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Speaker unveils truth about Muslim women
By Ryan Miller
Mustang Daily

The Cal Poly Muslim Students Association hosted a talk Monday night to address the often misunderstood role of women in Islam.

"We heard really horrible things," said Meredith Rosters, a sophomore nutrition major who attended the meeting in Fisher Science North out of curiosity.

Rosters said she’s heard rumors and stories about Muslim wives being totally submissive to their husbands, but she wanted to hear the truth for herself.

"I’d like to open my eyes up," Rogers said.

Rasha Al-Disuqi, who holds a doctorate in Islamic studies, spoke for almost two hours on "Women’s Rights in Islam." Muslims, Jews and Christians were represented in the audience of about 20 men and women.

"We are trying to educate this community about Islam," said Sahdi Wasti, an electrical engineering senior and president of MSA. "It’s unfortunate that, as America, we rely on the media."

MSA members feel the need to get the truth out to a country in which the term "Muslim" is often paired with "terrorist."

"The impression of Muslims in the media is very blared," said Al-Disuqi, who has lectured in Russia and Istanbul. The news tends to focus on political Islam, which is not necessarily the moderate view, Al-Disuqi said.

"With such a focus on media, Al-Disuqi barely touched on Milosevic and the current situation in Kosovo. Instead, she outlined the beliefs of Islam and explained the religion's role historically and geographically.

"If you talk about Muslim women, you have to place them somewhere," said Al-Disuqi, a San Luis Obispo resident of 20 years.

College of Ag aims to make students safer
By April Charlton
Mustang Daily

The College of Agriculture has started an endowment fund in the memory of Rachel Newhouse, addressing the needs of students and staff who work and live in the college's facilities.

The Rachel Newhouse Safety Fund was established after Joseph Jern, dean of the College of Agriculture, participated in a memorial service for Newhouse, a nutrition junior, earlier this month.

"I realized (at the memorial) we didn’t have safety guidelines in our college," he said. "The College of Agriculture has safety needs beyond the needs of the university."

The College of Agriculture has more than 6,000 acres it uses for various types of production, along with "learn by doing" classes and programs that are taught on the acreage. The land also has housing units in which students and staff live.

Jern said he wants to see safety guidelines established for

Panels hope to spark broader interest in greeks
By F. Xavier Lanier II
Mustang Daily

The Panhellenic and Interfraternity councils hope to have a strong rush this fall by reaching out to new and returnering students.

The council wants to generate interest in the greek system as a whole, not just in individual houses.

"We’re working really hard to promote rush and what greek life is all about on this campus," said Devin Nelson, president of Panhellenic.

"We want to increase overall numbers and make the greek system more prevalent here."

Last fall, 172 women went through recruitment week. "We’re hoping 200 to 300 women will sign up this year," Panhellenic adviser Pat Harris said.

Panhellemic has already received several student registration forms for next fall’s recruitment week. Registration costs $25 and covers lunch and transportation for the week.

All new and returning women students will receive a registration form in the mail this summer. The forms are also available in the Women’s Center in the University Union.

Panhellenic and IFC are taking several steps to make themselves more visible on campus.

They have made "Go Greek"T-shirts for all fraternity and sorority members.

A rush guide booklet will be available next fall to provide students with an overview of the Cal Poly greek system. "Greek systems are unique on each campus," Nelson said. Panhellenic and IFC are also developing a presentation to explain different aspects of greek life. The first presentation was May 23 in the Sierra Madre Hall main lounge. The first presentation of next year will come before IFC’s rush week.

"We want to promote greek life and address stereotypes and misconceptions about it," said Ann Laws,
"Desire and passion are the most important qualities. I want people I can depend on all year."

— John Moffatt

Associated Student Inc. president-elect

Study: Pesticides still harming fish and wildlife, despite tougher laws

SACRAMENTO (AP) — More than two decades after DDT and other pesticides were banned, California wildlife is suffering serious effects from newer, more potent chemicals. Two pesticides in California, or 17 million pounds, are clearly implicated in being big killers of birds and aquatic organisms," she said. The study suggests the three pesticides should be banned and urges tighter regulations for an array of other chemicals. Organophosphates and carbamates comprise less than 10 percent of pesticide compounds used annually in California, or 17 million pounds out of 212 million pounds. But their impact on the environment is significant, said Monica Moore of the Pesticide Action Network, which participated in the study.
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Panhellenic vice president and recruitment chair Paul I'tavis, the IFC president.

Panhellenic Rho Chi members speak and answer questions at the presentations.

