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Initiative seeks to increase campus' environmental awareness

By Barbara Bowden
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

ASl President Angie Hacker is trying to make Cal Poly a more environmentally friendly campus, both now and for the future.

Hacker is working with students, faculty and staff on a Campus Sustainability Initiative (CSI), which will work to promote environmentally sound solutions to a variety of areas on campus.

Hacker said the idea for the CSI arose from a conversation she had over the summer with Pablo Pastor, a member of the Physics and Astronomy Department and manufacturing engineering senior, is now ASI commissioner of environmental affairs.

"He told me about some of his ideas to increase environmental awareness on campus," Hacker said. "A lot of it had to do with doing projects, with engineering and design aspects, from trying to incorporate methane for fuel cells to methods of reforestation for energy, to alternate modes of transportation to eliminating pollutants."

Hacker spoke with other people who were all working on similar environmentally conscious projects. However, she said the notice is lack of communication between these parties.

"I started to pull people together, kind of informally at first, to have discussions, and one day we grouped into a kind of already working, but didn't really have the leadership or momentum to get something done or to make it a priority at the university," Hacker said.

Part of what makes the CSI unique is that it is executed and chaired by students, who work closely with faculty, staff and administrators, who want to get a broad spectrum of the campus community.

"Steven Marx, an English professor, has been involved with environmental issues at Cal Poly since 1995. He is co-director of the Cal Poly Land Project, a group of faculty dedicated to the study of civil liberties present during times of war. A discussion about this came to campus Monday, to bring students' attention to recent acts of Congress concerning these rights.

James Lafferty, executive director of the National Lawyers Guild on Los Angeles, led the talk. The discussion about civil liberties presented nationalism in a way different than most Americans are accustomed to hearing. The people of this country should be concerned with what direction the government is taking it, he said.

"Right now, the liberties that we are giving up aren't necessarily helping national security," he said. "A xenophobic form of nationalism is a threat. Certain policies to be implemented in the United States that shouldn't be, he said.

"When in war, of course some civil liberties will be restricted," he said. "But right now, the liberties that we are giving up aren't necessarily helping national security."
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Topham, a captain with the San Luis Obispo Police Department in a press release, "The activity level in San Luis Obispo was well above average.'

After a bruised battle between the City of San Luis Obispo and the San Luis Obispo Mardi Gras committee, a parade was granted for the annual celebration. A judge had ruled that preventing the parade would violate the First Amendment. Unfortunately, the lawsuit gave organizers no time to prepare the traditional parade, which left them to plan for a mini-parade downtown and a small celebration in the Mission Plaza.

Despite the city's claim that the parade is responsible for the bad behavior and partying that occurred during Mardi Gras weekend, the San Luis Obispo Police Department's figures show that there were only a few more arrests and citations last year, when the full-scale parade occurred.

"Mardi Gras is historically a period of time for people to have a big party. People are going to have a good time whether there's a parade or not," said Neil Tariff, a local attorney who hired the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on behalf of the Mardi Gras parade.

Nevertheless, city officials still believe that the parade is closely linked to the bad behavior.

"Only the parade is the major problem. It is unfortunate that alcohol and resulting bad behavior can even threaten other Mardi Gras events," said Allen Settle, mayor of San Luis Obispo and a Cal Poly professor of constitutional law.

Amos made this weekend included offenses for being drunk in public, driving under the influence, resisting arrest, and assault and battery. Citations included urinating in public, minor in possession of alcohol, and drinking in public.

Officers responded to numerous disturbances calling varying in type and nature. The bars in the downtown area were very crowded and kept officers extremely busy throughout both Friday and Saturday night. Topham said.

Settle's main concern with the Mardi Gras event is liability. Last year, there were more than $70,000 in costs as a result of Mardi Gras and the city is still in litigation over an injury from last year's parade, he said.

"In a technical constitutional perspective on the narrow ground of freedom of expression, the ACLU action was relevant," Settle said. "However, expression is not entirely free or absolute. The ACLU court litigation may kill Mardi Gras more than anything else the city would do or would want to happen. A new ordinance will be necessary because...again, the concerns of liability and insurance costs. But the costs of security will remain and may result in costs that exceed what any future Mardi Gras organizer may be able to afford."

