Students protest for social change

By Andra Coberly
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It is as simple as a single sign held in the air, as complex as a march of thousands crowding a city street, and it is everywhere. Over the last few weeks, stories about social change and student protests have covered college newspapers throughout the nation.

A law student at UC Berkeley cries out against Palestinian sympathizers — April 10. A Brown University junior marches in protest of Arafat's support of Israel, and-April 22. A large assembly of college students chants in union in opposition to Bush's support of Israel, and over 20,000 demonstrators crowd the streets of Washington, D.C. to call for Bush's support of Israel.

"We need to do something," said Deborah Piatelli, coordinator of Sabrina's Multicultural Center.

In general, Moureiro said, while most students are concerned with problems around the world, many are deterred from taking action.

"Unfortunately, most students feel un-empowered and overwhelmed," she said. "There are a lot of people who would do things if they had the tools, or many feel too isolated to work for justice. Our job is to provide tools, so they have the means to change the world."

Deborah Piatelli is the coordinator of the Global Justice Project, a group of Boston College professors and students who educate people on various societal issues locally, nationally and globally.

From her work with the Global Justice Project, Piatelli said that students have always been driven toward change, and all students react differently to the various forms of social actions such as sit-ins, marches and peaceful protests.

"Some see it as a useless exercise against an impervious social structure," Piatelli said. "Others see it as an expression of democracy and one of many strategies toward implementing change, showing solidarity and getting their voices heard, and others think it is just a bunch of radical youth making noise."

While many groups and generations have historically been involved in social movements, technology has made things different for today's college students. Technology is the reason why current college students may not feel the need to take action, said Mark Fabianor, coordinator for Cal Poly's Multicultural Center.

"Students are curious about social issues," Fabianor said. "One of the things that is different with this generation is that technology can be a positive and an negative to community building and campaigns for social justice. You have computers, DVDs and technology in people's homes, and they can tune out and become a part of this virtual community where they are alienating themselves. At the same time we see e-mail and graphic art that can be a tool to community building."

A new class at Cal Poly has been developed to teach students at Cal Poly to be leaders in the community and give them tools to make change.

In collaboration with other Cal Poly staff, Fabianor is one of the instructors of diversity leadership and social change, which is a psychology class that addresses issues of diversity, leadership, history, ethnic studies and cultural studies.

Fabianor said that many of the 22 people taking the class are involved in different organizations on campus, and the tools learned in the class will help students in their goals of social change.

Allergy season hits SLO

By Justin Ruttkay
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It's that time again when the sun beckons us to escape being anywhere but inside. While the more fortunate students get to take advantage of the sunny, springtime weather, those who suffer from allergies are stuck keeping themselves quarantined due to the overwhelming misery of allergy symptoms.

Allergy sufferers know spring in San Luis Obispo as a season of incessant sneezing, stuffiness and coughing. Allergens, which are substances that spark an allergic reaction, are prevalent in SLO due to the heavy amount of agriculture and plant life that surrounds this area, said Marina Perez, interim head of nursing services at Cal Poly.

Garret Hammer, a philosophy senior, is one of many Cal Poly students who suffer from allergies.

"It's so expected now that when springtime rolls around I already know that I am going to have to put up with some symptom due to pollens," said Hammer.

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Carter arrives in Cuba for landmark visit

WASHINGTON — A mission to overcome four decades of estrangement between Cuba and the United States began Sunday when former U.S. President Jimmy Carter arrived on the Communist-run island and met Cuban President Fidel Castro at Havana's airport.

In welcoming remarks, Castro said: "It is no secret that for almost a century there have been almost no optimal relations between our two states. However, in the four years as president you had the courage to make efforts to change the course of those relations."

Carter is a critic of the 45-year-old U.S.-embargo against Cuba. Carter's last trip to Cuba was 47 years ago. He is the first former president to visit Cuba since Castro took power in 1959.

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**Middle East**

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — For the first time since it was taken over 39 days ago during a standoff between Israeli troops and Palestinian gunmen, the Church smelled of urine and was filled with garbage, dirty dishes and cigarette butts. Volunteers cleaned the sanctuary Sunday and covered the smells with incense.

The complex is located in ex-Soviet Kazakhstan. Study construction in the 1970s and 1980s has been blamed for the collapse.

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Opinion

Students need baby-sitting
Rude behavior in class warrants university action

There were rules in high school — no chewing gum, no talking in class and no tardiness. In high school you showed up, shut up and learned. Here at Cal Poly, however, those rules don't apply anymore — no one is going to get sent to detention. Students can come late, leave early and chew all the gum they want. Hell, you can chew tobacco for all they care because this is college. In college we can do whatever we want because we’re paying, right?