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Gun manufacturers sued by California cities

Los Angeles (AP) — A group of California cities and counties led by Los Angeles and San Francisco sued handgun makers Tuesday in an effort to force the weapons industry to dig into its own pockets to pay the social costs of gun proliferation.

"The residence halls have been very supportive by letting us use the lounge, audio-visual equipment and hanging flyers," IFC adviser Walt Lambert hopes students will attend the presentations to get a better idea of why they should join a fraternity or sorority.

"Joining is an excellent idea, especially for students who live off campus," Lambert said. "Freshmen should start to get to know houses very active," Davis said. "You'll have a great place to prepare them for rush next year."

Davis hopes students do not feel it's too late to join a fraternity or sorority.

"I pledged with a 26-year-old, and he's still invaluable experience." Compton, West Sacramento, Berkeley, San Mateo County and Alameda County joined Los Angeles and San Francisco in the twin Superior Court actions.

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Soar high, but don’t forget to help others along your journey

With the stench of seaweed in the air, a pack of seals basks on a cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean. At a moment’s notice, they bob up like small, furry rocks, then dive into the water. The weather was mild and crisp as the waves gently splashed against the rocks. Pelicans soared gracefully skimming the ocean, with an occasional plunge for fish.

As night struck, the moon brightly pierced through the dark clouds, and the ocean became animated. The waves splashed upon the rocks with the rushing surge of water echoing through the air. The pelicans stood still waiting, without moving, watching for the next wave. The wind blew their wings, as if they had been shaped by the elements to be as strong and as graceful as a dancer.

Restaurant in Pismo Beach, looking down at the swells

In the small town of Shell Beach, many of us will make a decision that will affect all of our lives. We will soon have families, children to nurture, and a job for financial stability.

We will experience times when the cool breeze soothes our souls. The waves will wash us clean as we soar and plunge to a successful catch. The water will appear like a glass sheet, creating ideal conditions for food.

Unpredictable winds will arise, and abruptly the waves beat upon the rocks. Strong winds will blow our spirits away, but soon we must spread our wings and fly.

After your first flight from the cliff, continue the course of learning by teaching the younger pelicans tips for survival. Teach the young pelicans how to become good fishermen. Tell them about the weather changes, and what to do when the storm comes. Let them know that just as the sunny days appear, dark and windy days will also come. Never forget about the young ones you once stood upon, and the pelicans that taught you the ins and outs of survival.

In nature I have explored many ideas that correlate with everyday life. Sometimes we can view things superficially, when deep down there is a significant meaning or idea that can comfort us.

“As you soar in the sky, younger pelicans watch and learn your every move.”

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Letters to the Editor:

Stop bitching and get over it

Editor: Upon coming to Cal Poly, I felt confused; it would transform me into a competent, qualified professional. This past week, however, has me concerned that this institution may turn me into a complete bitch. I am now confident this school is either a magnet for, or excel in producing, some of the world’s greatest whiners. While 99 percent of the student body consists of well-adjusted individuals, there are a growing number of students who turn this image by constantly whining in the editorial section of the Mustang Daily.

First of all, to all the people bitching about girls wearing fewer clothes in the spring, I think I speak for most people when I say, get over it! Women who are wearing less are not making us expect more. Don’t think I am the only one who can’t handle seeing a little skin is either finally meeting puberty or has some issues. My opinion leaves it, I am a huge fan.

Then there is the issue of the Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals United so-called pornography swap opera, involving the maintenance worker who decided to remove the club flyers. Give me a break. All clubs post flyers around campus, and just because one maintenance worker pulls down some, it is not an invitation to get bent out of shape.

Once again, get over it! I would hope all involved parties are adult enough to settle the situation amongst themselves before resorting to a public attack. Spare the students of Cal Poly from having to listen to whining about well-intentioned and junior who is only guilty of using his own judgment.

Finally, we have an editorial by Joe Demers who whined about how insults are unnecessary in the editorial, “Results are unnecessary,” May 12. That’s special Demers. I agree with you, but who cares! Don’t go so up in arms and get over it!

Some people must have been in the back of class eating the pasty when they went over the “snack and stones may break your bones; but words will never hurt me” lesson in preschool. If all of the whiners out there spent as much time on their classes in that class bitching we probably would be going to class with quite a few graduate.

I think it’s time to wake up and have a better chance to get off your chest. I would like to take this time to write you to the “I like to bitch” club meetings. We meet in the University Union once a month, led by hand in a circle, and that’s when the music begins. After everyone is done whining about a lot of dumb problems we spill a carpet of milk into the center of the circle and join each other in crying over it. Judging by our latest batch of prospective members, each meeting should only last about a week.