Tariff said he believes that the city's claim that the parade is a stimulus for bad behavior is false and also believes that the city is not responsible for any liability issues that are a result of Mardi Gras.

"There is insurance for everything," Tariff said. "If someone gets hurt because of the city, then the city is responsible. If someone gets hurt because of Mardi Gras, then the Mardi Gras organization is responsible."

The Mardi Gras event in San Luis Obispo for 2002 included the annual fortunies, the wild parties and the replication of the New Orleans tradition. The lawsuit between the ACLU and the city of San Luis Obispo established that Mardi Gras cannot be prevented, but future celebrations will involve more discussion of issues regarding responsibility of liability and insurance. The significance of this year is that more communication and agreement between the Mardi Gras organizers and the City of San Luis Obispo will be necessary for a future for festivities.

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coming home at the time.

"It was so exciting to be in the city that it didn't hit me how dangerous it was," Dang said.

She said it was difficult, but that life returned to normal after a while. Dang still recommends the program to students.

"Going some place really does open your eyes," she said. "Don't hesitate."

Dang also said she believes that students don't have to go abroad to experience another culture. She said going to another city or state is also a way to broaden one's horizons.

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"While in a new city, students are also able to visit and compare graduation schools. NSE was founded in 1968 and more than 70,000 students have been placed. Of those who apply, 97 percent are placed in one of their choices," Schechter said. "It's affordable with the main costs being travel and the cost of living. Because of the high cost of living in San Luis Obispo, it is sometimes cheaper to study and live in other places," Schechter added.

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Applications for the National Student Exchange are due Feb. 19. For more information, visit the study abroad office in Bldg. 38, room 106.
U.S. lining up support for Iraq war
WASHINGTON - U.S. officials and diplomats from the Middle East said that President George W. Bush is preparing for military action against Iraq and is lining up support from allies in the region.

Vice President Dick Cheney is expected to discuss efforts to get rid of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein when he visits 10 Middle East countries in this week, a White House official said.

No decision has been made about the timing or the scope of the campaign, said U.S. officials.

The United Nations Security Council will vote on new sanctions against Iraq in May, making military action before then unlikely. If Hussein refuses to re-identify U.N. weapons inspectors, a conflict could erupt.

Iraq belongs to an "axis of evil" that is trying to develop nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, Bush has said.

Some signs of a possible conflict are visible. U.S. military commanders in the region have been transforming their headquarters from U.S. locations to the Persian Gulf since late last year.

Also, Israeli Defense Minister Benjamim Ben-Eliezer said Israel would respond to an Iraqi retaliatory attack last week.

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The plane is headed to Khorramabad, a city of 230 miles from the capital. The plane was shot while attempting to detonate a bomb. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Israeli warplanes dropped three bombs on the main Palestinian security installation in Gaza City in apparent retaliation. The building was evacuated before the attack.

The attack is the first time since February 1997, when four people were killed in a car bomb explosion in the coastal city of Nablus.

The incident came hours after a Saturday night roadside shooting by a Palestinian commuter by a Palestinian off-duty Israeli police officer in the West Bank city of Nablus and exchanged heavy fire with Palestinians. The incursion was aimed at a Israeli military base.

The gunmen sprang from a car and sprayed the building was evacuated before the attack.

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Middle East

IRAN - An Iranian passenger plane crashed Tuesday in the mountains of western Iran, officials said. It was carrying at least 115 passengers.

Initial information was released regarding the number of people killed or injured, nor was information on the cause of the crash.

A spokesman for the Civil Aviation Organization of Iran said that search teams were sent to the site.

The teams were having difficulty reaching the area due to heavy snow.

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A 30 homes destroyed in San Francisco

The fire, which started in Fallbrook, has spread toward the town of De Luz and on to Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base. Some of the residential areas on the base may be evacuated.

Six people escaped from the flames by jumping in their swimming pool, said Capt. Andy Mokhtar of the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District. "In some cases, as it burned up, it was nothing but 35 miles per hour. You can't outrun that."

