Breaking down Greek stereotypes

By Erin Crosby
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A new assistant director of student life and activities is bringing a wind of change to Cal Poly’s Greek system, which includes breaking down fraternity stereotypes as well as promoting unity.

“I just want to work toward everyone seeing their roles and responsibilities in the greek community,” said Bob Walters, the new assistant director.

According to Walters, he has been working with Interfraternity Council President Paul Davis and Greek Office Assistant Steve Morris to promote unity among all of the houses in the Greek system.

“While each house has its own interests and areas of expertise, we want to show them that there is something to be gained from what they have in common,” Walters said.

Walters, Davis and Morris hope they will be able to provide enrichment opportunities to the Greek system through monthly meetings with the presidents of the fraternities.

Walters is also planning a series of speakers to address issues such as membership, motivation, leadership, risk management and insurance.

“We have already had what we hope was the first in a series of meetings with the leaders of all the fraternities,” Morris said. “The meeting went really well because we left our goal of getting the Greek leaders to be disinterested in what house they are from and more interested in helping to combat problems that we all face together.”

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Cal Poly prepares for a quake

By Mike Munson
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The Central Coast may be historically less prone to earthquakes than other areas of California, but Cal Poly is ready in case of a ground-shaker.

Cal Poly has a comprehensive emergency preparedness plan for use in both preparing for and dealing with a major earthquake. The plan, which consists of three levels — mitigation of threats, emergency response and campus recovery — was updated two years ago to the latest state and federal standards.

The mitigation phase of the plan is an ongoing process to minimize the threat of injuries and deaths in campus facilities during an earthquake.

The first priority is to ensure that all campus structures will remain standing.

After recent earthquakes in Turkey and Taiwan, questions arose about building codes when thousands of people died in collapsed structures. According to David Rapdade, environmental health and safety manager for Risk Management, the California State University (CSU) system is in a constant upgrade process to ensure that facilities throughout the state are in compliance with modern building codes.

“The campus and the whole CSU system have been in a seismic retrofit for the last 10 years,” Rapdade said.

All Cal Poly buildings underwent a safety survey in 1994, but none, including older buildings such as Drexler Hall and the old administration building, showed risk of catastrophic failure. Eighteen buildings did go through retrofitting, but mostly for falling hazards. Concrete panels on the face of Mori Gym were secured from falling off and hinging pedestrians and concrete canopies at Yosemite Residence Hall were removed because they could have collapsed and blocked exits.

According to Rex Wolf, an architect with Facilities Planning, building restrictions on campus are tougher than San Luis Obispo city codes because Cal Poly falls under state jurisdiction.

“We have somewhat more rigid standards because of the state’s Seismic Peer Review and Seismic Review Board requirements — that makes Cal Poly buildings beyond what would be normal building code,” Wolf said.

Unlike Cal Poly’s relatively secure campus, downtown San Luis Obispo has one of the highest concentrations of potentially hazardous structures in the state. A total of 84 downtown buildings, including popular student hangouts such as Madison’s and SLO Brewery, are on a list of structures that will require seismic retrofits within the next two decades. Many of downtown San Luis Obispo’s most high: 71° Low: 52°

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historic structures were constructed with reinforced-concrete masonry — a durable building material that can withstand seismic activity and protect occupants.

The CSU system is due for another round of seismic retrofits in the near future, but only one Cal Poly building falls under the latest regulation. Facilities Services Building East, contains moment frames, a type of construction that performed poorly in the 1994 Northridge earthquake. It will be secured along with all other buildings containing moment-frame construction in the system.

The strength of a building is the principal safety concern in an earthquake, but nonstructural hazards can be an injury threat too. Facilities Services works with different campus departments to secure book shelves, filing cabinets and other large furniture that could tip over.

Work is also done to minimize the destruction of property when possible. In one case, Facilities Services began securing computer monitors to desks after the Northridge earthquake taught a lesson. In that disaster, hundreds of monitors were lost when they toppled at 3140 CSU Northridge.

