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Polyratings censorship causes controversy

By Kristy Charles
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A fictional Cal Poly student enters information about ... view and submit comments about classes and professors at the university. Often, the decision between taking or not taking a class is decided by the other student comments posted on the Web site.

Yet, how can students know that what they're reading is a true representation of a professor or class or that a comment was even posted by a student, let alone one who has taken the class?

Many times there is no way to know, since students submit comments anonymously. There is virtually no way to ensure that they have actually taken the class or that they are even students at Cal Poly.

Because of recent incidents involving Cal Poly professors and comments posted on their pages, Polyratings' policies for removing material from the site have come under scrutiny.

Censorship and misuse of the site have also become important issues.

Censorship vs. offensiveness?

J. Paul Reed, a computer science senior and chief software architect for Polyratings, said that there are not enough people involved in Polyratings to read every comment posted to the site. If someone complains, he looks at the comment and makes a judgment call on whether or not to remove it. There are no strictly defined rules as to what students are or aren't allowed to say, he said.

"I think comments on Polyratings should be of value (to students), and that's the criteria we should use," Reed said. "I even let e-mail words go if they are supported. Students just need to provide details about why they wrote them.

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Fliers removed before Open House events

By Sonia Slutzki
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"The night before Open House more than 20 members of the Open House committee paid a visit to the tack boards around campus. The goal was to clean the ballhogs up of old, overfilled and crowded corkboards.

"The committee has the authority over the entire campus this weekend," said Androse Kwai-Lenting, Open House adviser and director of Student Life and Leadership. "It would be part of our responsibility to make sure the campus is clean."

But not all club members who had known about the flyer clean-up policies were clear as to what the objectives were.

"We were not aware that any exception would be made," Mike Sullivan, a computer science senior and president of Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals United (GBLU), said. "We thought every flyer was going to be taken down.

"Committee members mentioned different objectives to present a clean and pristine campus, for aesthetic reasons, and to get rid of old fliers. Officially the Poly Royal Parade returns with success

By Collin Hester
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Beneath sunny skies on a tranquil spring morning, live music, revving motorcycle engines and the cheer of hundreds of students and their parents the distinct nature of the university and community.

"The purpose is geared toward incorporating community and campus spirit into Open House," said Robin Grinnell, his resource and a political science junior. "We're doing that through showing how we can incorporate community and campus spirit into Open House."

There were approximately 1,000 spectators who lined the sidewalks along Perimeter Road to see around 35 campus clubs and community organizations.

Participants included the San Luis Obispo Police, the Cal Poly Mustang Marching Band, the Rose Float Club driving their float chassis, the Color Guard matching with flags and ribbons, jugglers, members of the Electric Vehicle Engineering Club running in their electric cars, marching cadets and a 10-foot-tall inflatable soldier from the Army ROTC program.

"It was lot of fun to see the return of the parade and the variety of entries," said Robin Grinnell, his resource and a political science junior. "It was special in that there were a lot of... see PARADE, page 6

Search for student City Council candidate nears end

By Sara Howell
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The ball is now rolling toward getting a student on the San Luis Obispo City Council.

Poly Voice, a student organization seeking to increase student involvement in local politics, is conducting a primary selection process to choose a candidate to run for the City Council.

"Ideally, we'd like a student -- a student would articulate student views," said Derek Haun, an electrical engineering and software chair. Haun said he hopes bringing a student into an election will motivate other students to register and vote locally. Students currently make up about 40 percent of the population of San Luis Obispo.

A City Council member is expected to commit to a four-year term. The only qualifications include being a San Luis Obispo resident and being registered to vote in San Luis Obispo 30 days prior to the election. Good communication skills are also important, Haun said.

"The City Council is a very dynamic group, but 40 percent of the population does not have representation," Haun said.

Christine Mulholland, San Luis Obispo City councilwoman, said she thinks student involvement is a great idea, but she has concerns about whether a student is going to be involved for four years.

Mulholland suggested that students get involved with various advisory groups.

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Kissing fever starts with Musty the Mustang

By Collin Hester
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Chris Arnold, a 1995 alumni, and Amanda Root, a 1997 alumni, participate in the first annual True Mustang night on Friday. The event started when Musty the Mustang kissed Paul Zingg, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs, who kissed his wife who then passed the kiss along the line of an estimated 200 participants.