This concludes my trip on the bitching bandwagon. Thank you for the ride, and I assure you I will whine no more.

Mike Hunston is a mechanical engineer junior.

Poly’s name belongs to state

Editor: Recently, the California State University Trustees filed a lawsuit against Bell’s Sporting Goods, seeking an injunction preventing the illegal sale of goods containing the Cal Poly name. Despite declarations that the store has a long history of selling these goods, the actions are illegal. The lawsuit seeks to stop any monetary damages, only that Bell’s stop selling Cal Poly merchandise. The Trustees assert that the names of all campuses within the CSU system are state property, and every CSU campus has authority to grant licenses. (It is a common practice for public universities to license names, logos and images.) Bell’s has not purchased licensed Cal Poly goods, and in essence maintains the university’s name in fair game, profiting at the state’s expense. Students, who should be beneficiaries of licensing revenues, are deprived through misappropriation of these state assets.

For years, Cal Poly and the Cal Poly Foundation have attempted to informally resolve this issue. Since 1997, representatives of Cal Poly and Bell’s have exchanged more than 20 letters in an attempt to resolve the dispute. The Foundation submitted a proposal for alternative dispute resolution, but Bell’s did not accept this overture. Additionally, the Foundation previously offered to purchase the store’s outstanding Cal Poly inventory, but Bell’s also rejected this offer, instead demanding an increasing and unreasonable monetary payment.

The Trustees will continue to seek a resolution that benefits all concerned parties, but since this matter affects all CSU students, the Trustees are committed to fully pursuing this matter.

Christine Helwick is the general counsel for the California State University system.

Opinion

So easy, even a child can use it

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**Editor:**

I am writing in response to the article printed on May 19, "Cal Poly makes athletics too high a priority." In the letter, the author questions the rationale behind athletics at Cal Poly, while insulting all of the student-athletes who work hard to represent Cal Poly in a positive way across the nation.

Like the author, I too care about the value of my Cal Poly education. As one of the men's soccer team, I think intercollegiate athletics provide student-athletes with an invaluable opportunity to further the lessons taught in the classrooms at Cal Poly. Athletics teach students some of the best ways to "Learn by doing." Lessons like these increase the value of the university across the nation, becoming a national commodity.

Two new buildings are in a new phase of construction at Cal Poly while competing at universities at the Division III level. The move to Division I puts Cal Poly into competition with teams that have more than 25% athletic scholarships. Students Inc. fees (among others) are also to blame for this move. Why doesn't athletics deserve my money? I have made a "computer science fee" that average folks were forced to pay. Yeah, that would happen.

The self-importance here is sickening. As paying fees for the Division I move weren't enough, what about the Sports Complex? The softball team again argues, "the money used to build this complex is not taken away from any sort of educational monies,..." not one cent (t) from academic budgets. This followed by "$49 million (t) comes from educational programs via the Poly Plan." Do I really have to point out the students here?

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By Christine Janocko  
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The housing-committee will get a boost under next year’s proposed Associated Students, Inc. budget. A 25 percent increase in funding for the housing-committee has been proposed, meaning it will receive $76,415, up from last year’s ASI allocation of $52,500.

There are many reasons why the program’s funding has increased, said Bill Ashby, director of housing services for ASI.

"In a nutshell, they have a lot of plans for expanding the program next year," Ashby said.

College councils will also receive more money from ASI next year, though the increase isn’t extreme. Funding for each college council will go up between 1 and 5 percent under the proposed budget. The amount of money the colleges get is based on enrollment in each, with each student worth $5.16, plus a lump sum of $315 per college.

"There's more money in store for Poly Escapes as well. Funding from ASI is increasing from $32,225 this year to $59,122 next year. The 71 percent increase includes funding for paid managers."

Next year’s ASI budget isn’t just giving out more money, however. The proposed budget saves some money by reducing it from combining several small accounts, those of the ASI president’s office, the Board of Directors and the elections and finance committees, into that of the student government administration.

The proposed funding for that account is $81,215 — 21 percent less than the combined amount the five accounts received this year.

The change is mostly administratively in nature, Ashby said.

"In reality, there’s one person who oversees all the money in those five accounts, Ashby said, and to combine everything would make it easier for that person to keep track of what’s going on.

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four in family killed when walking on tracks

FAIRFIELD, Cont. (AP) — An apparently desperate woman and three of her sons were killed by an Amtrak train that struck them from behind as they stood across a railroad bridge Tuesday in the middle of the night. A fourth son was critically injured.

