City Council to vote on alcohol policy

By Kat Delbaker
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Party hosts may soon find noise violations to be the least of their worries. A proposed city alcohol ordinance will be discussed in an open forum at tonight’s San Luis Obispo City Council meeting. The ordinance, titled Chapter 9.25, “Hosting a Gathering Where Underage Persons Consume Alcohol,” states that if three or more people under the age of 21 are drinking at a party, the host will be cited.

Associated Students Inc. decided in February to oppose the proposed ordinance and passed a resolution stating that minors should be solely responsible for the consumption of alcohol when at a party. The resolution reflects ASI’s stance on the issue but is not official policy. James Gardiner, San Luis Obispo chief of police, said that he has worked with ASI for three years and has made modifications to the ordinance due to input from ASI.

ASI president San Anver explained his opinion on the matter. “Residents think this will be a great way to eliminate parties, but it’s not about partying,” Anver said. “It’s about underage drinking.”

Gardiner said the fact that everyone else supports the ordinance speaks for itself. The City Council agenda report states that one of the major city goals regarding the ordinance is to “work proactively to maintain and enhance the traditional qualities of San Luis Obispo neighborhoods.”

“It won’t protect the quality of neighborhoods,” Anver said. “It will create discrimination between young residents and the community. It will become another tool to target a completely different issue.”

Mayor Allen Settle was unavailable for comment regarding the ordinance. There will be a student discussion of the issue at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, and students and the community are encouraged to attend both the discussion and the city council meeting to voice their opinions on the issue.

City Council meetings take place every first and third Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
The meetings are held at City Hall at 990 Palm St.

Events aim to combat intolerance

By Evann Gastaldo
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

One day last year English graduate student Angela Bluestar was sitting in Limbo, an English lounge on campus, like she often did. But what she heard that day made her not want to return anytime soon.

“One day we started talking about gay and the guy started talking about killing fags,” Bluestar said. “It was kind of hurtful, and we talked with raised voices for a while. And apparently he did this again several times after this.”

This kind of intolerance is what Cal Poly’s Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals United and the Multicultural Center hopes to counteract with CompassUNITY Pride, a two-week celebration of sexual diversity.

Part of the purpose of the celebration is to fix “the complete lack of GLB visibility on campus and the lack of sexual diversity awareness,” said Joni Hill, C’LBU vice president.

CompassUNITY Pride, which will last through May 24, features guest speakers, a workshop, information booths, a comedy night, a roundtable discussion and a dance.

Monday’s opening ceremony in Chumash Auditorium featured guest speaker Charise Chenic, ethnic stud­ies professor. Afterwards, "Hollywood SCREEN KISS was shown. Tonight, consultants from Diversity Matters will hold a workshop titled "Heterosexism/Homophobia: How To Be an Ally," which will be held in the San Luis Lounge (UU 203) at 7 p.m.

"Diversity Matters is a (nonprofit) human relations organization that (does) work on different ‘isms’ of oppression, like racism, sexism, chaser­ racism," said Shontre Pearsall, coordinator of multicultural programs and services.

Laure Johansmann, biological sciences senior, makes an ice cream sundae in the UU as part of A.W.O.L.: A Week of Leaving, for graduating seniors. Today’s event is Taco Tuesday at Fishdaddy’s.
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CSU system considers alcohol policy

LONG BEACH (AP) — California State University leaders are considering a policy to limit drinking on campus, the system's chancellor said Tuesday, calling it a response to growing concerns about alcohol-related problems for students.

Reed said the system is also considering distributing campus alcohol-related regulations and policies to all students in an effort to stop "the downward spiral" of people experimenting with alcohol.

CSU Sacramento Chancellor John H. Welty, who chairs the system's liquor committee, said Monday that the proposal was in response to growing concerns about alcohol-related problems on campuses across the state.

The proposal would also require that alcohol-related incidents on campus be reported to police and that student organizations be required to prove they are not subsidizing alcohol costs through ticket sales or other means.

Wallas said the system was also looking at creating a systemwide grant writer to seek out possible funding to implement the policy and maintain the policies.

