Star Wars stakeout

By Cathy Lee
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly students and San Luis Obispo community members can eat different ethnic foods while watching step dancing performances from Alpha Phi Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma at Saturday’s Culture Fest.

The third annual Culture Fest, “Closing the Culture Gap through Diversity,” is sponsored by Associated Students Inc. It is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Dexter Lawn.

“This is a day to respect and learn about different cultures and to interact with different clubs on campus that do not have a chance to participate together,” Veronica Estrada, co-director of Culture Fest, said.

Twenty-two cultural and ethnic clubs will participate in the event with information for students and community members. Besides enriching others with awareness the clubs will also sell food, T-shirts and crafts.

There will be performances from Minna No Amine, Indian Students Association (ISA), Filipino Cultural Exchange (PCE), Imagin’ Y Esperito and Chinese Student Association (CSA). Movimentos’ Estudiantil Chicano de Azahar (MECHA) will provide a guest speaker. Music will be provided by Southern Californian 92.1 FM, Dy BEAT and feature master of ceremonies from the Central Coast’s 99.7 KISS FM.

Rose Fafiu, ASI director for multicultural relations and Culture Fest co-director, said the goal of Culture Fest is to educate Cal Poly and the community about different cultures.

“Students and community members should expect to be entertained, eat great food and see what Cal Poly has to offer,” she said. “We should recognize different cultural heritages, not just Asian, Chicano and African-American.”

Culture Fest was created by the ASI Ethnic and Cultural Relations Committee in 1997. Fafiu said its purpose was to bring together cultures and celebrate their diversities.

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Poly plans for satellite in canyon

By Bryce Alderton
Mustang Daily

A state-of-the-art measuring device is to sprout in Poly Canyon, and it’s costing Cal Poly nothing. A Global Positioning Satellite receiver will be built this summer which will measure ground movement of less than one-quarter inch and help in campus mapping. The United States Geological Survey is funding the entire project.

Scientists will be able to see how quickly faults are moving, measure how much the ground has moved and hopefully predict the likelihood of future earthquakes.

Operations Manager for the Southern California Integrated GPS Network John Galietka said the GPS receiver will further education on the earth’s movement.

“We want to understand how faults rupture and how they release strain to gain a better understanding of the earthquake process,” he said.

Galietka is impressed with the project.

“This network will be the most advanced of its kind at the cutting edge of science,” Galietka said. “The crust is slowly creeping and we want to be able to measure this.”

The five-legged steel device is 7 feet high and has an antenna on top that transmits signals to a main satellite orbiting the earth. The legs are stainless steel pipes mea-

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Biology students explore Poly's delicate species

Native habitats coexist on Poly's 6,051-acre campus

By Joellen Smith
Mustang Daily

It sounds like every outdoor lover's dream— to explore nature's beauty as part of a senior project.

About 25 biology students will be doing just that.

Roaming over Cal Poly's hills and through its wetlands, these students will take an inventory of every single species of plant and animal life found on campus, said V.L. Holland, biology department chair.

"We are going to map the plant communities and wildlife habitats," Holland said. "We are also going to identify sensitive species and map where they occur."

The students' exploration of the campus may find even more rare plant and animal species than are already known. At least a dozen sensitive plant and animal species can be found on campus, Holland estimated.

"These are species that might be listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Game and California Native Plants Society," Holland said.

The western pond turtle, classified as a California Species of Special Concern, resides in the on-campus Shepard Reservoir. Other sensitive species in this area include the steelhead trout and the red-legged frog.

The biology department also suspects other sensitive species, such as the California legless lizard, Pallid bat and sharp-shinned hawk, use the campus grasslands for hunting and foraging.

"Our campus is very unique in that we have a lot of native habitats right on the campus that students can use for study," Holland said.

The environmental inventory begins at full force next year, but the planning for the three-to-five-year study has already begun. The students who will be participating in this inventory is still to be decided.

Biology students frequently use on-campus sites, like Poly Canyon, Strenter Canyon, Shepard Reservoir and Smith Reservoir as outdoor study areas.

Holland said he expects students to be most interested in the wildlife on campus.

One biology student, however, said plants can be equally fascinating.

"If you have a deeper understanding of (nature), you can really appreciate what bushes offer as far as a habitat," said Erik Frenzel, an ecological and systematic biology sophomore.

"There are sections of Bridle Creek that flow through the campus and have been highly disturbed in the past," Holland said.