Fires are often accompanied by smoke inhalation and hypothermia from the pools' 80-degree water. The other five injured people were also hospitalized.

Last year in the state of California, more than 1,000 homes were burned and more than 150 homes were destroyed by wildfires. In January 2001, 10,935 acres and 16 homes in the eastern part of San Diego County were also burned in an out-of-season fire.

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New Poly cheeses are smokin'

By Cynthia Neff

The smoked flavor can be obtained by using either liquid smoke, which is added to the milk while making the cheese, or natural smoke. Gisler said the naturally smoked process is more popular.

The smoke process begins after a grant was bestowed upon the creamery, to begin smoking naturally to create two new delicious cheeses. The smoked flavor can be obtained by using either liquid smoke, which is added to the milk while making the cheese, or natural smoke. Gisler said the naturally smoked process is more popular.

The two cheeses, smoked gouda and smoked cheddar, were created by Cal Poly students at the university's creamery. "It's just never been reported on when you smoke it," said Farkye, who also manages the fourth-year animal science major Jen Gisler, student at the university's creamery. The creamery is used as a teaching and research laboratory, and it manufactures products for sale, according to the Cal Poly department of agriculture's Web site. Students learn how to manage a processing plant, distribute and market dairy products, and learn the science and technology of manufacturing milk, cheese, butter, yogurt, ice cream and other dairy products.

Dairy Science Professor Nina Farkye said work began after a grant was bestowed upon the creamery, to develop two varieties of smoked cheeses for Cal Poly. The plan was part of the Agriculture Research Initiative (ARI) Program. The two cheeses that eventually came from this initiative have proven very popular with students, said fourth-year animal science major Jen Gisler, student plant manager. The cheeses used are the same blocks already produced by the creamery - the tasty cheddar and the hand-winning gouda, which won first place at the American Cheese Society competition in Kentucky last year. The natural smoke is added after the cheeses are fully ripened.

The challenge posed to students was to determine the best time to smoke the cheese - either before or after refrigeration. "It's odd, because smoked cheese has been produced for a long time," said Farkye, who also manages the creamery. "It's just never been reported on when you smoke it." After a trial and error testing period, students found that the cheese was best when fully ripened before any smoke was applied. "The best smoked-flavor cheeses occurred after ripening and then smoking in the smokehouses," Farkye said.

Recipe of the Week

Valentine's Day strawberry shortcake

1 cup water
1 cup sugar
Peel of 1 orange, all white pith removed
1 pound cake
1 can whipped cream
2 pints fresh strawberries, washed, sliced
(5 reserved whole for garnish)

Bring water and sugar to a boil in a small saucepan over medium heat. Add orange peel and cook for one minute or until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat and let stand until mixture is room temperature. Remove orange peel and refrigerate until ready to use.

Slice the pound cake into 1/2-inch slices and fit one layer of the slices into an 8-by-8-inch baking dish. Brush the bottom and sides of the dish with the sugar syrup mixture. Place a second layer of cake over the first and brush with syrup mixture. Repeat with another layer of cake, orange sugar syrup, whipped cream and strawberries. Top with three reserved strawberries. Refrigerate for at least two hours before serving.

Calories: 322; Fat: 7g; Cholesterol: 17mg; Sodium: 0mg; Carbohydrates: 57g; Fiber: 0g; Protein: 0g

Preventing osteoporosis requires a lifetime commitment for both men and women.

Calcium has been noted for its role in preventing osteoporosis, a bone disease marked by the gradual weakening of bones due to mineral loss. Preventing osteoporosis requires a lifetime commitment for both men and women. Peak bone mass varies per person but, in general, it is reached by age 30. Therefore, eating a balanced, healthy diet with adequate amounts of calcium, performing weight-bearing exercise, avoiding smoking and excessive alcohol consumption now, all help to decrease the risk of developing osteoporosis.

Calcium absorption from food occurs in the small intestine and depends on several factors: the presence of vitamin D and phosphorus, stomach acid and lactose are needed to enhance calcium absorption. Vitamin D helps to make calcium-binding protein so that our small intestine can absorb it later on in the kidneys. This is why foods are fortified with vitamin D and calcium. Popular calcium-fortified foods are orange juice, cereals, milk and soy milk. Mineral waters are also fortified with calcium, simply check the labels to see how much added calcium is in each serving.