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Web company offers Napster-like file sharing

By By Ryan Ballard

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Napster may have put person-to-person computing on the map, but Cal Poly management information systems senior Mark Spykerman plans to take the medium into the future.

Spykerman recently won the first Ray Scherr Business Plan Competition at the Orfalea College of Business for his company, Terazima LLC.

Terazima is an Internet infrastructure provider that Spykerman founded with fellow Cal Poly students in May 2000. Terazima's function is to develop person-to-person computing systems designed and tailored for specific clients. Person-to-person computing is a system to share files with one another — is what Napster is based upon.

Spykerman is the company's chief executive officer, and computer engineering graduate Raj Singh serves as the chief technology officer. Also working for the company is computer engineering graduate Tejinderpal Pannu and computer engineering seniors Nathan Schurr and Kristof Fox.

Spykerman received $4,000 as his first-place prize. The money will be divided into three areas. Part of the prize will pay bills. Spykerman has accumulated since quitting his job to work on Terazima full time, part will be used for cash for the company, and part will be put into a certificate of deposit account.

Singh currently works in San Jose. He communicates with Spykerman through various means, including e-mail communication and conference calls. Singh plans to move back to San Luis Obispo this summer, and the company will stay in town.

Despite the recent trend of dot-coms turning into dot-bombs, Spykerman has ambitious goals for Terazima.

"In three years we'd like to have a $150 million valuation of the company," he said. "At that time, we'd be looking for an exit strategy — to cash in. That'd either be selling to a large company like Sun Microsystems or Microsoft or IBM, or going the IPO (initial public offering) route."

Spykerman said he hopes that his hard work and sacrifice now will pay off in the long run.

"I work about 40 hours a week," he said. "Sometimes it's more, rarely less. My grades prove it, ask any of my teachers."

Right now Terazima is going through the long and arduous process of acquiring funding. Singh said the company is close to finding the initial investment, with about half of that money coming from an "angel" in San Diego. An angel is defined as a person who invests less than $1.5 million in a company like this.

Spykerman and Singh will take the company to Santa Barbara on Thursday for the Central Coast Venture Forum in hopes of finding the funding they need. Attending the forum is one of the perks Spykerman received for winning the business plan competition.

"We're trying to get more publicity with the angel investors here," Spykerman said. "Our goal is to get $1.2 million more in the next three months."

That would give Terazima a total of $1.5 million to start. By the end of the third round of venture capitalism, Spykerman estimates the company will need $10 to $15 million, although he's not sure of an exact figure.

Spykerman gives credit to the quality of the Cal Poly engineering program for helping develop the technology behind the company.

Homestar Runner will pass the test of time

By By Sal J. Barry

THE COLUMBINE CHRONICLE

(U-WIRE) CHICAGO — Homestar Runner is an excellent cartoon series on the Web, about the title character and his unusual friends who inhabit a surreal yet fun world — a world of bright colors, cheesy Nintendo-style music, and 1980s pop culture references all neatly packed into a well-paced show. And as giddy as the show is, it never shows its age. It's still funny.

This is why you find yourself feeling the need for entertainment, go online and check out www.homestarunner.com.

Fans add to favorite storylines with site

By Helene Tabackoff

BADGER HERALD

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — Fan fiction, an online rage, allows fans of television shows, music groups, poems and other types of entertainment to continue the storylines of the characters in the form of online journals. For practically every show on television, and other types of entertainment, there is a spot on the Internet devoted to deciding character and people's fates.

Fanfic, as it is commonly referred, is not a new concept. The forming of stories based on existing fiction began decades ago. The original fanfic stories were photocopied and bound together in "zines" and taken to conventions where writers and fans gathered. One had to be aware of the conventions and understand what was going on to be a part of fanfic. Dendria Hartman, a graduate student of Cultural and Media Studies at University of Wisconsin-Madison, is an expert in fanfiction and has studied the reasons why people write fanfic for years.

"Often when people see fan fic on the Internet they think that it must be something new, because the technology is new. But the phenomenon is much older than the Internet," she said. "Some scholars think of ancient folktales and legends as a form of fan fiction, since listeners retold and altered the stories in their own ways, changing them over time, even adding or removing characters and plotlines."

