Cal Poly will not switch to semesters, Baker says

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County struggles to contain Ecstasy production, distribution

By Patty Green

Over the last year, the county has encountered more production of Methamphetamine. This problem is widespread and crosses all boundaries from students to the homeless to professionals.

The most recent case was the arrest of David K. Wade, of San Luis Obispo County Jail recently on a no-bail federal arrest warrant charging him with conspiracy to manufacture and distributeEcstasy, according to a sheriff's department press release. Wade was booked into San Luis Obispo County Jail recently on a no-bail federal arrest warrant charging him with conspiracy to manufacture and distribute Ecstasy.

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extra events and helping them with their events," Mor said.

Peter has participated in many workshops in the past and he is very interested in the Latino community and its developments.

Organizers of the events said they want students to take a more proactive approach after becoming more aware through the month's events.

"Hopefully, Latino Community Month) will interest and encourage people to be more involved, maybe in getting grassroots support, creating other organizations or creating other workshops," Peter said. "Maybe it will bring up new ideas and new people and inspire new leadership."

If the students want to be more active in the Latino community, they first have to feel comfortable at school, Mor said.

"(We're trying) to form a sense of community and have the Latinos on campus be more comfortable here, because there is a lack of diversity on campus, and I think this is just trying to promote that diversity and show pride in our culture," she said.

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stores, most are happy. During the day, most people in San Luis Obispo are comfortable wearing jeans, flip-flops and a sweatshirt. It's at night, when fashion-savvy consumers show off their personal flair.

"In the evening it's a very individual style," said Diane Snack, co-owner of Twisted Orbits in San Luis Obispo. "At night, they can show themselves off. At night, everyone breaks out."

Twisted Orbits has received a positive reaction from students who are interested in breaking away from the ordinary T-shirts and jeans.

"People will come and say, 'Thank god you're here. I've been looking for something not in a chain store,'" Snack said.

The store carries both women's and men's clothing but caters more to men because of the large demand for unique men's clothing.

"Men are really starting to come into fashion. They want to dress as nice as their date does," Snack said.

Several males have begun to break out of their casual clothing rut.

"When I go out, I usually pick out a nice collared shirt, clean pants and a decent pair of shoes, because it's fun to switch things up," said the author.

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National Briefs

Largest U.S. Ecstasy lab busted
SAN DIEGO — Thursday, the largest and most sophisticated Ecstasy lab found in the United States was raided 30 miles north of San Diego. Several thousand Ecstasy pills were found and the chemicals to make more than 1 million more were found in the office space that was being rented from a company that runs an Internet pornography business.

The raid was a result of an investigation that started last year when investigators became suspicious of large purchases of the chemicals that are used to make the drug. It was about to begin distribution in the United States, Mexico and possibly other countries. The lab was capable of making 1 to 1.5 million pills per month.

A series of Ecstasy labs were raided Thursday in Southern California. 21 people were arrested and more arrests are expected. Eighty percent of Ecstasy is made overseas.

— The San Diego Channel and Associated Press

No evidence Afghan hospital bombed
WASHINGTON — Monday, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said that there was no evidence that the Taliban report of an Afghan hospital in the city of Herat was bombed by U.S. war planes and killed over 100 people is true. He also said that the Taliban claims that U.S. helicopters have been shot down and that U.S. forces have been captured are false.

— Reuters

War bonds may be approved by Congress
WASHINGTON — A war bonds bill had been passed by the Senate and an identical one is expected to pass through the House today. If passed, they will be the first war bonds since World War II. The idea has received a less than enthusiastic response from the Treasury Department and many economists, but they all agree that a strong U.S. economy is very important in light of recent events.

Funds from the war bonds and other bonds issued by the Treasury Department go into a general fund that can be used for any government expenditure. Some politicians believe that the bonds serve as morale boosters and will give people an opportunity to contribute to the anti-terrorism efforts. They will also give people a relatively safe way to make an investment.