In the event of an earthquake, the first step is to rescue people trapped in buildings and give first aid. Cal Poly’s Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers group of faculty and staff, is trained to give immediate help. Members are equipped with emergency equipment and have been through emergency training classes.

According to A.J. Schraerman, a CERT volunteer and journalism department staff member, the CERT team is trained to help with basic emergency procedures in a major disaster when outside help may not be available. Volunteers are trained to turn off utilities, put out fires, recognize hazardous waste and administer first aid using the triage system.

"The purpose of CERT is to do the most good for the most people," Schraerman said. "I did it because I care about the people in this building. I don’t ever want to be in the position where I can’t help because I don’t know how."

CERT works to have volunteers in charge of each campus building or area in the event of a disaster. Several members of the Performing Arts Center staff volunteer for CERT because of the large number of people that could be affected in the event of a disaster during a performance. After immediate rescue operations, Cal Poly has plans for both evacuation and temporary classrooms and repair.

They would also like to hold more events in which all the fraternities can participate. Greek Week, a fraternity and sorority event, is already held in the spring, but they would like to see more events like that. According to Walters, that may be easier said than done.

"Being on the quarter system, it is very hard to plan events like this so that everyone can participate," Walters said. "Conceptually, it is a good idea, but logically, it will be very hard."

Throughout these and other opportunities, Walters, Davis and Morris hope to establish a solid foundation for which to go into the year 2000. Morris said that in the past, the greek system dealt with problems that it was faced with at that moment and had no plan for the future. Now it is trying to create a clear vision for the future. A lot of groups, whether fraternities or not, try to "reinvent the wheel."

"They have goals, but don’t know what they are doing to meet those goals. We hope to establish goals and carry them out in the years to come."

The greek system is often given a bad reputation because the community only hears about the things that it does wrong. Walters hopes that through general promotions and news releases, the greek system will not be seen just for its faults, but instead for the many things it does to give back to the university and community.

"We are making an effort to have a renewal of the sense of pride that being in the Greek System warrants," Walters said. According to Morris, they are also trying to try the university of the stereotypes that exist about the greek system. Morris said sometimes the fraternities do live up to the stereotypes, but no more than the average college student that goes out on Saturday night does.

"We are hoping that we will no longer be chucked up as just ‘frat boys,’" Morris said.

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Is breakfast really worth it?

By Melissa McFarland

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

junior Laura Pryitjoda said. "I wouldn't eat in the hype? According to recent studies meal of theJay. We've all heard it, we've all seen it. One day, I went to class and I was jet cranky."

A recent study in the Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine backs up this perception. It found that children who eat breakfast averaged almost a whole grade higher than those who didn't. The four-month study also reported that breakfast eaters had higher math grades, were less depressed, anxious and hyperactive and were more likely to attend class.

The reason for this, said Cal Poly peer health educator Kim Anglin, has everything to do with science. "You have dinner at night, and the next meal you have is breakfast," Anglin said. "That's so many hours your body has been fasting. Glucose is stored in your body, and that's your brain's main source of energy. Throughout the night you're depleting all your stores and what you have circulating. So by morning, you don't have any. If you go to class at that point, you're low on energy and then you're body is going to start breaking down other stores, not your normal ones, which is not good."

According to student health services, this means if people skip breakfast to lose weight, they won't get the desired results. Instead, they will most likely make up for the lost calories in larger meals and high-calorie snacks.

The study also found that students not only do better academically, they also behave better. While in-class behavior at Cal Poly may not be a pressing issue, paying attention is. "It's an important thing," computer engineering sophomore Hector Torrez said. "Sometimes I have class from 8 to 10, so there's no time to eat until I get home. I see a difference if I have breakfast, because I feel more energized and pumped up. If I don't, then by my later classes, I'm falling asleep."