Since your body makes vitamin D from sunlight, a few minutes a day of sunlight will help your body absorb calcium. But the amount of calcium in the body and the type of calcium you consume also influence absorption. In general, people absorb about 30 percent of their calcium in food. Therefore, taking calcium supplements is never good. People can take in too much calcium leading to constipation and reduced absorption of iron and zinc. It may also increase your risk of developing calcium kidney stones - Ouch!

It is recommended that people between the ages of 19 and 50 consume 1,000 mg of calcium per day. There are plenty of healthy food sources loaded with calcium to choose from: Dairy products such as low-fat and non-fat milk, yogurt and cheeses offer the most calcium per serving. Adding non-fat dry milk to oatmeal, soups, sauces and pasta dishes boosts calcium content. Vegetable sources of calcium are dark leafy greens such as kale, bok choy, parsley, turnip greens, Brussels sprouts, watercress and broccoli which offer 50 to 100 mg of calcium per serving. Salmon, canned sardines and oysters are also rich sources of calcium.

It is true that calcium is essential for maintaining strong bones throughout our lifetime. Calcium also plays a critical role in muscle contraction (important for exercising), proper functioning of the central nervous system, and blood clotting. If you are concerned with the status of your current calcium intake, meet with a registered dietitian (RD) or a medical doctor.
Opinion

Letters to the editor

What definition of atheism are you using?

Editor,

This is a response to Ben Earl's response "Some definitions of religion include atheism" (Feb. 12). Since Mr. Earl didn't include a definition of atheism in his response, I can only assume (and I hate to assume) that he is using the same definition as myself. I'll restore it for anyone who did not read it. Atheists without theme, or simply put, without belief in gods. Mr. Earl gave the wrong definition of religion: a belief in two things: 1) something 'unconditionally non-dependent,' (something that is defined and 2) how to stand in a proper relationship to that 'unconditionally non-dependent' divinity. First, that definition is flawed since divinity is inserted into the second statement but fails to be in the first statement. I find this odd. One must believe in "A" and then believe in how to stand in proper relationship to "B" (A and B being two different things).

Secondly, who is Roy Clauer and why should his definition be taken over the Webster's Dictionary definition? I would also like to point out that mathematics can't be described as unconditional (unconditional not conditional or limited) since mathematics relies on certain assumptions, conditions and limits (this brought up in the works of a mathematician named Kurt Geddel). Also, how are numbers divine? Divine implies that they are in relationship with God. Even if Roy Clauer's broad definition of atheism does state that there is a belief, finally. Mr. Earl claimed that because I used the word 'should,' I'm appealing to an authority who their God's character and therefore, I am religious. What is this higher code that I'm appealing to? Mr. Earl, your logic and definitions don't stand. Nowhere in the definition of atheism does it state that there is a belief. Finally, Mr. Earl claimed that because I used the word "should," I'm appealing to an authority who their God's character and therefore, I should be religious. What is this higher code that I'm appealing to? Mr. Earl's logic and definitions don't stand.

Steven Batson is an industrial engineering

freshman.

What wear you want and don't care what people think

Editor,

My first question to Miss Nadea Mina ("Students are just GAP clones," Feb. 12) is what great function does wearing something that is dressed the same all the time? I know very few people with nice haircuts from Princeton and plenty of people with average grooming habits who don't buy their clothes from GAP. Perhaps the problem lies in what you are looking for. Don't notice the people you speak of because we are nonexistent. I notice duds the T-shirt that reads, "Get a sister" and the girl with the pink wig on.

As for me, I got ecked on my feet, baggy pants hanging below my butt, an untucked collared shirt with my NT at the back. Who am I? What gives you the right to judge this book by its cover and say I've lost my individuality for dressing this way and that way? And even if you are annoyed, or whatever it is you are, with so many people dressing alike, why do you think these people would have to come to Cal Poly to entertain your eye? That's not any of my friends here.

My question is why do you believe college freshmen know what "cool" is or was.