War bonds were first sold to help Union efforts during the Civil War. More than $185 million in war bonds was sold during World War II.

— Associated Press

Two postal workers likely killed by anthrax
WASHINGTON — Two postal workers who have died were probably victims of the anthrax bacterium and two more were hospitalized. They were employees at a facility that delivers mail to the capital. The Center for Disease Control has recommended that the more than 1,000 workers for the 36 facilities that handle mail that comes from Washington’s Brentwood station take antibiotics as a precaution.

The House and Senate plan to reconvene today, but several of their offices remain closed. Preliminary test results for three spots in the buildings have returned positive for anthrax.

The Postal Service has stopped cleaning their machinery with blowers and has started to use equipment that will sanitize mail and eradicate spores to prevent the bacteria from being spread.

— Associated Press

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contrib­utor Anne Guilford.

International Briefs

Middle East
ISRAEL — Israel has rejected U.S. demands for an immediate withdrawal of Israeli troops from all Palestinian-controlled areas. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said his forces would not pull out from six West Bank towns until the Palestinians had handed over those responsible for killing the Israeli Tourism Minister Rehavam Ze’evi.

His comments follow what has been described as America’s strongest denunciation yet of the Israeli incursion, after the State Department said that Israeli actions had contributed to a significant escalation in tension and violence.

Conflict between the two countries has since escalated with the murder of a Hamas activist in the West Bank. Hamas is an outgrowth of the Palestinian branch of the Muslim Brotherhood created to pursue the goal of establishing an Islamic Palestinian state in place of Israel.

On Monday night, Israeli army units moved into Palestinian refugee camps in Rafah in the Gaza Strip, according to Palestinian security officials.

They said Israeli tanks and bulldozers demolished three homes; there was no comment from the Israeli army.

Palestinian Prime Minister Yasser Arafat has called on President Bush to pressure Israel to withdraw its troops from Palestine. At a meeting in Gaza, representa­tives from the United States, Russia, the European Union and the United Nations has urged Arafat to enforce the ceasefire agreement with Israel.

— CNN News

South Asia
JAKARTA — More than 350 immigrants, mainly Iraqi migrants who had drowned off the coast of Indonesia, after their boat headed for Australia, sank in rough waters on Friday.

According to survivors, 421 people were on board when the vessel set sail last week. There would have been more, but a small group refused to leave when they saw the condition of the ship and others were dropped off later because they feared the ship would not reach its destination.

The boat was headed for Christmas Island, Australian territory preferred by immigrants hoping to get on to the mainland.

The passengers were mainly from Iraq, but there were also Iranians, Afghans, Palestinians and Algerians on board.

The boat sank within 10 minutes after the captain warned that his engines had stopped and the boat was taking in water.

Local fishermen picked up the survivors they could find and took them to Bupar, north of Jakarta, where they were being treated by an emergency organization.

An IOM spokesperson in Jakarta told the BBC that this incident has heightened concern that smugglers are now trying to pack more and more people on board boats which are barely sea worthy.

— BBC News

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Will Students and Classes at Cal Poly be Affected by Failing CSU Contract Negotiations?

Your Cal Poly faculty and staff negotiations with the CSU Chancellor are failing over the issues of compensation and working conditions. Together, faculty and staff form the backbone of the university and maintain a quality learning environment. California Faculty Association (CFA) data show that 10 years ago 55% of the CSU budget went to student instruction and it has now dropped to 47%. Meantime, the workload has increased for faculty and staff. To maintain the quality of education, the CFA wants to reduce class sizes, stabilize student-to-faculty ratios and to extend protections for long-term lecturers who have no employment protection.

NEGOTIATION UPDATE:

► The Chancellor’s Office received an 8.5% legislative budget increase, but has offered the California State Employees Association (CSEA) a merit salary increase of less than 2%!

► The Chancellor also refused the CFA proposed increase in compensation of 5.7%.

► Both the CSEA and CFA feel this is unfair and need your support!

How Will this Affect Your Quality of Education?