While studies prove breakfast's benefits, 35 to 45 percent of Americans routinely skip the meal, according to student health services. I don't really eat breakfast, because I'm usually hurry-ing," said business junior Heather McTavish, "My coffee is my breakfast, and lots of times I don't have any. If I don't have coffee, I wouldn't be able to concentrate. I think that eating breakfast is a better way."

Inexpensive ways to eat on the run

For many college students, deciding what to eat revolves around two factors: How much money we have and how much time is available. For some this equates to making pasta with spaghetti sauce or eating anything microwavable. But after a while, these quick and inexpensive meals become very dull. Here are just a few ideas on how to live up to your meals while also making them more nutritious:

Quessadillas

When you're preparing quessadillas, add some cut-up veggies in with the cheese. Not only will adding vegetables make this simple snack more hearty and filling, but it's an easy way to "hide" those healthy foods if you're not a fan of vegetables. Ever heard of "5-A-Day"? The National Cancer Institute recommends eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables every day, for better overall health and prevention of disease.

Diced zucchini, broccoli, tomatoes and sun-dried tomatoes are great companions to quessadillas. Another idea is to add beans that have been drained and rinsed. Beans are a good source of fiber, iron, and combined with the cheese and tortilla, constitute as a good source of protein.

Boboli Pizzas

Boboli pizzas, if you don't know, are already-prepared pizza crusts. Found near the produce section of the supermarket, the shells are fairly inexpensive and are a great convenience to have when your time is limited. Just purchase some pizza sauce (or even tomato sauce) and a variety of vegetables and/or meat and...voila! You can enjoy a home-baked pizza made to your liking. Here, too, draining and rinsed beans make a nutritious addition to the top of your pizza. (I recommend black beans.)

Bags

Try slicing a bagel lengthwise, add thinly sliced green apples topped with shredded cheddar cheese, and broil in the oven until the cheese melts (1-2 minutes). And of course, making your own pizza bagel or sandwich constitutes as other good uses for bags.

Barbecuing

Veggie burgers (in the freezer section of the supermarket) are actually pretty good. I recommend "Veggie Medley" and "Free-Roasted Vegetable" varieties by Gardenburger. Both turkey burgers and veggie burgers offer an alternative choice to red meat hamburgers, and therefore cut down on the saturated fat and cholesterol content. The next time you fire up the grill, add some largely cut vegetables (bell peppers, eggplant, zucchini, etc.). Time-saving: marinate the vegetables along with the meat.

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Clinton doesn't know how to handle money

Our wonderful President Clinton has decided he wants to spend our money better than we do, referring, of course, to his decision to veto the Republican tax cut. A better way to put it: he wants to spend our money better than the Republicans want to do with their money.

You can see this however you like: saving Social Security — which should be prioritized to give you control of it; running down the deficit — which Clinton knows nothing about with all his wasted spending programs. The list goes on and on with all the other far, bureaucratic, money-vanishing agencies and programs the liberals come up with to keep the money in D.C. and not in your pockets!

Political parties aside for a moment, how can anyone even begin to suggest that the government has any right to keep our hard-earned money to use as it pleases? Think about it — this should be insulting to you. Then, the liberals, are basically saying, "We want your money, we have a right to your money and we know better what to do with it than you do."

If you decipher both plans, Clinton's plan vs. the Republican tax cut, the Republicans have left plenty to bring down the deficit — more than Clinton, as a matter of fact. The Republicans also left plenty for Social Security, the dying miserer of the '70s. Not to mention Clinton's plan of "Targeted Tax Cuts." The tax break is so minimal you're seeing any of that? Nope, sorry, not if Clinton has his way. Full and flat and more for the Big Government Barrel! Does anyone dare to question this? Does anyone dare to say this to put a little passion in all our hearts. Where did things get so backward that people are actually sold by this half-breed (referring to Clinton, of course) about not being able to afford a tax cut? My God, we're the richest country in the world! Things under Clinton's economic plan go to the government and our money back!

