraduate education?"

Dowk said the records office is try­ ing to make the policy real and is cur­ rently still fixing problems with CR/NC and CAPTURE. "The policy exists. The records office is trying to implement it," Dowk said.

According to resolution, ASI wants the policy to be implemented in time for fall registration, which begins July.

"We are working prior to the dead­ line for fall registration and trying to implement the policy into CAPTURE. If there is any significant program­ ming we must do, we have to do it right away, otherwise it will not happen," Dowk said.

Dowk said next year ASI will look at the restriction issue again. ASI has come up with a proposal to explain to the Senate who it should take away the current restrictions with CR/NC.

"ASI will try to explain in its view to the Senate and compromise with them," Dowk said. "We have a few changes we need to make in the articu­ lation agreement. Hopefully next year's board will have the same views as we did and pass the resolution."
I'm (not) with stupid, in fact I'm against it

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techologies believe stupid was first imported by ancient Samurians, who used it as a cooking ingredient and martial aid. Shipments were sent to the Midwest distributors of stupid. Many descriptions of them, however, contain the phrase "extremely intelligent." Ha! Most of the intelligent people I know try to keep their confirmed kill numbers to a minimum.

Let's recap. You can be smart and wipe out the sophomore class! Kicking a bunch of people is stupid. The problem is that people hide behind labels of intelligence in order to commit stupid acts. People think they can get away with acting stupid as long as they have been deemed intelligent by a test or final success in academics. Intelligence is usually nothing more than an excuse.

Even if you can describe intelligence to any degree, what good is the description? It will only give a rough approximation of the level at which you should be performing. The question should not be whether or not somebody is intelligent, but whether they act intelligently. Stupid used to offend my sensibilities. When it impinges on my safety, it is time for me to get involved.

Stupid is running rampant in the world, and I am taking it upon myself to stamp it out. I am hereby instituting the System of Brent. From now on, there will be two levels of intelligence: not stupid and stupid. I will be personally determining all stupidities. Complaints or questions about its integrity or efficacy will be ignored. Here is how it works: If you do something stupid, you are stupid. There will be no committees or investigations. I decide.

Hey, Brent, what makes you think you have the authority to determine stupidity?

People love knowing how smart they are, but the tests through which intelligence is gauged were not the product of divine inspiration or infallible thought. Somebody with as many flaws as everyone else determined a set of criteria that he thought described brainpower. My arbitrary system is just as good as anyone else's.

Stupidity will carry heavy repercussions. Maybe your library card will be rescinded. Maybe you'll get a swift kick in the groin. Severity of punishments will be determined by the stupidity of an act. Repeated violations will result in pain.

But Brent, I thought you were stupid.

A valid point, and I admit I've heard the rumors. Fortunately, test scores have proven otherwise.

Brent Marcus is a journalism senior.

In my opinion, which is based on my four plus years at Cal Poly, and several interactions with the vice president of student affairs, Juan Gonzalez optimizes the qualities a university official should have. But his actions in regards to recent university official should have. But my four plus years at Cal Poly, and praise and warmest thanks.

Alan Dunton is a journalism graduate.

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Patriots say they plan to stay in Massachusetts

BOSTON (AP) — With a $70 million plan coalescing in the Statehouse to help the New England Patriots make infrastructure improvements at Foxboro Stadium, the team plans to stay in Massachusetts.

A team spokesman also quashed rumors that owner Robert Kraft planned to sell the team.

"I have said flatly that the Pats are not for sale," Stacey James said Monday. "We plan on staying in Massachusetts for a long time."

The team has not confirmed that it will stay in Foxboro, although there doesn't appear to be any other viable alternatives in the Bay State.

"We will refuse to comment on what possibilities there are," James said.

There had been talk in recent weeks that Mayor Thomas Menino was open to the possible construction of a stadium off the Southeast Expressway. But Menino said Monday that a Boston stadium plan probably would not come to fruition.

"I always knew that Foxboro was the best site for them," Menino said.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Brian Moehler isn't even bothered to appeal his automatic 10-day suspension for scuffing the ball.

The Detroit Tigers pitcher was notified of the penalty by AL president Gene Budig on Monday, two days after Moehler was ejected from a game against Tampa Bay by umpire Larry Barnett, who said the right-hander doctored baseballs with sandpaper.

Moehler, 27, said it wasn't sandpaper, merely dirt, but said he didn't protest his ejection during a 4-3 loss because it's not his nature to "argue until I'm blue in the face."

"True to his nature, he notified the players' association not to appeal Budig's decision," Barnett, the plate umpire, said he found a small piece of sandpaper attached to the pitcher's left thumb after the game.

Moehler yielded three runs on four hits in the first two innings, then allowed just one hit during a four-inning stretch. Tampa Bay players said the velocity and movement of Moehler's pitches changed dramatically.

"I don't derive any satisfaction out of getting somebody thrown out of the game," Devil Rays manager Larry Rothschild said Sunday. "But I'm going to stand up for what these players need, and that's a level playing field."

Detroit manager Larry Parrish countered that scuffing is part of baseball, characterizing Tampa Bay's complaints — as well as the decision to ask Barnett to check Moehler — as "boodling."

"There's not a pitching staff in baseball that doesn't have a guy who defaces the ball. If the umpires want to check things like that, I think half to three-quarters of the league would be suspended, including some Tampa Bay Devil Rays," Parrish said.

Woodstock's Pizza it's out of this world!
TRACK SETS UP COUNSELING SESSIONS, OPENS TRUST FUND, EYES HIGHER ENDEAVORS

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — The track where three fans were killed by flying debris is offering counseling sessions, and has set up a trust fund for the victims.

Eight other fans were injured Saturday afternoon when a piece of debris from a three-car wreck at more than 200 mph struck an Indy Racing League event and hit the grandstand.

Loew's Motor Speedway officials also said Monday that they probably would increase the height of the safety fences surrounding the 1/2-mile superspeedway in response to the crash during the VisionABC 500.

Prior to Saturday night, no specta­ tors had died at the track, which opened in 1960.

"Based on everything that's hap­ pened in our 45-year history, this is certainly an isolated event, but we need to keep it that way," track

spokesman Jerry Gappens said Monday. "The fans need reassur­ ance that we're going to keep work­ ing to make it a safe place for them, and we're very committed to doing that." The speedway scheduled three counseling sessions Tuesday at a clinic in nearby Charlotte to help spectators cope with their grief. The track is paying for the sessions, and depending on the response, officials said more sessions could be arranged.

The speedway also established a trust fund designed to help the families of those who were injured and killed. The fund will be adminis­ tered by First Unit, which will appoint a board of trustees to dis­tribute the funds as the members see fit. The track will not be repre­ sented on the board.

Early indications were that the trust fund will be a popular way for people to express their support for the victims. The speedway can­ celed the race shortly after the crash and delayed to refund the total cost of the tickets.

But within minutes spectators began leaving telephone messages at the track office offering to target their refunds for a trust fund.

When the speedway responded for business Monday morning, it was more of the same. By the time the day was ended, track offici­ als said about 80 percent of the people who called about refunds wanted to know how they could earmark that money for the victims.

The track also got calls from peo­ ple who didn't attend the race but wanted to make donations to a trust.

Tickets for the race, which drew almost $20,000, cost $15, $30 and $45.

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