If the Chancellor has his way, it will have a negative effect on Cal Poly:

- Recruitment and retention of quality faculty and staff is more difficult due to the heavy workload for faculty and low wages for staff. Other critical problems not faced at most other campuses in the CSU system include a health care crisis, unaffordable housing, and poor working conditions.

- Because of this, some existing employees may choose to relocate elsewhere.

- In turn, the quality of faculty and staff will plummet and this will cause the high quality of education at Cal Poly to deteriorate.

How Can Students Help?

“Teach CSU” gatherings will be held in October on CSU campuses.

Cal Poly will hold its “Teach CSU” Day on

Thursday, October 25th
from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.
on Dexter Lawn.

Please join Cal Poly faculty and staff, community and labor leaders to share information about the issues facing us all in the CSU and learn how we can preserve the quality of education at Cal Poly as a precious resource for all. Your attendance at this “teach-in” will send an important message to the Chancellor and CSU Trustees!

How Can Cal Poly Employees Help?

Are you a union member? Are you sure?

CSEA “fee payers” for example, currently pay 95% dues as CSU employees but do not receive a long list of benefits that “full dues paying members” enjoy for only about $2.40 more per month.

To improve the CSEA bargaining power and your working conditions, we encourage you to increase our “power in numbers” by joining today. With a stronger bargaining position, we can negotiate a stop to the increasing trend of eliminating our CSEA union jobs by contracting them out.

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English professor Susann Cokal in her Los Osos home, poses with her novel "Mirabilis," a fictional story about a wet nurse based in 14th century France. Cokal is in the middle of her first quarter teaching at Cal Poly and is a recent graduate of UC Berkeley. Cokal recently published her first novel, "Mirabilis," which includes a church based on the one she saw during her travels in France. The novel is set in 14th-century France and is based on the trials of a wet nurse. Cokal is in the midst of her first quarter teaching at Cal Poly and is a recent graduate of UC Berkeley.

"When I was 13, I told my mom I had just finished a novel, (and) I just looked at me...I think she thought I finished reading a novel," said Susann Cokal, English professor.

"I think she's great," Keesey said about Cokal. "She was our first choice.

Cokal is a history scholar and enjoys writing historical fiction. She has two Ph.D.'s—one in comparative literature with an emphasis on English, French and Scandinavian literature; the other is in English with a creative writing emphasis. She chose Cal Poly over several other schools because of its location and the atmosphere of the campus.

"The students didn't seem too horrible," Cokal said.

During her time in college she had the opportunity to travel to Europe. Cokal got the idea for her novel because of its location and the atmosphere of the campus.

"French men all like big breasts," Cokal said. "I had one man ask if American girls are all easy, just like in the movies.

During her trip to France, Cokal got the idea for her novel. She said that she walked everywhere. She said there was a church in her town, of which no one knew the origin. She was really interested in history and drawn to certain questions about the church. It was one such question that sparked her novel.

Cokal commented that it is difficult to write a good novel. She said that a writer has to write a novel that expresses an idea rather than just stringing events together. Cokal has been writing for most of her life, and said she was 13 when she finished a novel.

"When I was 13, I told my mom I had just finished a novel, (and) she just looked at me," Cokal said. "I think she thought I just finished reading a novel."

Born in California, Cokal was part of the first generation of her family born in the United States. Her mother is Danish and her father is Austrian. All of her relatives except her sister live in Denmark.

Cokal has a dirty mind, and that, combined with her eccentric attitude, makes her classes interesting for her students. After attending four weeks of her fiction writing class, it quickly became apparent that she truly enjoys the work she does and is a great asset to Cal Poly's English department.

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Opinion

Sighma Chi has right to recruit like other fraternities

Members of the Sigma Chi fraternity are seen on campus wearing T-shirts that say "LIFE AFTER DEATH!" So what's wrong with that? In my opinion, it only helps Sigma Chi. So what if the fraternity got kicked off campus nearly two years ago? Even though the chapter has yet to return to Cal Poly, Sigma Chi is still prevalent in the Greek system and hasn't lost its voice on campus.