Justin Llata is a computer science senior.

Christian bubble sustained by closed minds

Editor,

I'd like to congratulate Justin Ruttkay for his "God-based" response. "The never-ending war for Truth," (Feb. 11). While the article itself was an abomination of logic and an embarrassment to the department of journalism, it has helped clarify the roots of this recent clash between the camps Christians and non-Christians. It is the moment when the truth is absolute.

Justin Fraga is an electrical engineering junior.

College freshmen knew what they had to do in high-school to be accepted by their peers (which is very important to most teens), whether it was to be cool, uncouth or somewhere in between. So the "people hate me" shuffle or skater look are not marks of "cool individuality" but instead were just their old skool forms of conformity. As for me, I have lost weight and will not be concerned with what you or anyone else thinks of it. I encourage you to do the same and not worry about what other people's motives for clothing themselves the way they do. In the meantime, why don't you stay out of other peo­ple's closets and not talk to the boys wearing khakis.

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Lafferty said.

An example that he used to illustrate this point was the way suspect­ed terrorists have been treated. Some of these people had their rights withheld, even before being found guilty, Lafferty said.

Cal Poly students have recognized this as well and see the precautions of national security being taken too far. "We, as citizens, have to take our own precautions toward the govern­ment to guard our own personal rights and privacy," said Sam Paschall, a history junior. "But, on the other hand, we need government to protect that which we freely enjoy in our country."

Lafferty said the Middle Eastern countries don't like America for the policies that it implements in their countries, not because of the policies we carry out in America. He described it as a line being drawn in the sand that is continuously shifted by the United States.

The next issue at question is whether or not the American people mind having such restrictions on their civil liberties in the name of war.

"The most important thing is that we the people have an influence on public policy makers," said Craig Arceneaux, a political science pro­fessor. "As a democracy, we need to think through other policy alterna­tives."

Lafferty's main point during the discussion was that America's inflat­ed nationalism since Sept. 11 has caused many Americans to accept such restrictions on their rights.

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Like all the colleges, CLA is examining an academic fee for 2002 and beyond.

Learn more and give your opinions.

Wednesday, February 13,2002
Cal Poly women's basketball team plays host to a non-conference game against the Portland State Vikings at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym. The game begins a four-game home stretch for the Mustangs, followed by conference games against UCSB on Sunday, versus UC Irvine on Feb. 22, and against Long Beach State on Feb. 24.

The team is coming off a two-game losing streak on the road last weekend. On Sunday, the Mustangs fell to Pacific in Stockton, 80-77, dropping their record to 7-14 and 4-7 in the Big West. Junior Kar Diaperton led the Mustangs with 13 points and five assists. Last Friday, the Mustangs suffered a close 78-72 double-overtime loss at Cal State Fullerton despite a strong effort from freshman Holly Richards, who scored a season-high 18 points. Sophomore Katie Paterson followed in scoring with the Winter Olympics, the NBA All-Star weekend because there tread the field with grace as they play their hardest throughout the fun contest, baseball will endure, and maybe some of the other leagues should look to it for some tips on how to run their All-Star games.

By Kahlil Ford

UC Riverside has long since lost the luster as a sports haven. Some fans probably thought this lineup was too good to be true, with these three major events available for viewing, and at least for me the Olympics have lived up to their billing.

However, the other two games have been a bit more surprising.

Commentary

Last week left the avid sports fan with plenty to watch from the soils, with the Winter Olympics, the NIT, All-Star game, the NBA Pro Bowl, and the NCAA All-Star game all on television. Some fans probably thought this lineup was too good to be true, w i t h these three major events available for viewing, and at least for me the Olympics have lived up to their billing.

However, the other two games have been a bit more surprising.

The problem with the Pro Bowl is currently different simply because football requires intricate, complex teamwork. Players can't possibly play at full speed and up to their All-League potential when they have had only one practice together. In the end, it generally looks like the players are losing and don't care. Watching the Pro Bowl is like watching Pop Warner football; everything is unorganized and nobody really knows exactly what is going on.

Nothing stirs the blood more than mixing a little nationalism with major sporting events. That's part of why the Olympics are...