Officials said the family was from Ecuador and had an "unstable" housing situation. But few other details were disclosed.

"For children and an adult to be walking on train tracks at two in the morning, they were obvious and had nowhere to go," said First Battalion Ken Hults, the town's top elected official. "It's obvious they weren't going for a joy ride. This was a very tragic family in a very tragic situation.

The boy's were 6, 10 and 12. The 6-year-old was the only survivor. The boy's left leg was severed by the train, and he suffered a grave head injury and fractures of his legs and pelvis. He lay in coma.

The Toddle Train Shreiner from Boston to Newport News, Va., struck the family as they crossed a trolley over a bridge spanning the track in Fairfield, about 70 miles northeast of New York City.

The front of the train was splattered with blood. Lying amid the shattered bodies were books, back packs, a tennis shoe and a Susan Street tux.

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the students, staff and faculty who work and live at the different farming sites.

"We want to review the lighting situation (at the various sites)," Jen said, "and we would like to provide students and staff with an escort in the evening."

Jen said, "I'm thinking of developing personal safety guidelines tailored to the College of Agriculture"

He said the guidelines would include highlighting safety awareness. "You can't rely on other people to make you safe," Jen said.

The College of Agriculture started the endowment with a $1,000 donation. Other departments within the college have contributed a few hundred dollars to the fund. Jen said there's about $3,000 in the fund and the ultimate goal of the college is to raise $10,000.

He said money donated to the endowment will be used to establish safety programs specifically directed at the College of Agriculture. He also wants to see the fund used to hold an annual safety event for the college.

Donations can be made to the Rachel Newshoe Safety Fund by contacting Cal Poly Foundation.

HAND OVER HAND: Shawn Gu, 4, climbs the wall outside Poly Escapes. The program is getting a 71 percent boost from Associated Students Inc. at the Village of Arroyo Grande this weekend.

By Christine Janocko  
Mustang Daily

Where can you Eat That Food listen to Japanese drummers, and hang out with a guy named BalloonY?

At the Arroyo Grande Strawberry Festival, that's where.

The 16th annual festival is taking over the historic Village of Arroyo Grande May 29 and 30.

The name of the festival may lead one to believe that strawberry is the trend of choice this year. Every strawberry-dessert imaginable will be represented from cakes, cookies, cheesecakes, smoothies, pies, chocolate-covered berries, ice cream, and funny cakes, just to name a few. Fresh berries will also be on sale.

And this tribute to the strawberry doesn't stop there.

The festivities kick off with a strawberry pancake breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. The Village's garage will be the site of the breakfast, which is put on by Lighthouse Christian Church.

About 350 people are expected at the festival this year, according to Sally Penning from the Arroyo Grande Village Improvement Association, which is putting on the festival.

People wishing to thrust their luxurious locks can enter the Strawberry Blonde Contest. The contest starts at 10 a.m. Saturday at the garage. Anyone with strawberry-blonde hair, "or close to it," can take part, Penning said.

The total festivities begin at 11 a.m., when the Strawberry Princess is crowned. This year's princess was selected from local girls 5 to 10 years old who wrote essays entitled "I would like to be Strawberry Princess because..."

"There's no cure as buttons and it's hard to say," Penning said.

For the youngest strawberry fans, there's a little carnival sponsored by television station KCOY. Children can go on rides, play games and hang out with BalloonY the Clown, Penning said.

The competitive can test their speed-swallowing skills during a strawberry pie-eating contest. Marie Callender's Restaurant and Bakery is supplying the pies, and Penning is sponsoring the contest, which will be held on the City Hall lawn from 1 to 4 p.m. both days.

Festival-goers can work off all that pie Sunday morning during the Strawberry Stampede. The 10-kilometer run, five-kilometer run and five-kilometer walk are sponsored by Knights of Guadalupe and the Five-Cities Times-Press Recorder.

But if strawberries aren't your thing, don't worry. There's more to the festival than the name would have you believe.

More than 50 booths featuring non-strawberry foods, games, activities and entertainment. With ten stages located throughout the Village, there's a show for everyone. Besides the more typical rock, jazz, blue-grass and country fare, there also will be bands playing Celtic, Andes and mariachi music, as well as Japanese drummers and dancers of all sorts. A time-share area will be set up in Hart Colette Park showcasing local paintings and sculptures, and 50 arts and crafts booths will have all sorts of craft to check out.

