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Brokaw kicks off fund-raising event

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The great technological advancements of the past century mean little to the spirit of humanity, is lost, Tom Brokaw said at his keynote address at the Centennial Campaign dinner on Saturday.

Approximately 450 people attended the event by invitation only in a noon presentation on the Mustang Stadium field. The dinner kicked off the public phase of Cal Poly's first university-wide fund-raising campaign and celebrated the university's 100-year anniversary.

At the event, President Warren Baker announced the campaign's goal of $225 million over the next four years. The dollar goal is unprecedented in the 23-campus California State University system, according to a press release.

Baker said $114 million of the total goal has already been raised.

Brokaw is a 1962 graduate of the University of South Dakota, joined NBC News in 1966.

While he admits he has not learned everything about today's technology, Brokaw said he has learned of the possibilities and failings of mankind during his 39-year career in broadcast journalism.

"Technology is not enough ... It is not enough to wire the world if you short-circuit the soul," Brokaw said. "It is not enough to control the world if you destroy everything I knew in one night," he added.

"I once said that in one night this man destroyed everything I knew about human values and morals up to that point in my life," Fletcher said.

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Tom Brokaw, of "NBC Nightly News," addresses the audience at Mustang Stadium Saturday as part of the Centennial Celebration.

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Candidate positions will include an information booth, self-defense sign-ups, a silent candlelight walk and a barbecue fund-raiser.

"We hope to bring the community together, both on and off campus," Fletcher said. "It takes both sides to ends violence.

An information booth will be set up in the University Union Plaza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today through Thursday. It will have information about the week's events and about sexual assault and ending violence against women.

Women will also be able to sign up for rape aggression defense systems (R.A.D) self-defense classes.

"Talking to the faculty was nice," said Max Furr, an admitted student from Piedmont, Calif. "I think to have talked more with future classmate students, though," Fletcher said.

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As i n press release. "As I sat out­side Cal Poly's administration build­ ing, it occurred to me that if I chose to leave, I would be allowing this person to affect everything I am for the rest of my life. I would not be escaping anything."

It is that feeling of responsibility that Remember Week committee members hope to convey to the community.

"We hope to equip people with more tools to be responsible and take action for their safety," Kelley said.

After Fletcher's talk, an open microphone was available for students and others the oppor­ tunity to talk about sexual assault, what worked for them, or to remember someone who has been a victim of those crimes.

A silent candlelight walk will be dedicated to victims of violence, Rachel Newhouse, Aundria Crawford and Kristina Hogan and missing student Kristina Smart at 7 p.m. Thursday in San Luis Obispo's Mission Plaza.

The week's activities will culmi­ nate at a barbecue Friday at 4:30 p.m. at Santa Rosa Park. The fund­ raiser's proceeds will go toward other Remember Weeks and safety programs like the Sexual Assault Free Environment Resource pro­ gram (SAFE). The barbecue is open to everyone and will cost $6 for adults and $4 for children.

The committee hopes that the barbecue and the week will bring together the community and bring back action and awareness as an education priority.

"We want to let everyone know we can't do it on our own," Kelley said. "We need everyone's contribu­ tion to end violence and sexual assault.

"It tends to be a problem that (stu­ dents) don't have a choice on the hol­ iday, but this year they do," she said.

There are three candidates running for presi­ dent this year: Angela Hacker, a psy­ chology senior; Corey Reith, a business sen­ ior; and Bren Van, a biological science sen­ ior. Lewis said the three candi­ dates approach the position in a unique way.

"Each one come at it with a very differ­ ent focus," she said. "I'll be interested to see where they stand."

The president's duties include acting as the voice of the student body to the university administration, the City of San Luis Obispo and the California State University system. The president pre­ sides over numerous campus commit­ tees.

The chair of the board is involved in the day-to-day operations of ASI and presides over the weekly Board of Directors meetings. Chris Madsen, an up­bringing junior, is currently the only candidate for the position of chair of the board.