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"Coward," "Communist," "Chickenshit," and "Fag" are names Jeff Paterson got used to being called by some fellow Marines after he first met them. Those headlines in August of 1990, when, as a 22-year-old Marine, he was photographed sitting on a Hawaiian airstrip, barely dodging bullets to board a military plane bound for the Persian Gulf. That was the last he heard from Jeff Ambra, to go fight in the Gulf War. He became the first active-duty military resister in the U.S.-lead Gulf War attack on Iraq.

The patriotic movement in this country due to the World Trade Center terrorist attacks has brought Paterson into the public spotlight once again. He travels extensively to speak out about how he "began to understand why billions of people around the world really do hate the United States—specifically its war machine, covert wars and a system of economic globalization that represents the rich and excludes the workers locked in sweatshops producing 'Designed in the USA' exports."

Last week, Paterson was on the Central Coast speaking at several venues, including local high schools, Cal Poly, the Palm Theater and the Community Room of the San Luis Obispo Public Library, on the issue of his being a "conscientious objector."

When one student at Cal Poly asked Paterson how it is that he gets to speak at high schools, he explained, "Whenever I get to speak at high schools it is not because the administration approved it, it is always because of a local teacher sort of going out on a limb and saying 'OK... well, if the recruiters can come on campus then we need to have an alternative opinion.' That generally gets me in."

Paterson came from a small town in northern California where he lived on a ranch. His mom could barely make ends meet, they only had one car and there was no bus to get into town, so the only real option was being a ranch hand. After spending his teenage years smoking pot and drinking beer, Paterson remembers掉了 himself. "What am I going to do with my life?" The Marine Corp seemed like a good answer. Paterson liked park music — he thought it was kind of "in your face" — and he thought the Marine Corps mystique was kind of "in your face, too."

"What am I going to go do with my life?" Paterson said almost 14 years smoking pot and drinking beer. "I'm not going down to the recruiters now, if I didn't spend 13 years in the Marine Corp, Paterson said. "But most of the time my unit trained to fight a war against peasants who dared to straggl against 'American interests' in their own homeland."

One thing Paterson is trying to expose is how the Montgomery G.I. Bill reimburse recruiters. Paterson said almost 97 percent of people who sign up for the military sign up for the G.I. Bill. Once enlisted, they are then required to pay $2,120 in twelve monthly installments of $100 to be eligible to collect. On the flip side, if they drop out, they might be able to receive it or she was to go to college for four years as a regular full-time student — about $14,200.

"It is a huge time commitment," she said. "There are tremendous amounts of K)ard committees rather than going to studies."

"I'm not going to do it. There should be no greater for a student than earning an education. Money. So, in effect, the G.I. Bill almost pays for itself from the government's perspective, Paterson said. "It is not a tool to send people to college at all but a recycling tool. Of the 35 percent that actually do use any of that money, only about 15 percent eventually graduate from a four-year college, he said."

"Some people figure that I am a coward and some people think that I am an un-American, but I'd look rather aimless as an internationalist, to put the aspirations and dreams of the people around the world first," Paterson said. "You know, there's plenty of people in this world that kind of just see what's in it for them. But if we are going to build a world that we want, there's no way around what we've got now, then the interests of the people of the world need to weigh heavier than our own self-interests."

"If they are fortunate, these children can receive help from organizations such as The Family Care Network, Inc. (FCNI), which provides services to nearly 100 children and families. Originally a foster care program, the organization seeks to improve the physical, mental and spiritual well-being of both children and adults by connecting with the community.

A way to be a mentor

One way that this connection is established is through FCNI's mentor program, which matches children who want to have an adult in their life with adult volunteers from the community. "The adults in their lives have let them down, have been there for them, abused them or neglected them, so just having that person to look up to is huge," said Ashley Dell, FCNI mentor and volunteer program coordinator.

"They just need one person." The mentor program, which is a year-long commitment, was established last year. There are currently 15 children, but 14 children are still waiting to be paired with a mentor.

"You don't have to be super heroes," Dom said. "You don't have to know everything to be a mentor because these kids often times don't have just the healthy adult in their life."