During rush in spring 2000, four members of Sigma Chi, including me, were charged with nine counts of hazing and one count of soliciting a beverage to a minor. The charges were made by a pledge who was dismissed from Sigma Chi by a majority vote.

The nine counts of hazing were dropped by the district attorney, leaving me to the pledge ledger under oath. Shortly after, Cal Poly's Judicial Affairs decided to suspend the Sigma Chi chapter for 25 years. That's right, 25 years. This seems like an awful

long time considering that the most recent members of the fraternity at the time would be long gone in four or five years. I'm not arguing that hazing is right, but I personally feel it is a ridiculous thing to go through. Although I am not a member of a sorority at Cal Poly, I have nothing against other fraternities and sororities that are actively involved in the community.

However, it's no secret that there is a lot of drinking at fraternity parties and sometimes including underage drinking. Still, the people who do choose to join the greek system do just that - they choose. I don't think it is fair to say "Mustang Daily is responsible for it... they hazed me." Whether or not one chooses to join, it is the obligation by law to abide by those particular laws on those types of activities. Most people can think for themselves and should walk away if they feel that the "hazing" is too much.

Sigma Chi was punished for hazing only because they got caught. This doesn't mean that it is only fraternity that has its prisons. I'm sure that my own fraternity on campus became more cautious of their hazing activities once charges were brought against Sigma Chi, but the hazing did not stop altogether. I don't think it ever will. However, it's a choice that is made by each member when they accept their bid, and 25 years is still a ridiculous amount of time to suspend as entire chapter for the actions of a handful of members.

The suspension prohibits the fraternity from participating in any community service including athletic events, homecoming and intramural sports. Judicial Affairs stated that Cal Poly would not recognize Sigma Chi as a campus organization any longer. I was told that's you - I didn't think so. Greg Malta is an industrial engineering junior.

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News

Security package approved for Olympics in Utah

By Jesse Coleman

A new Olympic security package approved by Congress last Thursday. This letter came in response to the Sept. 11 attacks in an attempt to ease tensions and make the upcoming Olympic games more secure. The Federal Government has added $40 million to the Olympic security budget as part of the $40 billion anti-terrorism package approved by Congress on Sept. 17. The security package will prevent the need for much additional legislation, Bennett said.

A substantial chunk of the security package, $45 million, goes to the Department of Justice for equipment and supplies, said Larry Shephard of Sen. Bennett's office. This includes equipment such as metal detectors and other security equipment.

The additional $20 million goes to the Department of Defense and will support the number of military personnel involved in the games.

Most of those personnel will be soldiers in uniform, said Lt. Col. Lisa Bogdanski, public affairs representative for the Joint Task Force for the Olympics Office, said the five major areas for military support are vehicles, communications, bomb detection, temporary facilities, and physical security.

However Bogdanski said only National Guard soldiers will be carrying weapons.

"We provide support and equipment, but there are any troops, they will be the National Guard," she said. The number of National Guard troops is expected to increase from the governor's request of 2000 to approximately 3000, said Lt. Col Craig Morgan, public affairs officer for the National Guard.

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Utah National Guard, Morgan said the primary mission for the National Guard is to augment already existing security.

"The only time the National Guard is used is when local resources are turned beyond their ability to respond. The Guard is to assist already in-place law enforcement," he said.

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National survey shows colleges are going green

By Nikola Obriecht

THE EAGLE

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — The first-ever national survey of colleges and universities on environmental awareness, administered by the National Wildlife Federation and Princeton Survey Research Associates, revealed many schools not only are following the trend of environmental conservation but are setting a precedent for the rest of the nation to follow.

"A surprising number of colleges and universities, of all types and sizes in all regions of the country, are taking a lead role in striking a balance between the needs of people and the environment," said Julian Kearney, manager of NWF's Campus Ecology program. The survey included 891 schools, nearly 22 percent of all U.S. higher education institutions, and included responses from presidents, provosts, and chiefs of administration and operations.