The Board of Directors is composed of students representing all the colleges on campus. The number of students in the college determines the number of seats that each college holds on the board. There are 32 candidates running for 24 seats on the board.

Lewis said the candidates will be attending many functions this week to gain support.

One area of interest to these candi­ dates is this year's new rules, which cla­ rify policy concerning active campaign time and campaign violations. Lewis said the new campaign rules were needed because the Board of Directors felt it lacked a clear standard for discipline.

"There has been a history of inconsist­ ency in how to handle early cam­ paign or minor violations," she said.

The president candidate Hacker is a College of Liberal Arts representative to the ASI Board of Directors. She was an election committee member when the board determined it needed to clarify campaign rules.

She said the clarifications were espe­ cially needed after last year's confusion over how to penalize a presidential can­ didate who campaigned early.

Political science senior Atron Defoort had stated his candidacy on his personal Web site and in the Greek Column before active campaigning began. He was allowed to campaign as a write-in candidate, yet his campaign time was limited. The issue caused the board to address the need to clarify cam­ paign violation policy, Hacker said.

The board's policy clarification involves the definition of active cam­ paigning. According to the new rule in the election packet given to candi­ dates, "Active campaigning is defined as public display or distribution of specific information about an ASI candidate in any non-verbal form."

This means students cannot post their candidacy on a Web site or a flyer, and they cannot hold an event prior to the designated 15-day period of camp­ aigning, Lewis said.

The second change involves the addition of a disciplinary action to campaign rules. The sections outline the punishments that accompany a par­ ticular number of violations. Lewis said. For one campaign violation, a candidate is limited to only half of the designated campaign time. For two violations, a candidate's name is removed from the ballot. For three violations, a candidate is disqualified from the election.

Lewis said she sees the new rules as a great step forward.

"I am interested to see how they stand the test of time," she said.
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Why did the recent Open House edition run 'negative' stories?

I returned from the weekend Sunday to a voice mail criticizing Mustang Daily for the stories in the Open House edition that did not show Cal Poly in a positive light.

The caller stated that he knew many individuals that tried to throw the papers away, hoping to keep incoming students from reading about our murdered and missing students or the lack of diversity on campus.

It is disappointing to me and other editors that the caller saw it as our responsibility to promote ahi)ut our murdered and missing students or the lack of diversity on campus.

I hope it would be against the ethics of others to try and prevent students from reading the truth about our university.

Have a question about campus? Ask Adam. E-mail him at adam@calpoly.edu

Gas prices jump most in 50 years

CAMARILLO (AP) — U.S. gasoline pump prices soared by nearly 13 cents per gallon in the past two weeks even though oil prices remained steady, an analyst said Sunday.

The average price of gas, including all grades and taxes, was $1.67 on Friday, up 12.69 cents, or 8.4 percent, from April 6, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 stations nationwide.

It was the largest two-week jump in terms of cents per gallon since the survey began a half-century ago, analyst Trilby Lundberg said. She did not adjust the figures for inflation, however.

"This is purely a U.S. gasoline market phenomenon, not crude oil, not OPEC," Lundberg said. "Crude oil prices are little changed for weeks now."

Supplies are tight because environmental protection requirements that kick in for spring and summer are forcing more complicated and expensive refining as gasolines are reformulated to produce less smog.

Price hikes ranged from less than 1 cent per gallon for self-serve regular, $1.75 for premium. Full-service average prices were $1.72 for regular, $2.04 for mid-grade and $2.12 for premium.

The national average price is still a nickel under last June's peak and might never reach it," Lundberg said. "Until crude oil prices increase significantly or unless an emergency occurs affecting either pipelines or refineries, both gasoline price and supply should soon cease their extreme behavior."

The average prices on Friday were $1.63 for self-serve regular, $1.73 for mid-grade and $1.82 for premium. Full-service average prices were $1.95 for regular, $2.24 for mid-grade and $2.12 for premium. Full-service accounts for only a small percentage of gasoline sales, however.