Becoming a mentor involves undergoing a screening process and training session in which volunteers learn what to expect from children who have had a variety of behavior problems. Some of the behaviors that FCNI works to improve in children include anxiety, depression, inappropriate sexual behaviors, peer social skills and self-defeating characteristics.

"They often have a very low self-esteem, because many were told they weren't worth anything and were treated as if they weren't," Dom said.

Children ages five to 19 are paired with mentors once they begin to sublimate and show improvement in their behaviors and friends. Children who have mentors show more improvement in school, exhibit greater self-confidence, and are less likely to use drugs, and alcohol, Dom said.

A student mentor and her 'mentee'

Kelly Fowler, a graphic communica­

tion junior, has been a mentor for nearly two weeks. Power and her 16-year-old "mentor" spend time together going to the movies, attending open mic nights and playing sports at the park.

Power got involved with the program as a freshman in Alpha Chi Omega. She said that being blessed by her own family was what led her to give back to someone who needed it. "Most kids can go home and be like, 'I had a new mentor in my life but the mentor doesn't even have anyone to talk to about that, let alone big problems," Power said.

While Power and her mentee managed to hit things off from the start, Power said that at first she was uncertain of how she would get her mentee to open up. The most difficult part of the experience has been finding a way to relate since much of the things her mentee has been through is nothing a 16-year-old should have to deal with, Power said.

"I can sit and listen forever to her, but it's really hard to offer her anything more than just listening because I really can't even say I understand at all," she said. Nevertheless, Power said that all the children in the program really need is someone to listen and care. The greatest reward, she said, has been watching her mentee grow and learn to make the right decisions. The two have grown close so that on occasion Power said her friends often ask where her mentee is. "She's just one of the girls now," Power said.

April has been designated as Month of the Child, a national effort to keep children safe and ensuring healthy commu­nities where they can grow. For more information on the mentor program or other volunteer opportunities, contact FCNI at 781-3553.

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Details emerge from Amtrak crash
CRESCENT CITY, Fla. — A coal train may have played an important role in the derailment of an Amtrak train in Florida on Saturday. At least four people died in the crash, and 159 others were injured including one that is in a coma.

Officials said that at the spot where the train jumped the tracks, the train's engineer reported seeing a 10-inch buckle and an outward shift, in the track as the train approached the site. But a coal train that passed the spot just before the Amtrak train reported that there was nothing unusual about the track at the time. The two trains were traveling in opposite directions along the track. The coal train had moved over to a siding to allow the Amtrak train to pass.

Coal trains are among the heaviest in operation, causing investigators to wonder if the coal train had thrown the rails out of alignment.

The engineer's claim gained credibility as several crew members reported feeling something unusual as the train passed over the suspected section of track. The engineer pulled the emergency brake, but could not stop the train, which was carrying 452 people.9

Conductors of some of the other can also pulled emergency brakes. The fourth car of the train was the first to derail. Of the train's 40 cars, 21 derailed, including most of the passenger cars.

— Reuters

Abercrombie, eBay pull racial-offensive shirts
SAN FRANCISCO — The popular clothing company Abercrombie & Fitch decided to pull a series of T-shirts off the shelves of stores nationwide after protesters said the shirts had racially offensive messages about Asians. But, the controversial shirts were available on eBay for about $250. By Friday, the day after Abercrombie removed the shirts from displays, eBay removed the auctions, saying it had a policy that prohibits auctions that "promote or glorify hatred, violence, or racial intolerance."

The shirts had cartoon depictions of Asians with slanted eyes and conical hats serving pitchmen for restaurants, dry cleaners and bowling alleys.

One shirt carried the logo for the fictional "Wong Brothers Laundry Service" that said "Two Wongs Can Make It White."

The shirts had been in the stores for nearly two weeks before the company received "hundreds and hundreds" of complaints. The company offered a formal, public apology.

— KPIX & Los Angeles Times

INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS

Europe
Far-right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen, 73, set off a "political earthquake" across Europe with his presidential win in France. The win sparked street protests across the country. The victory, which came after three years of campaigning, sent shock waves through the political landscape, with the far-right leader emerging as the most potent force in French politics. The victory was seen as a blow to the traditional two-party system, with the centrist parties and the far-left both suffering significant losses.