According to a recent Washington Post article, the Internet has dramatically increased the publication of fanfic. One can go from one Web site to another and find stories on any topic they are interested in. UW-Madison freshman Jeff Hirt is excited about reading his favorite shows on different Web sites.

"Fanfic is very cool, especially for people that may want to write for the shows. It gives them a chance to get their ideas seen by others," he said. "I would be interested in reading other people's writings about a favorite show of mine."

One of many Web sites offering fanfic is www.fanfiction.net. The site allows users to locate over 41,000 stories by 13,000 authors. Many authors are "stuffed" online by avid readers, and according to the Washington Post article, thought to be "a classless, belly-dork with no friends and no life."
So long, Adams, and thanks for all the Babel fish

This column is brought to you by the number 42 and the letter N, for the boggle-definition of the letters, but for the person they represented. All around the world this past weekend, millions of Galaxies. Gland Flattens were raised in a toast to one of the greatest authors in recent memory. Although the death of British author Douglas Noel Adams in Santa Barbara health club last Friday was something not to be taken lightly by fans of his literature, it was impossible, for me at least, to be serious about the event.

I have too many happy memories of time spent with the quirky free-book "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy trilogy" (yes, that's right, there were five books in the trilogy) to ever be serious about anything Adams-related, so shut down, hold on, and whatever you do, don't forget your towels. It's time to take a primitively broad look at the literary highlights of a man who died too young.

I suppose I should add some summary for the uninitiated, if they have made it this far. I consider it a mark of publication if they have made it this far. I consider it a mark of celebrity, if they have made it this far. I consider it a mark of trust me, it's not. As the story begins, the reader discovers that Dicius is brought to you by the number 42

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I looked forward to my trip home last weekend. I missed my family, home-cooked meals and shopping.

**Commentary**

Yes, shopping—an activity that I'm never tired of and that, as a busy college student in a small town, I don't get to practice enough.

I could go to Gap or Express in downtown San Luis Obispo, but shopping in the metropolitan malls of the Bay Area offers more brand-name shopping opportunities.

I admit that brand-name shopping can turn consumers into what I call "clothing snobs." In America, 12-month-old babies can recognize "brand associations," according to "Born to Be Consumers," a recent article on Yahoo! News.

A newborn wearing $20 Tommy Hilfiger running shoes may be cute, but his parents are wasting money on an accessory that may only last until the next month when his feet are so big his parents can't tie the laces.

The problem is not in a few selected purchases. Infancy and the early years of childhood hold some of the most memorable moments for moms and dads. College is a busy social event, and we want to dress up for the occasion.

Plus, brand-name shopping has advantages. Consumers expect a certain style from the companies, and they have a general sense of how well the articles fit their body shape from previous shopping trips. Seasonal catalogues and national advertising campaigns make it easier for customers to find clothes in a style they like.

I say "clothing snob" because the opinion that all brand-name products are inherently better than generic ones is problematic, however.

Clothing purchases tend to revolve around a need to be accepted. Our desire to appear "with it" can drive our egos and empty our wallets.

The American dream tells us we have a right to reach our full potential, to be the best, to have the best. Since our society equates money with value, and brand-name clothes are usually more expensive, we rush to buy them based on their perceived value. A Gap shirt may fall apart faster than a no-name version, but the Gap insignia often makes our final decision for us.

The power of marketing is pervasive and powerful. More than 62 percent of parents with preschool-age children in a Headstart program in northern California keep the television on most of the morning, according to an article in "Nutrition Research Newsletter." Eighty-one percent of parents said the television was on most of the evening.

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**Letters to the editor**

**China was looking for American weakness**

**Editor**

In response to Laura Vega's recent commentary ("Chinese culture isn't American," May 1) I felt like she somewhat missed the point of the United States' actions toward the Chinese. We all want peace, but the U.S. government's actions were not what caused the lack of peace.

It was not our tremendous misunderstanding of the Chinese culture. It was the refusal of the Chinese government to take any responsibility for what happened when their tighter jet collided with a U.S. surveillance plane in international airspace.