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End of the world may not happen like you expect

M any Christians are becoming increasingly obsessed with the end of the world, or the "End Times." They believe that the earth will go through a great tribulation when God will pour His wrath upon the land, causing great distress and panic. The Antichrist will reign with terror and fraud until God will finally intervene, establishing a Final Judgment, sending the sinners to everlasting fire and giving the righteous everlasting life. But before the tribulation, God will send His angels to gather the faithful chosen who will meet Him in the air while the others are left to suffer. This is known as the Rapture.

Some of you reading this may be rolling your eyes, but the Rapture has become so popular, people are making millions of dollars off of it. The most notable are Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins, authors of the national best-selling "Left Behind" series. They have greatly contributed to the Rapture craze that has taken many Christians, maybe even some of your friends, by storm.

But is there really going to be a Rapture? Not likely. The Rapture has no biblical or historical support, so it is really not a theological fiction. Actually, the Rapture was invented in 19th-century America when Protestant Christians were conforming to creeds created by men only decades before, believing a fresh relationship with Jesus, minus the High Church or creeds, a small group of Christians established the first fundamentalist movement. Fundamentalism is a "me, the Bible and Jesus" Christianity. It was a great departure from Jewish history and literary styles, as well as the teaching of the apostles. The fundamentalists took EVERYTHING in the Bible literally. It violated Jewish truth and true interpretation. This attitude was foreign to the way Christianity was established by Christ and has understandably become nearly the norm for modern-day biblical exegesis. It also created the Rapture idea.

When you look at that backdrop of the Old Testament, passages used to support the Rapture speak nothing of such an event. Mark and Matthew employ a Jewish apocalyptic style to refer to judgement on Israel and ultimately, the entire world. This refers to the Second Coming, not a so-called "Rapture." John's verse similarity refers to Christ's return. The passage in 1 Thessalonians is perhaps the most exploited in defense of the Rapture, even though it provides no evidence or endorsement. The trumpet blast is reminiscent of Joel 2:1 and Zephaniah 3:14. It signifies Christ's return to judge those His angels collect. Not once is a "Rapture" discussed or implied. Without a Jewish understanding of the New Testament, fundamentalism can invent these beliefs that have no theological backing.

Why such a fixation on the Rapture and obsession with the End Times? As a Christian, I don't know why my brothers and sisters worry, although I do see one large problem. If our faith becomes too centered on watching for signs in the sky for the return of the Lord, we'll forget what we are called to by virtue of our baptism to live in action and truth. This should be the focus alone. After all, Christ told us to be ready for His return by living the gospel message. Let's not become distracted by tall tales.

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Opinion

Remember to prevent more holocausts

WE REMEMBER THE HOLOCAUST
FOR THE MANY WHO SUFFERED PERISHED,
AND TO OVERCOME OUR HUMAN FEARS

Mike Deem

Depravity. Hard work. Hunger. Disease. This was the life many Jewish persons faced in concentration camps. We see it in movies and documentaries. Instead of plush toys, children played with live rats. There was usually no water for flushing or for washing, no separation or privacy when going to the bathroom, no toilet paper. The Jewish prisoners were line up for food while the guards cursed and told them to hurry up. The Nazis would give them a ladle of barley to eat or some inedible, unflavored soup in which worms, if fortunate, a chunk of unpeeled, dirty potato, a bit of canner or a slice of tump.

Surely, 60 years ago, the darkest, most murderous moment of history was unleashed, and the voices of freedom and justice were stifled. Sadly, those voices remained mute as Nazi persecution became increasingly intense. European Jews were systematically exterminated. Holocaust Remembrance Day is a day set aside for remembering the victims and to remind Americans of what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred and indifference reign.

Remembrance obliges us to focus on more than memorializing those who were killed. We must also reflect on what could have been done to save them. To some extent, before June 1941 and before September 1939, the Holocaust could have been prevented. History teaches us that the Holocaust might not have occurred if governments and leaders had spoken out during the Nazi party's rise to power. More people could have been saved if individual citizens had raised their voices to force their governments to act. Holocaust remembrance imposes a moral obligation to speak out.