"Of the respondents, 64 percent were presidents, and Kearney said he sees this as a very encouraging sign. Presidents commonly respond to environmental practices fit "with the culture and values of America's campuses," according to the survey.

The survey addressed areas of energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy, upgrades, landscaping, transportation, and environmental awareness and integration in curriculums. The NWF devised a report card and assessed, as a whole, the 891 schools in each area.

The survey found almost all of the respondents have enacted programs to promote energy efficiency. Efficient lighting and integrated conditioning and heating systems are popular methods of cutting down on overall energy use. Conserving water was also a high priority amongst colleges and universities.

"Seventy-two percent of the schools reported using efficient toilets, showerheads and faucets, and that they recirculate their water," the survey stated. Some areas of landscaping, such as environmentally friendly pest control, were found to be used widely. However, the survey also found only 16 percent of the colleges are working to restore damaged habitats near or on campus grounds.

"Transportation management remains a largely untapped territory on U.S. campuses," the NWF reported in the survey.

Environmental lessons in the classrooms also are seen as an area that needs improvement. "The education facet is the most glaring disappointment of the study," said Kathleen Caccavale, who works for the NWF and is also

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an American University graduate. While 68 percent of biology programs integrate environmental awareness into curricula, only 12 percent of engineering and 11 percent of education programs offer environmental concerns.

Kenady said some schools have been notably successful. Colorado State University and University of Colorado have become models of public transportation excellence. Middlebury College is among few schools that require 70 percent and 100 percent of their waste, State University of New York and Middlebury have become a leader in the push for energy efficiency and conservation. Oberlin College has constructed an environmental studies building that it hopes to be a net energy exporter by using renewable energy sources such as solar and wind energy and having a water purifying station.

AU was not among the 891 schools that replies to the survey, but Jorge Abad, assistant vice president of facilities and administration services, noted AU makes efforts to be environmentally conscious.

AU recycles nearly 60 percent of its waste. The university's trash is sorted and sent to recycling centers, and grass clippings and tree and bush prunings are composted, Abad said.

Also, he noted the school conserves energy through electrically controlled heating and cooling, but students and faculty also are responsible for doing such things as turning off lights when leaving rooms and opening or closing windows instead of using heating or air conditioning.

Unlike some schools surveyed, AU does not have an environmental studies department in the College of Arts and Sciences and does not have any required classes on the environment.

The results of this landmark survey "give a good cross-section al snapshot of environmental performance on campuses throughout the country," said Mary McIntosh, vice president of the FSBEA.

The Taliban have said Afghan women must have curtains over the windows as well as cur tains between the passengers and the drivers (who would obviously be male). I think this hit me most because of the shame every woman must accept, even in their private lives they are wrong for not having a penis or a beard.

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Part of me can’t ignore how basically immature (although the issue is much more serious than this word implies) these men are being. It’s like a boy-child stealing all the candy away from his sister who has just spent four hours trick-or-treating. Except it is not children, the Taliban are mostly young men and the "sisters" they are stealing from are their sisters in the broadest sense of the word. Sisters of Afghanistan, children of humanity, and the candy is life. Are these women more their sex and gender than they are humans?

Women’s oppression is a human rights trespass. This is a power struggle for the domination of thousands of millions of peoples lives. And the women are killing their competition, literally.

— Haley Myers is an English senior and president of Cal Poly Women’s Awareness. This letter was read to participants during a panel discussion on apartheid last week during activity hour.

Unfathomable inequality

What struck me and threw me into the reality of this horror was not the physical brutality, but the denial of education. For some reason, it was that any house with a female in it must paint their windows and that a bus designated for women must have curtains over the windows as well as a curtain between the passengers and the drivers (who would obviously be male). I think this hit me most because of the shame every woman must accept, even in their private lives they are wrong for not having a penis or a beard.

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