The Chinese were not looking for an apology; they were looking for weakness, and they were using what happened as an excuse to test our nation. China is a very aggressive nation that has one of the world's largest armies. They have already invaded Tibet and slaughtered many peaceful Tibetans. They have labeled Taiwan as a separate province and have become increasingly more intent on using force against that nation.

They are a powerful country looking for greater influence in Asia and the world. While I am not a fan of President George W. Bush, I do applaud his administration's decision to continue surveillance of the Chinese.

Until freedom rings around the globe, we still must remain vigilant in our efforts to preserve peace.

Greg Guy is an industrial technology senior.

**Culture Fest faced insensitive noise**

**Editor**

A couple of weeks ago, I was one of the many people who came out to enjoy Cal Poly's fifth annual Culture Fest at the Rec Center. This was a wonderful event celebrating many cultures on and off campus. The festival displayed many foods and a broad array of entertainment.

While watching some of the acts, it was evident that many of the clubs had been practicing for months because some of the performances were simply amazing. However, I found myself often being ticked off by the annoying sounds of bouncing basketballs and screaming.

When a Rec Sports attendant was asked if the Rec Center could please close off the upper portions of the gymnasium, the response was, "They have a right to play basketball." Furthermore, no action was taken to stop the basketball playing, nor was an explanation given. I wonder if this could have ever been the response given had this been any other Associated Students Inc. event being held at the Rec Center.

This is simply the highest form of disrespect and should not be tolerated. It is ridiculous for such an act to be condoned by ASI, our student government. All the performers spent numerous hours rehearsing, and as an audience member, I came out to enjoy these performances. We were all entitled to a reasonably noise-free environment.

After the event was over and days passed, I found myself still being highly upset by the nonchalant attitude that was displayed and more especially that it is being treated as if it is simply water under the bridge. It is my understanding that the $1,500 was paid to reserve the gym from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Culture Fest was supposed to be an ASI-sponsored event, yet no one from ASI was present.

Why did this happen? Why does this always happen? When are we going to stop having "misunderstandings," "apologies" and "miscommunications" when it comes to cultural events? We've had enough rhetoric... it's time to really start learning by doing. If there is an answer, please write back.

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History has a way of repeating itself. Pretty cool, huh?
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fifth team to sweep the first two rounds since the current playoff format was adopted in 1984. The last team to do so was the Indiana Pacers, who accomplished the feat two years ago before losing to the New York Knicks in the Eastern Conference finals. The last time a Western Conference team swept the first two rounds was in 1989, when the Lakers swept their first three for an 11-game winning streak in the playoffs before they were swept by the Detroit Pistons in the NBA Finals. Lakers coach Phil Jackson scoffed when asked about the possibility of an undated postseason, something that's never been accomplished in the NBA.

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team's playoff spot will be snapped up by other Western Conference pseudo-powers like Seattle, Houston or the Los Angeles Clippers.

It is said to see Webber go, even though after Sunday's game he said he hasn't yet made his decision. "I just want to sit down with my family and make sure I make the right decision," he told ESPN.com. "I want to make sure I make the right decision for the right reasons."

Sure, Chris, you want to make the right decision for the right reasons. Then why do you have that flight booked to New York?

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Arthritis Foundation run in the Southern California area, Morales said. An Arthritis Foundation brochure identifies the classes as a way to "help people with arthritis to lessen stiffness, ease pain, improve muscular strength, build cardiovascular endurance and increase joint flexibility." Morales also said that approximately 32 percent of the money donated will go to administration research for arthritis.

The students found out about the marathon through Jamba Juice, where they all work. Engleton said that Jamba Juice paid for each of the students' $100 registration fee, but he is not sure how he is going to come up with the rest of the money.

"I'm going to write a lot of letters, that kind of stuff," he said. "Maybe I'll have a garage sale and ask my friends for junk they don't want and then sell it."

Owen said that she plans to write many letters as well.

"I'm going to write to everyone I know, pretty much," she said. "Cotaches from high school and college, people I used to baby-sit for, relatives..."