To repair this damage, some structural changes near the creek may eventually be relocated and replaced with native vegetation.

Holland said he hopes the environmental inventory becomes an ongoing part of Cal Poly.

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That study determined that no sensitive or rare plants grew near that area, he said.

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SPLENDOR IN THE CLASS: Professor Steve Marx' classes often meet in Poly Canyon, amidst many of the native plant and animal species that can be found on the Cal Poly campus.

courtesy photo

Inventories may help planners direct campus construction projects

By Joellen Smith
Mustang Daily

A delicate balance exists between Cal Poly's future expansion and the natural habitats that lie in the outskirts of the university.

According to V.L. Holland, biology department chair, a full-scale environmental inventory of Cal Poly could affect future construction at the university.

"If there is a rare or sensitive habitat or species that occurs within the impact zone, then we will first of all work toward moving the (construction) so the area is not impacted," Holland said.

The second option is to transplant the sensitive species to a location similar to the one in which it was living.

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Another concern was that the outdoor laboratories these reserves offer to students would be at risk.

Work will be done to restore what will be lost as a result of the Sports Complex, Holland said.

"The campus needs to take advantage of these native habitats and protect them and make sure they are not impacted by the future growth of the university," Holland said.

Marx agreed with Holland's view.

"The university has made a very strong verbal commitment to try to bring Cal Poly forward and actually become a green university," Marx said.

Marx caused quite a stir in 1996 when he stepped in front of a moving bulldozer that was advancing toward 300-year old oak trees in Strenter Canyon. The construction was for the California Department of Water Resources' state pipeline.

"As I found out more information, I was horrified by the plans of the state water project to run its pipeline through there," Marx said.

President Warren Baker negotiated with the department to work around a stand of oak trees instead of bulldozing them.

"(The pipeline) really has not done much environmental damage," Marx said. "So that had a happy ending."
Go ahead and smile: it connects people

Community event seeks to break down barriers between people by sharing smiles

By April Charlton

The Healthy Communities Project and the Safe and Drug Free Schools Program want you to give and get as many smiles as you can on Friday.

The second annual Give a Smile, Get a Smile Day is designed to give community members an everyday way to help people feel more connected with their community.

The goal of the project is to use giving and getting smiles as the first step in the development of a respectful, courteous and helpful society. The concept is simple: Give as many smiles as you can, and people will feel a greater sense of connection to the community in which they live.

Smiles show that a "perception of connectedness" breaks down isolation barriers between people by sharing smiles with others, according to a statement released from the San Luis Obispo Healthy Communities Project.

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Our differences are what make us all beautiful

If you mix a drop of yellow and blue paint you get the color green. Behind every drop of paint is a simple lesson of harmony. When the color meet they engal

ach other as one. The brightness and sharpness of yellow mixing with the boldness of blue, produces nature's color of green.

Take a rainbow with its red, violet, blue and green. The colors all melt together, with blends of color mixing with the boldness of blue, with hues of nature's color

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They always have this look on their face as if they are angry at the world.

How about professors who seem like they're stressing

out. Maybe they have a family at home, and really
can't hang out with their family because they have to grade a stack of exams and get them back to you on

Tuesday morning.

If you can imagine going through this world by yourself, you couldn't handle it. Everybody needs somebody, and you just might be that somebody that someone is looking to lean on.

We all are trying to hold on, just trying to survive.

Dennis Johnson is a journalism senior.

There is no connection between fliers and Krebs Editor:

Important concerns, like ones in a letter to the editor from Cassandra Jones ("Poker issue is degrading", under "GERU posters cause concern with many students," May 11) come to me to muster up the courage to speak up. Jones said she is "amazed, if not appalled," by the Class, Lesbians, and Bisexuals United Group's recent advertisement to make individuals at Cal Poly "aware of even more sexual activity" after Rex Krebs' recent changes.

But Jones, before you accuse the members of the GERU club for having an impaired conscience, why don't you take a look at the poster once again (if you can still find one) and see if there is any parallel between Kreb's evil doings and the activity of the two women in the flier.

I was under the impression that the sexual activity portrayed in the flier is one springing from the two women's love and affection for one another and not about rape or violence. The flier may have suggested sex and lust, but once again, it did not hurt rape or abuse pressure by not stretching of imagination.