— Reuters

Asia
GENERAL SANTOS, Philippines — Fourteen people were killed and about 50 were wounded when two explosions occurred in the largely Christian city of General Santos in the Southern Philippines on Sunday.

Police said they have leads and suspects, who could be Muslim extremists, and expect to start making arrests immediately. Officials refused to name the suspects, but said that they are a gang who is suspected of being a bomb in the same town in December 2000.

One of the bombs was homemade and was left in a parked pedicab and exploded outside a shopping mall. Ten minutes later, another bomb exploded adjacent to a residential compound. The second bomb had been thrown by unidentified attackers whom police also suspect of having planted the first bomb.

More than half of the wounded were in serious conditions in hospitals. Children were among the dead and injured. After the explosions, a man claiming to represent the Muslim Abu Sayyaf, which is linked to the al-Qaida network, called a local radio station to claim responsibility for the attacks.

Prior to the explosions, rumors had been circulating about the town that 18 bombs that were planted that the city would explode on Sunday.

— Reuters

BRIEFS COMPILED FROM VARIOUS NEWS SOURCES

Le Pen, dismissed as recently as a "no-hope rabble rouser," surged into second place behind President Jacques Chirac. This is Le Pen's fourth bid at presidency.

A record 27 percent of the electorate abstained on Sunday. A runoff will be held on May 5.

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Students should find out where money goes

In this American-consumerist society we have all learned to be a little suspicious of almost all money transactions. We have heard our parents complain about how much taxes they have to pay and how it never seems to go anywhere when it all ends up at the bank. As students, we wonder where our tuition goes and what our landlords do with all that money.

When counting my diners for the rest of the quarter, I wonder how I spent it all, too. I look to my expensive and used textbooks, my rising tuition and skyrocketing rent. I soon realize that it’s easy to care for what I give it all to, but it’s not so easy to see what is actually done with it.

Fifty-one percent of us voted to let the administration take another chunk of our slim pockets. We said, “Yes, go ahead, take another $125 or $200.” It is OK with us as long as it means not having to deal with old labs, waiting for those perpetually full classes, and overall improving our education.

Still, some doubts have remained as to how straightforward the referendum really was. And, (why not?) it has been a real pain in the butt to try to figure it out.

Today I can say (after a month of self-education and research) something you never thought my whiny little fingers would ever type. The tax increase has a good chance of improving each of the six colleges, and it was as clear as an election run by a bureaucracy can be.

For about a month before the election, there were open forums almost weekly sponsored by each of the colleges. Students could discuss ideas and argue whether or not the increase would be the best interest of their college. I’m not saying there wasn’t a lot of one-sided campaigning from the university. But hey! Nobody is as perfectly unbiased as I am. And we can’t figure out exactly what is going on in those open forums or in broken down, shit ancient computers, to pretend a fee increase would not be a good thing. Some faculty may have used class time to speak about the increase, which probably wasn’t the cleanest approach they could have taken. But at least we got to waste a few minutes of class.

By now I’ve submitted the proposal to X-ray machines, sent it through my contacts at the CUA and run a DNA test on it – and it does look clean. The only thing that should probably be looked into is the gut of the Cal Poly Power. I’m not sure how much of that concept would have happened if the ancient computers were modern, or if the ancient concepts were computers, but I still don’t know who approves the proposals and how often the committees meet. Or even more importantly, does the student population have a representative?

It’s hard for students to get involved in student government on campus. We already have plenty to do. But the opportunities are there. The only problem is that our apathetic student body knows only to complain and very rarely takes action. Those who looked into it were able to make up their minds.

With all the suspicions flying around when it comes to money or administration, who are the students who are suspicious are usually the ones who stay away as far away as possible from any sort of involvement. Instead, students relied on the work of a few people who did say something.

Instead of complaining about the parking, the desks, the professors or even the food, get involved and put your suspicions to use. If students at Cal Poly want to see their money’s worth, the opportunity is there. It just takes a little time, a few committee meetings out of the week, and some quality time with administration big wigs – if they are willing to spend some quality time with you.

The Buzz contains the thoughts and opinions of the Buzz and the Buzz alone. Questions or comments should be directed to thebuzz11@hotmail.com.

Opinion

George Lucas does it again

Throughout his career, filmmaker George Lucas brought about the birth of films like "American Graffiti" and the "Star Wars" trilogies. Over the years, he has won audiences with his amazing ability to create films.