The Joints in Motion team must train for 25 weeks in order to complete the 26.2-mile course, Morales said. Training takes place every Sunday at 7:30 a.m., but Engleton takes it all in stride.

"I think (the training) is going to be fun," he said. "Since I've had a background of running in high school and college, it probably won't be as hard for me than other people to handle the distance. It's going to be a fun bonding experience for the group of people going to Ireland."

Neither Engleton or Owen has ever run a marathon before, but Owen did complete a half-marathon last January.

"It wasn't too bad," Owen said. "I should be able to run a whole marathon."

Roger Waters, who also coaches the San Luis Obispo Roadrunners soccer club, will coach the Joints in Motion team. In a letter to all Joints in Motion trainees, Waters stated that "training is designed to fit each individual's fitness level, from novice to seasoned athletes. Team workouts and group events provide motivation and inspiration." Engleton said that he ended up running with members of the Joints in Motion team as part of Sunday's practice.

Each month Jamba Juice hosts a "community tip jar" benefiting different causes. A jar to benefit Joints in Motion should be out soon for those who wish to donate, Owen said.

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Students run to fight arthritis

By Kat DeBakker
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

BrianEngleton's grandmother has rheumatic arthritis. To help her, he's willing to go the distance—literally.

Engleton, an electrical engineering junior, is one of six students who started training May 6 for a 26.2-mile marathon this fall in Dublin, Ireland. The marathon benefits the Southern California chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

"I've always wanted to run a marathon," said Sarah Owen, kinesiology junior and Dublin Marathon trainee. "When I found out it was in Dublin, that pretty much did it for me. Plus, it raises money for a cause."

In addition to Engleton and Owen, Cal Poly students Amber Carter, Alyssa Galon, Gracie Stahl and Cuesta student Blanca Franco, make up the only six students of the 31 joints in Motion training team members. They must raise a minimum of 54,400 each in donations to participate in the event, which takes place Oct. 29.

Denise Morales, regional director of the Arthritis Foundation, said that approximately 50 percent of the 54,400 goes toward the Arthritis Foundation to fund programs, services and research. The remaining 50 percent goes toward the travel costs of the seven-day, five-night stay in Ireland.

Some of the services that will benefit from the donations are the 18 exercise classes and 48 aquatic classes that the Mustang Daily staff covered in detail in a previous article.

Kings will suffer when Webber leaves Sacramento

The exile out of the Sacramento Kings' benchwarming, which is flowing at a steady pace after getting destroyed by the Lakers, will overflow when Chris Webber decides not to re-sign with the team this summer.

The four-game dismantling sweep by the Lakers proved to Webber that the Kings couldn't compete with the upper echelon teams of the Western Conference. This series was the best chance for the Kings to advance, and considering the result, it wasn't much of a chance at all.

Webber and his 27.1 points and 11.1 rebounds per game will likely end up in the Eastern Conference, where he could be re-united with former teammate Latrell Sprewell in New York. In the East, he can do or make a difference.

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"It was fun battling with this team, and now that C-Webb isn't going to be here anymore, they're going back to the expansionism," he told ESPN.com. "I don't think he'll be here."

"O'Neal's comments are a little harsh, because without Webber the Kings are definitely better than an expansion team. With a lineup of Jason Williams, Doug Christie, Peja Stojakovic, Hidayet Turkoglu and Vlade Divac, the Kings likely will compete for the No. 8 seed in the West. Turkoglu's 22-point performance Sunday provided some hope for the Kings, but there's no way he can replace Webber. Sacramento has already made it known it will offer Webber the maximum contract possible, a seven-year, $121 million deal that would have Webber finishing his career in a Kings uniform. But Webber won't take it, because he wants to win a championship, and Sacramento doesn't provide him an opportunity to do that. But unless he goes to play for the Lakers, it's unlikely that he can win a title due to Kobe and Shaq's ownership of the league."

When Webber leaves, Arco Arena will return to the non-tras­sionist state it snapped out of three years ago when Webber arrived. He turned around the franchise, and his departure will return the team to its defunct state. The

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