Basically, I am having a difficult time seeing the relevance you saw between Rex Krebs' crimes and the flier, because there, definitely was no love or affection involved in the rape and murders of Audrina Crawford and Rachel Newhouse.

Having met Crawford and her family, I am greatly affected by what we have learned (I am equal sympathy goes out to Newhouse as well, of course). Not a day has passed since Crawford's abduction where I haven't thought about her and the incident. But I must tell you that neither the poster nor the recent controversy that has men over it have been the cause or the catalyst for my remembering her. I would have never put the two completely different issues together had it not been for your introduction of the idea via your opinion article.

I am not so sure to speak too much to you, especially when your argument has very little support to warrant it. When you now judge others on others and start making assumptions, as you have done, keep in mind that you are subject to that exact kind of judgment, and will be measured by the very measurement you have provided. Your comment about the members of GERU for having a "dead conscience" was as understated and uncalculated as my thinking and calling you an undercurrent homophobic.

In closing, I have one favor to ask of you:

Please refrain from justifying your personal disgust toward the homosexual flier in the homes of slam victims of rape and violence, (which are synonymous to the words love and sex), like Crawford and Newhouse.

Leila Aguilar is an animal science senior.

There are more than two choices at our voting booths Editor:

The May 8th column about the "Losers of two evils" myth of the American electoral process unfortunately perpetuated several faulty beliefs republicans, party loyals, love to push on impressionable voters in an attempt to squelch alternative viewpoints.

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Insults are unnecessary

Editor:

Every day I enjoy reading the opinion section of the Mustang Daily, but once in a while I read something that really disappoints me — people who personally attack those who don't share their views. Disagreement with someone's opinion is one thing, but insulting them personally is uncalled for and a bit immature.

If you really have something to say, your argument should stand on its own and not have to rely on personal insults. Comparing Andrea Parker to the Taliban, and calling Joe Nicholson ugly are two particularly amusing examples that have happened recently. Some comments are so blatantly rude and pointless I'm surprised they aren't printed.

If you disagree with someone, write in and explain your view, but please don't insult them, put words in their mouths, make generalizations about them or take them out of context. We should be able to share our opinions without attacking each other.

Joe Demers is an architectural engineering freshman.

Women are old enough to dress themselves

Editor:

In response to the opinion written on May 5 about pleading to women to watch what they dress, I say: "Uh-uh!" Ladies (since that is how they are referred to, I am sure that is what you want to ignore that plea to watch what you wear. And why? Because you are plenty old enough to dress yourselves.

We are in college, folks. This is the time in our lives to find ourselves, to make our own decisions. Mommy doesn't dress us anymore (thank goodness). I would expect women to know which guys are the hot ones. Deciders: They stay away from, all while aren't. If a guy wants to judge your breasts or not talk to you, why do you need to talk to him?

I think women know exactly what they are doing when they get dressed in the morning. I cannot believe some of the clothes women wear are comfortable or even worn "hidden in" with their surroundings. I imagine women dress the way they do for two reasons. The first is that it's what's in, and second, women want to get noticed. I may be wrong about this because I am not a woman, but I don't see any reason to be revealing but get attention.

Dress how you want, "girls." I am sure you will turn some heads. You will probably tease the mind of some mad-mans. I have recently found out what beauty means to some women (specifically my girlfriend), and I have realized that some women want a specific reaction from guys. And a little advice for all girls: If you have a habit, listen to her. When she tells you what she wants and needs, give it to her — she's not kidding.

Justin Rumarres is a civil engineering sophomore.

The revealing clothes are only used to get attention

Editor:

I couldn't believe the article that Andrea Parker wrote in the May 5 edition of the Mustang Daily, "Ladies, help the men by covering up." Personally, I don't believe women on campus come to campus to get attention from the guys. Only because her guy friends have a hard time talking to girls that wear sundresses doesn't mean that all guys feel this way.

Women don't wear "high shorts and low cut tops" to get the attention of the guys, but I think they wear them because the weather is warm and they do want to feel cool. You don't expect them to wear turtlenecks, or do you? I don't believe women are going to stop wearing summer clothes only because some guys don't know how to control themselves. We are not in the era where women have to dress from head to toe all year around.

If you don't feel comfortable wearing sundresses, don't wear them. If you don't like it when women dress appropriately for the sunny weather, that's your problem, not the women's.

Jeanet Garcia is a liberal studies freshman.