He's about to do it again.

After three years in the making, Lucas will finally unveil his "Star Wars" prequels. "Star Wars: Episode II -- Attack of the Clones" will premiere on May 12 at the Metro Center in San Diego.

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"The six colleges, and it was as clear as an election run by a bureaucracy can be.

"I think it is the former. In a press release, Lucas said that as a father and filmmaker, he wants to present the film to the children of New York City."

"But Lucas isn’t the only one who has stepped up to make a contribution."

Bipolar dad not necessarily unfit

No judge in his or her right mind would grant custody of an 8-year-old boy to an un-related neighbor just because he she the considers the father to be unfit.

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"Linda Holmes, former babysitter and close friend of Thomas Powers, is suing to gain guardianship of his son, Trevor, because she believes he is a good father. Powers claims that his business has nothing to do with his son and his son is a "totally happy, well-adjusted kid."

"If this is true, then Powers should be allowed to raise his son just like any other father would. Those days, gay couples are allowed to adopt children, so what’s the real difference in this case?"

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Open House cover was honest and relevant Editor,

I've always thought it was funny how Cal Poly tries to present itself around Open House time — all club-territory is torn down, all sandwichboards are removed and all areas of culture, diversity and student issues are eradicated from campus well before the nods of visitors arrive. That's what I was so impressed to see the front page of the Daily's Open House issue (April 19) featuring a full-page photo depicting some of the real-life issues faced by Poly students every day, from food and mudsans to Bibles and bongs. And while I'm sure you're getting lots of nasty letters from conservatives, I think it was refreshing to see the Daily doing what it should do representing a cross-section of Cal Poly students, not just the white male Christian/cover- side we all see so much of this time of year. Thank you and keep up the good work.

Patrick Hoestery is an architecture junior.

Open House cover was a tasteless decision Editor,

I am for all free speech and a free press, but I must confess that I completely miss the point of your Open House issue's cover: a student depicted wearing a Muslim callim for reasons that are quite obscure. It seems to me that the cover doesn't freak out visitors and dads, but the page four article about the rape, torture, sodomizing and murdering of a student in her dorm room might do the trick? In my opinion, it seems to be poor editorial judgment to print these particular images and story on a weekend when so many of our students and staff are involved in highlighting the positive aspects of life here at Cal Poly.

Bret Harrison is director of MESA Agricultural Initiative in the College of Agriculture.

Bizz raised important questions Editor,

Thank you for your April 15 Buzz column titled "Covering up truth pro­"mises disaster." On April 13, the cover of Brian Gillis was offered at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Poway. Hundreds attended, and there were many tears shed. Many of those attending were classmates from his graduating class. Brian's death has been very devastating for all of us. As one of his teachers, I can say, and I hope others agree, that the truth must be told, even if that truth is unpleasant. In my 25 years of teaching at Poway High School, this scenario of drugs has repeated itself too many times. Ignorance must be broken by the truth. Brian was a fine student and a wonderful person. I cannot understand, as your article suggests, "someone overlooking if they are aware of what mixing certain drugs can do." The individual responsible for this "must carry the burden" of a great loss. A person such as Brian, having a full life of love to share, has had his life cut short at the age of 19. Just think of how many lives might be saved if we learn from tragedies like this one.

Raymond L. Hall is a civics teacher at Poway High School.

Buzz should not have blamed Sigma Chi Editor,

The editorial that appeared in the Buzz column on April 15 second Sigma Chi fraternity of playing a rather strong role in the death of one of their pledges. It seems that yet again the Greek system is used as a scapegoat for an individual's actions. What happened to Brian Gillis is a tragedy. However, it was the choices that Mr. Gillis made that led to his death. I agree that people need to make educated choices about drug use. Nevertheless, if an individual chooses not to make educated decisions about using drugs there are consequences for that choice. Unfortunately, in Gillis' case the consequences were death.

As a member of the Greek system I can tell you that drug use is not looked upon as a happy behavior. A frater would refuse to be naive and deny that drug use exists within the Greek system at Cal Poly. However, if a member of fraternity or a sorority chooses to use drugs it is their personal choice. In response to the Buzz column, I can also tell you that using drugs is in no way a measure of one's popularity in the Greek system.