The immortality of the Holocaust is sometimes hard to comprehend, yet we must remember. This week, Israel will mark Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day. It is the annual tribute to the memory of the 6 million Jews who perished at the hands of Hitler's Nazi regime. The holiday begins with a state ceremony in which concentration camp survivors will light torches. The next morning, a siren sounds throughout the country, bringing all Israelis to their feet for a moment's tribute to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust. As the siren dies, a wreath-laying ceremony begins. Students wear white drapes.

Every year, a main theme is chosen for the Holocaust Remembrance Day. The "Jewish Child in the Holocaust" was the theme for 1997. Approximately 1.5 million perished in the Holocaust. These children must have faced cruel and difficult years, being transported to the concentration camps, being separated from parents and loved ones, and not being old enough to comprehend. The Holocaust may have happened exactly 60 years ago, but we, as a people, are still slaughtering people because of our different races. A Holocaust is happening right now as I write this article with Palestinians fighting over land in Jerusalem. They have killed children and innocent people over this fight. The war in Iraq prompted others to kill those around them, because they were either American or Kuwaiti. I have family members living in Iraq, and the home they went through with bombs flying around them and becoming desperate for food and shelter was something so innocent person should have to go through. Talking to my family, I hear of children dying every day because there is no baby food or the mother is too weak to breast feed her child.

We may not know it, because living in America we see luxury, but we wake up and look around the world, holocausts are occurring. It doesn't have to be as gruesome as the Jewish Holocaust, but with all the deaths occurring because of violence, we are in danger of another one.

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Opinion

Heart deserves every recognition

William Randolph Hearst lived more than just one life; he was a newspaper publisher, a politician and a builder. Hearst loved politics, women and personal possessions, and not necessarily in that order. Hearst is a legendary icon to all journalists and one of the most well-known names in the industry. He alone is responsible for introducing the concept of "muckraking" into the American media landscape.

Hearst's successful establishment of "The American Magazine" was just the first in a series of successful publications. "Cosmopolitan," "Pictorial," "Cosmopolitan," "The American Weekly" and "Hearst" were all part of his publishing empire. His influence spread across the country, and his newspaper chain was one of the largest in the world.

But Hearst was more than just a publisher; he was a visionary. He was the founder of the Lawrence Hearst Foundation, which was established to promote the arts and education. He was also a strong supporter of the arts, and he built several art museums in New York City.

Today, the Hearst Castle is a popular tourist attraction and a testament to Hearst's love of art and architecture. The castle is home to many of the works of art that Hearst collected during his lifetime, and it is a reminder of the legacy that he left behind.

Hearst is remembered as a man who was passionate about his work and who was not afraid to take risks. He was a true pioneer in the world of journalism, and his influence can still be felt today. If you have any questions, please contact us at 510-544-2442 or hvtm.com.
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**BROKAW**

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Brokaw said the idea of personal, political and national freedom was the most powerful idea to emerge at the end of the 20th century, largely due to the World War II generation.

Brokaw said he wonders if Americans have lost focus of what that generation fought for.

"No piece of software, no search engine, will offer the irreplaceable rewards of a loving personal relationship or the strength and comfort of a real community of shared values and common dreams," he said. "Not will this new technology make us more racially tolerant ... or courageous to take a stand for what we know is right."

This new technology is merely a tool in our hands, and our hands are an extension not only of our minds, but also of our hearts and souls," Brokaw continued. "Taken together, they are a powerful combination. If we have a greater opportunity than, too, we have a greater obligation."

Baker said Brokaw's speech was consistent with Cal Poly's goal of supporting an environment that helps professors teach and student learn.

"We can't lose sight of the polytechnic university and what it means to contribute to the advancement of the human condition," Baker said.

Congresswoman Lois Capps said the keynote address captured the values and compassion held by the World War II generation.

"It's an important lesson for us," Capps said.

King Harris, KVEC radio news director and adviser to Cal Poly's KCPX, also attended the event.