Less skin and more soul

Editor:

I am writing in response to Carlos Aguila's article titled "Don't make the ladies over up" published on Friday, May 7th. I completely agreed with Andrea Parker, and I, unlike Aguila, will not resort to insulting those who oppose my view.

Aguia stated that ladies should help "real men" by not covering up at all. "Studia look forward to this season... to see the world's greatest creature (woman)....dressed or naked."

First of all, don't think all men have such aspirations for the spring season. Granted, I am attracted to women in the next man is, but I have much more respect for a woman who can "cover more of her body and reveal more of her soul," in the words of Parker. Aguila's generalization about males is undisputed, and simply untrue.

A women's lack of clothing is indeed distracting for guys. It creates a physical sex-object, in the mind of a guy, and distorts the truth (of a living, breathing human being with needs, thoughts, ideas, and emotions) that lies behind the female epidermis. Physical appearance is extremely insignificant in the scheme of things, and there is no need to emphasize it. And if the definition of "real," "mature" man is one who can comfortably talk with any nude woman just as easily as one with clothes, then there are few such men in the world. If one, am not one of them, and I know I am not alone. By dressing less, women are not "helping" us, rather, they are making it more difficult for us to relate with and feel comfortable with them.

I am not writing to enforce a dress code, but to suggest that if we want men to get to know us and care for them as real people, dressing modestly would help it. On the other hand, they want girls to remember them most for their physical appearance, wearing revealing attire would accomplish exactly that. I prefer the former, and imagine that most women do, too.

Christopher Brannan is a computer science junior.

Cal Poly is closed-minded

Editor:

It has become painfully obvious the issue regarding the gay, lesbian, bisexual and Transsexual posters is not that they are pornographic, but that it pictures two nude lesbians together in a very provocative position.

When I first saw the posters, I couldn't help but think how lovely they were, such open and free love captured in a photograph. (I commend the artist.) How could it be considered anything but beautiful?

Somehow, though, my thoughts were disturbed, because I realized the reaction of the students of Cal Poly would be anything but supportive. Living in this city has definitely opened my eyes to how closed-minded people can actually be. I am proud to say that I came from Los Angeles, where I frequent places where guys don't have to hide where they are. People just see them for what they are, a fellow human being. It is difficult for me to understand why anyone could have such hatred or dislike for someone based on something that is so relatively minor.

Being gay isn't morally wrong. If we were, it would have the power to decide if we wanted to be gay or straight. Let's face it, no one would choose to be gay, because it would make their lives so much more difficult. It's simply the way the cards have been dealt.

It was truly a sad moment for me when I realized it was a mistake for GLU to put up the posters, not because it is portraying something that is wrong, because it doesn't. Because it cause the majority of the students so much, due to their ignorance, that the only result was a negative one. Someday, I hope people and organizations that seem so determined to preserve this ignorance will fade away, and the conservative Christians will finally realize they are hypocrites, because they are ignoring the very principle that Jesus taught to love, and embrace everyone. After all, "What would Jesus do?"

I look forward to a time when guys and lesbians can walk hand-in-hand and not have to worry about being assaulted, verbally or physically, or about people making assumptions about them before they have even met, a time when people will be free to love others openly.

Kelly Ramin is a biology sophomore.

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The antenna measures 15 inches in diameter and is 4 inches high. The antenna is encased in a white cover that is 15 inches high.

A signal bounces back and forth from the Polo Canyon back onto a satellite orbiting the earth. The satellite keeps track of the station's location and sends a signal to the device telling how much the device has moved. Data is compiled by a computer and is sent by radio waves to a station on the roof of Robert E. Kennedy Library. The information is then sent by modem to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena so that scientists can analyze the data.

The University has approved the project, and it is now in the evaluation process of finding an exact position.

"We have to make sure we anchor into a non-landslide area. The decision will be made within the next month and construction should begin early this summer," Galetzka said.

Cal Poly had the space and was willing to participate in a project that is gaining popularity in Southern California.

The Southern California Integrated GPS Network is partners with the USGS, JPL, and the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. By this time next year, the network hopes to have 250 stations throughout Southern California.

Cal Poly's station is the northernmost point for measuring the San Andreas fault that runs through most of California. The San Andreas fault is called a conservative plate boundary. That means that the plates slide past each other with no plate material being created or destroyed.