In addition, until all the evidence is put forth about Gillis' death, it is both unjust and unfair to imitate that Sigma Chi fraternity is responsible. Nor is it appropriate to play the proverbial "what if" game and wonder why Sigma Chi has asked its members to stop accepting news about what happened that night and none of us has a right to make judgments until we have all the information about what occurred. I am tired of the Greek system being used as a scapegoat to blame someone, who is part of that system makes a mistake. The reality is that as adults, we all make decisions and as adults we are responsible for the consequences of those decisions. It is easy to blame the Greek system as a whole for what happened to Gillis. I agree that people need to make educated choices about drug use. Nevertheless, if an individual chooses not to make educated decisions about the necessary adult exerting free will.

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Obtaining residency: It's not that easy! Editor,

In response to Jennifer Thompson's commentary regarding the recent Supreme Court ruling against the Florida immigration bill, it should be noted that illegal workers ("illegal workers" should not expect equal rights), we would like to point out several key components of this complex issue that were not properly addressed by Ms. Thompson.

Of primary concern, Ms. Thompson's commentary lacked important facts concerning the provisions involved with obtaining legal residency in the United States. Those persons wishing to legally reside in the United States have only three methods for doing so. The first and most complex method involves obtaining an official employer or sponsorsip. This method requires an employer who cares enough about the employee to devote the time nec­essary to navigate the lengthy paper­work process, which is often so com­plicated that the services of an immi­gration specialist (i.e. a lawyer) would be required. A conservative estimate of the time required to process the documentation for employer sponsor­ship is a minimum of two years. When undertaken in a state with a heavy immigration, such as California or Florida, the process would be sig­nificantly longer.

The second method to become a legal resident of the United States is through the sponsorship of an immediate relative who has legal residency, either a spouse or a parent for those under the age of 18. Simply having a spouse or relative was not enough to guarantee the acquisition of legal resi­dency. The Immigration and Naturalization Services agency can reject any sponsorship application that they deem "sus­pect." There is no formal process for those wishing to "become recognized," in the words of Ms. Thompson, would be responsible for contacting the Visa Lottery.

This annual lottery takes place during a one-month period in which more than 5 million applicants are compet­ing for 50,000 visas. The qualifications to enter the visa lottery are: a high school education or the equivalent thereof, or two years worth of experience in a skilled position obtained within the past five years. These requirements eliminate the majority of farm workers, and those who do qualify face a 1 in 160 chance of obtaining a visa.

Besides failing to mention the diffi­cult process involved, Ms. Thompson also neglected to mention the contributions tendered to our economy by the arduous work performed by illegal farm workers. These workers toil in unlivable conditions for a pay rate that scarcely allows for sustenance. The necessity of illegal farm workers to work for these low wages keeps the prices of the produce you and I purchase down. These minimum wage workers are the third and final option for those who are part of the Greek system as a whole for what happened to Gillis. Am very sorry for the loss of such a young life. However, his death was due to the choice that he made as a re­ sponsible adult exerting free will.

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"One rule that Polyratings tries to follow is that everyone's opinion is identified as being written by a professor, Reed said. Posts are also deleted if they are only written to insult a professor, complain about a grade given, or have no useful content.

"Students that have extreme views (about a class) usually post comments, said Lauren Shute, a communications freshman. "You just have to use your own judgment. If someone's angry and not saying anything valid, maybe it should be removed. Yet, how do you really determine what's valid?"

"Last week, three English professors were accused of attempting to determine the identities of certain students that posted negative comments about them on Polyratings. These students asked that their posts be removed from the site because they were intimidated by what might happen if the professors were able to identify them. The students were aware of the specific comments written about them on Polyratings, but denied that the posts had made an attempt to find out who posted them. The third professor declined to comment on the issue, saying she didn't want to encourage people to ask whatever they want whenever they want to," said one of the professors, who wished to remain anonymous. "If it's offensive, it's offensive."

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At Poly Royal in 1990, the combina-
tion of large crowds and alcohol consumption during the parade caused people to get out of control and begin to riot, Pearce said. This prompted the university to exclude the parade from the event's festivities for 11 consecutive years and change the name of the event to Cal Poly Open House.