People are coming from all over the state, as well as from Washington, Oregon and Nevada, Penning said, and most, if not all, lodging from San Luis Obispo to Santa Maria has been filled up.

"The whole thing is very exciting," Penning said.

Food festival opens minds to strawberry possibilities

Strawberry gluttons take over historic Village of Arroyo Grande this weekend

By Christine Janocko  
Mustang Daily

The College of Agriculture started the endowment with a $1,000 donation. Other departments within the college have contributed a few hundred dollars to the fund. Jen said there's about $3,000 in the fund and the ultimate goal of the college is to raise $10,000.

He said money donated to the endowment will be used to establish safety programs specifically directed at the College of Agriculture. He also wants to see the fund used to hold an annual safety event for the college.

Donations can be made to the Rachel Newshoe Safety Fund by contacting Cal Poly Foundation.
SPORTS

New faces make up staff

By Adam Russo
Mustang Daily

After an offseason toiloth, the 1999 Cal Poly football team’s coaching staff will have a few new faces.

As the finishing touches to the coaching staff were made, the final list included eight new assistants, had little preparation time before spring practices.

“I hope we have a good group,” Welsh said. “The coaches had a good spring. They did a good job with the winter program. I think we’re a stronger football team.”

The coaching changes involve the entire staff except for defensive line coach Mike Denne, who is the only holdover from the Mustangs’ 3-8 season this past year.

The new staff is as follows: on offense, Don Bailey is the new coordinator and Sam Lawson will coach the running backs. Matt Lyon and Mike Fisher will coach the offensive linemen, and Steve Loop will coach the tight ends.

Defensively, the new coordinator is Chris White, while Brock Berryhill will coach the secondary. Shane Pryor joins Denne as defensive line coach.

Of the eight assistant coaches who were with the team last season, only two, Craig Metropulos and Bill Tripp, were released from the team involuntarily. The others left for different reasons. Welsh said there wasn’t any turmoil with the previous coaches, but that with spring training coming up there are going to be disagreements and philosophical differences.

“I had an evaluation to make and I made it,” Welsh said. “I did what was best for the team.”

Welsh has compiled a 13-9 record in two seasons with the Mustangs. Meanwhile, the number of assistant coaches to come through the program has steadily grown. This new group will bring Welsh’s three-year grand total to 20 different assistants. What’s more, the eight new coaches for this season matches the number of first two seasons combined.

The new Mustang assistants were chosen from a myriad of applicants.

“We had applications from all over the country,” Welsh said. “It had resumes four inches deep. The team excepted (the new coaches) and had a strong spring and a good winter program.”

Welsh has a tough Division I-AA schedule to prepare for Cal Poly’s entire schedule is made up of Division I-AA teams except for Division II real UC Davis.

STARTING OVER: Head coach Larry Welsh has eight new assistants.

Redskins sale the main focus at NFL meetings

ATLANTA (AP) — The price was $800 million, the highest for a franchise in sports history. A heavy tab for a 34-year-old lifelong Washington Redskins fan.

But Dan Snyder, a communications mogul and college dropout, finally got what he wanted Tuesday — ownership of one of the league’s premier teams.

“Wow!” exclaimed Snyder after receiving unanimous approval from NFL club owners. “It’s been an unbelievable journey.”

In a league long ruled by old money, he becomes the youngest among the league’s current owners.

The 31-year-old Snyder agreed to pay the Redskins’ existing debt and to cover the franchise’s $80 million-plus in deferred operating expenses.

The price was $315 million for the franchise, $55 million for the stadium and $235 million for the stadium’s less than one-third share of the Redskins’ stadium.

Snyder’s bid was the same as Malcom. He backed it with a $300 million down payment, which cleared sell the rest of the owners.

The previous high price for a franchise was the $350 million that Lerner paid for the new Cleveland Browns, who will begin playing in September as the NFL’s 31st team.

The Redskins sale has been a long-running soap opera since the team was put up for sale by the trustees of the estate of Jack Kent Cooke, who died in 1997.

Cooke’s son, John, was one of the bidders when Malcom won the franchise. When Malcom dropped out, he sold John Cooke and general manager Charley Casserly.

“This has been a long, long process,” Cooke said in a statement. “As disappointing as it has been, it has also been very gratifying to hear how much my family has meant to the National Football League and Redskins fans.”

Shane Prosser joins Penne as defensive line coach. Irvin and Mike Fisher will coach running backs. Matt Biley is the new defensive line coach.

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The officials won’t use Land’s Landing in a Mainland jail (aunmissu>n. “I don’t see the point in getting rid of one of the league’s premier teams.”

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