Earthquakes are caused by the accumulation and release of strain as two plates slide past each other. San Luis Obispo doesn't sit directly on a major fault zone but there are smaller fault zones in the area such as the Los Osos and Hoyt fault zones and the Rincónada faults.

"We're not concentrating on one area but rather tens of miles around the station. We want to identify any new faults and just study how the ground works," Galetzka said.

Stations have been set up in elementary schools, maintenance facilities, parks, mountaintops and universities such as the University of California, Los Angeles and California State University, Northridge.

Students can use the information in an earth science project or as evidence for a project they are working on in the area. The data can be used for almost anything one's mind imagines according to Galetzka.

"Students will have access to data on the Internet when it becomes available. One could measure global warming by measuring the time it takes for more through the atmosphere. Since the signals are affected by water vapor," Galetzka said. "You could track an animal's whereabouts; it's all left up to you imagination."

Cal Poly will be able to use utility maps for work completed from the Utlidat project. Researchers will have access to databases to check up on traffic signs posted on campus and monitor if they are still in place.

Researchers will also be able to locate a water line knowing the precise location of a valve.

"We want to be able to keep track of what's there and maintain a computer base with the information. We can also use the information collected at the station to check inventory of the Cal Poly Master Plan projects," Ed Johnson, energy and utilities manager for Facilities Planning, said the project helps the university in two ways.

"There is a good marriage forming between the USGS and the campus. The USGS wants a secure place to put this thing. The university and the USGS are using the same information for their own purposes," he said.

Stalker killed in gunfire exchange with woman, Florida police say

HEATHROW, Fla. (AP) — A greenskeeper who stalked a woman for months was shot and killed by the woman after he entered her home with a handgun and rope. 

Donald C. Gruen, 58, was repeatedly called Elizabeth McNuder, spying on her with binoculars and skulking behind bushes as she golfed.

On Monday, he entered her home in an upscale gated community. Cook pulled a .25-caliber handgun from his waist and aimed it at McNuder's husband.

McNuder, 50, ran to a linen closet and got a gun. When Cook burst through the door, McNuder fired her .38-caliber revolver once at close range and hit him in the chest, authorities said.

Cook fired back five times, hitting McNuder in the abdomen and groin.

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The Sacramento Kings’ Monday win puts critics’ foot in his mouth

Chris Arns

The other day, I had this really strange dream. The Sacramento Kings were in the playoffs, up against the most experienced and handpicked team in the league, the Utah Jazz. That was weird enough, but then the Kings actually won, practically bullying Karl Malone and John Stockton in the process.

So I woke up and laughed, thinking I must have eaten too much chicken at the Lighthouse to make me have a dream like that. Then I found out it wasn’t a dream, but probably true.

On Monday, the Kings rebounded from the worst playoff loss in the history of the franchise, a long and winding road through decades of postseason play that included 119 games and a league title in the fifties. The last time the team had won a playoff series was in 1987, about the time I still had to be pushed around in a stroller.

After years of frustration, several coaching changes and a revolving door of players, the Kings finally have a decent team this year. Chris Webber was a nice surprise, containing his boorish impulses while immuring into a team leader. At the same time, veterans Vlade Divac and Ron Mercer provided much needed wisdom and experience for a team that had lost almost all its main stars over a period of two years. Mitch Richmond, Billy Owens and Brian Grant took off for greener pastures, either as free agents or traded away for younger prospects.

However, two words can sum up all the attention given to Sacramento this year: Jason Williams.

Besides his fancy dribbling skills and awesome passing, Williams showed he could score as well. For the first few months of the season, the point guard averaged close to 22 points a game. But when the Kings drew the Jazz for the first round of the playoffs, I bet my money on three Howlett and good for theSac Town boys. I sat back and decided to laugh at the impending disaster that seemed inevitable. So the Kings had to go win and make me look stupid.

Webber scored 20 points while hobbling along with back spasms, Williams and Divac added 16 points each on the way to an 11-point victory over the Jazz. In the process, the Kings took some home court advantage from the Jazz, enabling a possible series win in Sacramento.

But I took comfort in the fact that it wasn’t the only one who ended up looking foolish. A note to Stockton and Malone, their telephone calls were a wonder, how long will they lose to the Kings. So, if you see some guy walking around on campus with his foot in his mouth, it’s probably me.

Chris Arns, who hopes Sacramento will let him come back and finish this summer, can be reached at Chrisarns@polymail.ca.poly.edu