He also seems to think we all agree upon this sham of his in this great economic state, as he stated, "We're on a path of progress and prosperity. The American people want it to continue." What is Clinton's solution to this problem? "The Republicans should work with us to create a budget that pays for itself with straightforward proposals, like our tobacco policy." Clinton said in his weekly radio address. Using Clintonian language, his policy on tobacco is simply a $20 tax increase per pack! His solution to a tax cut is a tax increase!

I spent the whole summer in Washington, and let me tell you, people have it all backward. They call Republicans mean-spirited, hateful bastards, all out to protect the rich! Wow, look who is offering an across-the-board tax cut, has the only African-American and woman candidate running for president and is trying to build the middle class by giving people a tax break. I'll leave you with this: When was the last time you saw a conservative picketing, booing, rooting, shouting, screaming, and threatening when he didn't get his way? Time to look at things without Big Brother's help, and put the pieces of the puzzle together.

Tamas Simon is a mechanical engineering senior.

Letters to the editor

Kudos for creation article Editor, I would like to commend Brent Marcus on his article on evolution and creation in theory ("Until the truth is proven...", Oct. 4). Indeed, many evolutionists (including Nobel Prize winner George Wald) have acknowledged that there is little or no scientific evidence for evolution. As a student with strong Christian beliefs, I reject the notion that a belief in creationism requires a lower intelligence. On the contrary, my own personal research has strengthened my belief in creation. It is definitely a topic worth exploring, and "Darwin's Black Box" is good reading material on this subject. Thanks for the commentary.

Joel Bigelow is a civil engineering freshman.

Teaching creation allows illogical arguments Editor, I am responding to Brent Marcus' letter on teaching evolution/creation (Oct. 4). First off I would like to condemn whatever Kansas legislators were involved in making the decision to ban the teaching of evolution in public schools, taking the first step in establishing a fascist state in our nation. Congratulations on striving to provide your impressionable school children with a good, scientific education. And furthermore, Brent, your proposal to teach creation in public schools is almost as appalling. Religion, or any derivative of it, has no place in the public school system; it belongs solely in the church.

Evolution is a relatively subjective theory that has a few minor holes but is continually substantiated by scientific proof as more information is collected. The "belief of religion" you speak of, Brent, is the only thing preventing the entire Christian structure from crumbling in the face of a sound, scientific argument. Irrational, fanatical freaks (ministers, I believe, is one of many names for them) can be absolved from the absurdity of their entire thinking by what makes strange with these dogmatic zealots to a rational end impossible.

But Brent, you're right about one thing, and they'll probably happen about the same time: I'll look for the divine phenomena to occur right after they prove that molecules, gravity and outer space don't exist.

Allen Vaugn is an engineering junior.

Tattletale justice is needed Editor, This is in retaliation to "Students are too adult for tattle tale justice." (Oct. 4 ed.) Reporting alcohol violations to the parents of dorm residents would probably serve an effective means of curtailing on-campus drinking in the dorms to some extent. Having lived in the dorms my first year, I am well aware of the ineffectualness of current punishments for alcohol violations. And, believe it or not, parents do have a great deal of influence in their children's lives, even if the influence is only financial.

The main argument against such a policy is that parents don't have the right to know about the illegal activities of their child, who is now a legal adult. The problems with this argument are clear and simple. When parents send their child away to college, they are making an investment. They have a right to protect that investment. If the student is expelled because of repeat alcohol violations that could have been curtailed by a simple phone call, the parents lose all the money they invested. This policy essentially would have no effect in the case of a student whose parent's are either unable or irresponsible enough not to pay for their child's education. Theparents have no legal control of their 18 year old child, not do they have any financial control.

This is a great idea and I hope the administration institutes it promptly.

Jeremy Gathers is an engineering sophomore.

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A UC Davis football player has been hospitalized for nine days, as he recovers from a severe injury sustained during a game last Saturday.

The 22-year-old player, named Paneno, has been transferred to the hospital in Salem, Ore., for further evaluation and treatment. A team spokesperson confirmed that Paneno sustained a dislocated leg while playing for the Aggies.