"Ultimately, what Tom Brokaw cares about is the sacrifice that is made from one person to another to make the world a better place," Harris said.

Jeff Bliss, director of public affairs, described the keynote speech as stunning.

"(Brokaw) really tied everything together -- Cal Poly, our history, his work with the 'greatest generation' books," Bliss said. "The speech was just amazing."

Bliss said the speech will be available this week on the Cal Poly Web site, www.calpoly.edu.

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Gemma Dalena Cal Poly center fielder

she said. Blankenbeclcr surrendered only two hits and one walk in the game, and finished the game with five strikeouts. The win gave the starter her sixth shutout of the season. The Mustang pitcher gave credit to the defensive plays by other members of the squad.

"We had some great defense that helped shut them down," Blankenbeclcr said.

G e m m a Dalena had two of the Mustang's five hits, including a double down the right field line in the fourth inning. Dalena was called out at home after trying to stretch the hit into the inside-the-park homerun. "Terra pitched an excellent game," Dalena said. "It was extremely exciting. The interest today was a key factor in the way we played."
Club sports smorgasbord

Above, economics freshman Lyndsay Wilcox (left) battles a Claremont College's Tara Wallace Saturday at the Sports Complex. The Mustangs lost the game 17 -2. 

Right, animal science senior Jennie Oestreicher and civil engineering senior Earl Chow face off at the Open House fencing club display.

Blankenbecler essentially perfect against Utah State

By Laura Vega
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

For four innings, Cal Poly pitcher Terra Blankenbecler was perfect. For the next three, she was almost perfect, giving up only two hits in a 2-0 Cal Poly victory Sunday over Utah State at Bob Janssen Field. 

While Blankenbecler (12-10) retired twelve batters in a row to begin the game, Cal Poly went seven batters to the plate in the first inning, but only mustered one run off Aggie starter Kristin Hommel (1-17). 

Mustang Left fielder Nicole Dansby scored the first run following two walks and a fielder's choice by Kasey Poet. The Mustangs left the bases loaded in the first. 

Hommel struggled again in the second inning, and was pulled from the game following a leadoff walk to Michelle Unthoven. Lisa Spencer then took over for Hommel on the mound. 

Spencer gave up another run to the Mustangs in the third inning. Christie Wells lined a 1-2 pitch to left for a single and scored when Aggie shortstop Heather Curtis couldn't come up with a groundout off the bat of Roni Spamer. Utah State committed three errors in the game. 

The Aggies threatened in the fifth with a leadoff double by catcher Beani Knicke. A hit batter and single followed, loading the bases with no outs. Designated player Amanda Carlson then hit a fly ball to leftfielder Dansby who caught the ball and threw Nickle out at home for a double play. The Aggies left two runners on base to end the inning. 

"Nicole's catch was awesome,"

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Briefs

Track and field fares well at two meets

Cal Poly track and field competed in two meets this weekend, and came away with a cavalcade of good results. At the Mt Sac Relays at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, freshman Maggie Vesley took first in her 400 meter heat at 54.39. Junior Paulo Carvalho finished 26th in the second heat of the men's 5,000 meter race. Senior Jasmine Hall took ninth in the women's 800 meters.

The Mustangs also competed at the Long Beach State Invitational. Freshman Justin Neuner finished first in the men's 3,000 meter steeplechase with a time of 9:31.82, which was also a personal best. Junior David Jackson finished fourth in the race as well.

Senior Akawi Hine led the Cal Poly women at Long Beach, taking home second in the first heat of the women's 200 meter race. She also finished sixth in the second heat of the 100 meters.

Senior Jen Spalter bested her personal record in the women's 3,000 meter steeplechase with a second place finish with a time of 12:15.76.

Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:

Joseph Figone was the name of the former Giants groundskeeper who fished Barry Bonds' 500th home run out of McCovey Cove.

Congratulations Joe Demers!

Today's Question:

Who drafted Pat Riley in the 11th round in the 1967 NFL Draft?

Please submit sports trivia answers to: mesterli@calpoly.edu

Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.