After many proposals and meetings last quarter, the Open House Committee got the university's approval to begin planning for this year's parade, said Carma Yamaguchi, an Open House Committee co-chair and liberal studies junior. She said it usually takes the committee an entire year to plan events at Open House and was surprised that the parade was so successful in spite of the little time that was given for its preparation.

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"I think it was really special, really well, especially for the first year back," Yamaguchi said. "I expected it to be pretty calm and small. I was pleasantly surprised by the numbers (of spectators) that came out and it was wrong.

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"We are trying to give anyone's freedom of speech," said Pearce. "We are just trying to really take down old stuff... but when you look at a bulletin board it is easier to sift through the stuff than post comments and the university takes no action against it.

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Harrington takes the Lions' share of the draft at home

By Bob Glabour

(WIRE) NEW YORK — Joie Harrington didn't bother coming to New York for the first day of the NFL draft but said it wasn't for the reason you might have heard.

“It had nothing to do with the notion of sleeping in the draft,” the Oregon quarterback said Saturday from his home near Eugene. “I wanted to be here at home to share this moment with my family. They're one of the biggest influences on why I decided to stay in-state and go to school, and I wanted to be here at home to share this with them.”

Harrington shared one of the biggest surprises of the day when Detroit selected him with the third overall pick. Harrington was rumored to be slipping in the draft, “They're one of the biggest influences on why I decided to stay in-state and go to school, and I wanted to be here at home to share this with them.”

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Tight end was another focus of the Lions, who went with Tony Billings at No. 14 to 15 to take Miami's Jermaine Lewis and to the New England Patriots jumped from No. 32 to No. 21 to take Colorado's Daniel Graham. Seattle, which moved down from 20 to 28 in a trade with Green Bay, initially targeted Graham but settled instead for Washington right end Jeremy Stevens.

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Western Mustangs water polo team ranks No. 1 for nationals

By Kelly Foster

The Cal Poly women’s water polo team will look to ride their recent wave of victories all the way to Atlanta, Ga., for nationals after winning the Pacific Coast League championships at the Rec Center pool Sunday afternoon.

The championship game against UCLA, the second-seeded team in the league, turned out to be a strong win for the first-seeded Mustangs, who beat the Bruins 9-5.

“All of the morning practices paid off,” freshman goalie Shannn Amert said.

Eight of the nine goals scored were do to a six-on-five situation for Cal Poly.

The team had worked on the “man up” situation, in which a member of the opposing team is temporarily kicked out of the game, three or four times per week, head coach John Marsh said.

UCLA was only able to kick out two Cal Poly players in the course of the game.

The lone goal scored, other than from a six-on-five setting, came from a 4-meter penalty shot drawn by Laurel Cleland, No. 7, and taken by junior Diana Willis, No. 9, who scored a total of four goals in the UCLA game.

“I think we stayed pretty dominant,” Willis said. Among the highlights of the game, see WATER POLO, page 7.

Western Mustangs softball team splits in weekend games

By Leslie Edwards

The Cal Poly softball team headed north this weekend for a pair of doubleheaders on Friday and Saturday. Friday’s games against the San Jose Spartans earned a split for the Mustangs, as did Saturday’s games against the Santa Clara Broncos.

The Mustangs fell to the Spartans 5-0 in the first game, but bounced back to win the second game 4-2, with junior Carrie Schubert knocked in the winning run in game two with a single up the middle.

Junior Joni Colburn and senior Nicole Dansby had two hits each. Freshman pitcher Eva Nelson entered the game in relief and picked up her fifth win of the season.

Saturday’s games against the Broncos ended in similar fashion with the Mustangs falling 4-0 in the first game, but returning in the second game for a 1-0 win.

In the first game, sophomore Roni Spanney collected two of the Mustang’s three hits. Nelson gave up six hits and four runs for her fifth loss this season.

Spanney kept strong into the second game where she was one for three and was knocked in with a single to right center by senior Jackie Wayland, winning the game with the lone run for the Mustangs.

Sophomore pitcher Jamie Gelhart shut out the Broncos on seven hits, earning her sixth win of the season.

The Mustangs are now 22-23 overall this season after the two non-conference double headers this past weekend. They will return to conference play this coming weekend, April 27 and 28, when they play host to a three-game series against the Sacramento Hornets.

Green looks mean in Spring game weekend

By the numbers

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