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Other players from the Aggies are also recovering from injuries sustained during the game. A spokesperson for the team said, "We have several players who are still dealing with the aftermath of the game. As always, we will do our best to ensure their safety and well-being."

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Oscar Bueno.

The Mustangs responded nearly 20 minutes later when Johnny Cummins and Jacob Crisp combined to assist newfound goal-scorer Anthony Dimich with Cal Poly's first goal. Dimich scored all three of the Mustangs goals in the victory over Fullerton.

The Gaels scored the deciding goal three minutes later as Leo Gueller dribbled a penalty kick past Mustang goalkeeper Brenton Jange. Jange went on to halt the Gaels offense but Cal Poly couldn't find the equalizer.

The Mustangs will play Brigham Young next in Mustang Stadium Friday at 7 p.m.

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THAT'S as long as they don't get caught.

So put down the stones. The individuals took the easy way out and got burned. They understood the consequences of their decisions.

So don't be surprised when the next report comes out that some Nebraska football players cheated on an exam. We all face pressure but these athletes face it with the cameras rolling. And besides, that class is always offered again next quarter.

Joe Nolan only cheats at video games. E-mail him at jnolan@polymail.calpoly.edu

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CHICAGO (AP) -

Jan Raglirrrn's good to meet clothes, sipping a soda at the far end of the Chicago Cubs' clubhouse Monday, calmly answering questions and accepting responsibility for a season that cost him his job.

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Cheating is cheating no matter what the sport or excuse may be

For a week now, the University of Tennessee football scandal has headlined every major and minor sports medium. The result may be as minimal as a couple of players suspended for a game or two, or as extreme as a scholarship loss as extreme as nine or two, depending on the scholarship involved.

These are all questions being asked with ignorance and hypocrisy leading the charge. The Tennessee players made the same choice that most other current and former students have made at least once in their lives — they took the easy way out. Overwhelmed by a f.m. weightlifting session, a 9 a.m. midterm, a paper due at noon, practice at 2:10 and watching game films at 6, they took the easy way out or more accurately, they took the least difficult route.

For many athletes, sucking the quarterback is a higher priority than a general education midterm. It's funny that in a society that puts so much emphasis on sports, people who work in and around athletics every day understand that. The Michigan Wolverines had more than 110,000 blue and gold fans screaming, expecting and demanding victory. Yet, they came up with that drive-ending sack on Saturday. Now let's rewind to Wednesday when one Michigan player had to decide between an extra hour in the weight room or in the library. If he fails on the field, he fails in front of friends, family, alumni, scouts and the largest group of all — a national audience. If he fails that exam, he can either make up for it on the next test or take the class again next quarter. And besides his teacher, no one seems to notice the poor test score as long as he comes up with that drive-ending sack on Saturday.

The problem is most people want to assign blame when students can't live up to naive expectations of the student-athlete. But for every Peyton Manning who excelled on both sides of the student-athlete fence, there's a student-athlete who fails both in the classroom and on the field. Not everyone can take all that pressure and respond so well. Manning's success is the goal, but it is also the exception, not the rule.

I don't think anyone would argue that cheating is right, but under these pressures, people make these decisions. As long as they don't get caught, fans, alumni, the athletic department and the media applaud their efforts on the field and commend them for their character.

Men's soccer falters following upset win

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It didn't take the Cal Poly men's soccer team long to return to earth. After their upset victory Wednesday night over No. 4 Cal State Fullerton, 3-2, the Mustangs lost to Saint Mary's 2-1 in Mustang Stadium Sunday. The non-conference loss dropped the team to 2-2 overall but had no effect on its standing in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

Saint Mary's started strong, scoring the game's first goal only 15 minutes into the contest when Jon Gordon netted a pass from Brian Rhodes and Oscar Jonte.

The running back, who has rushed for 3,364 yards in his career, needs only 470 yards for the all-time Mustang rushing record. Running back Craig Young has run away from defenders his entire career. He needs only 470 yards for the all-time Mustang rushing record.