If you said yes then you’re probably the kid who has been kicking my chair in every class I’ve ever had since freshman year. True, it’s not high school anymore. We’re not bound by any rules, but maybe we should be. I say this because

Commentary

1. students have been flexing their freedom a bit too much, and they’re not just hurting themselves, they’re annoying the heck out of the rest of us.

I admit I’m not always the best student. I pay tons to go to school here and yet I still miss class. Sometimes I daydream while the professor is talking, and I’m always dreading all my over notes. By doing these things, though, I’m only harming myself, no one else is bothered. Others express their boredom in much more disruptive ways, however. True, it’s only the Academic Senate is discussing creating university guidelines for rudeness in classrooms. The rules wouldn’t be enforced, but they would exist as a standard for how a Cal Poly student should act.

Not everyone needs these guidelines, but there are plenty of people who do. I’m talking about the people who talk during class and don’t even bother to whisper; the ones who let their cell phones ring and don’t care; the ones who arrive late and leave early. Although these people can be entertaining (I’ve had a few laughs), most of the time it’s just disrespectful, and it needs to stop.

University guidelines for rudeness could stop these behaviors, but first we need to recognize the symptoms. After all, what is rude? Most of these people don’t even know they’re being rude, but I know. I’m going to tell you. If you’ve ever been asked to leave a class, or received so many dirty looks that you wondered if you had something on your face, you’re probably being rude. If the teacher glances contemptuously at the clock because you’re picking up your backpack 10 minutes before class ends, that’s another sign that you’re being rude.

I can hear the argument now: We pay a lot of money to go here and we can do whatever we want. Yes, we can pay a lot of money to attend classes, but that doesn’t give us a license to act however we want. We pay all this money because Cal Poly is a good school — a respectable school. Professors are part of the reason for that. They are the backbone of this campus, and we should respect them as much as we respect our education. Even if the professor is boring or even pointless, students should be able to control themselves and at least pretend to pay attention for that hour.

More importantly, other students deserve respect too. We all pay for our classes, and we are only in those classes for a limited time every day. Each cell phone-ringing, chair-kicking, loud-talking action you make takes time away from class. If an average student’s yearly expenses were divided up by every minute they spent in class, those would be some expensive minutes you’re wasting. We need university guidelines to show that students are serious about ending classroom rudeness, because for every class you’ve been forced to take, there is another person who desperately wanted that class. Every time you were bored, another student was interested. Just because no one told you to shut up doesn’t mean they haven’t wanted to.

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Need an emergency loan to pay for graduation?

In a little over one month, thousands of students will sit in Mustang Stadium, in the blazing heat no less, simply so that they can go through the motions of a graduation ceremony. Mom will shed a tear, and dad will tell his buddies about his son or daughter’s accomplishments. Son or daughter will get wasted.

This monumental weekend that parents and students alike have been dreaming about will be anticlimactic. It’ll come and go much like any other weekend spent downtown — except for one thing. Many lucky graduates will get a few cards with checks enclosed. And thank God for those checks!

How else could graduates actually afford to graduate?

As I flipped through the “Almost Alumnus Handbook” for 2002, my eyes immediately locked on the heading “How much will it cost to graduate?” The question itself made me cringe. I spent money to apply to Cal Poly; I have spent money to attend Cal Poly; and now, fittingly, I have to spend money to leave Cal Poly.

As if my five years worth of tuition, book purchases and lab expenses weren’t enough, now I have to spend $26 on my cap, gown and tassel — those checks!

I stays here. I’d rather have my name not announced and get to leave.

While I’m sitting in Mustang Stadium on June 15, simply to appease the people who get their name announced, and why? Because we come and go, and he will be the ones who send me the checks — a nice cyclical process to earn freedom a bit too much, and they want. Hell, you can chew tobacco for all they care because this is college. In college we can do whatever we want because we’re paying, right?

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Thong-checking violates rights

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For Rancho Bernardo High School in suburban San Diego, the story is different. A spring dance is generally a place where the standards are strict and where administrators are more acceptable of strapless dresses and short skirts. At a "Blaze From the Past" dance, the theme was to wear 1950s-style clothing. We typically know this as pencil skirts, off-the-shoulder tops and greasy hair. As girls entered the dance, Vice administrators were more acceptable of the midriffs and no gang-related paraphernalia rules that are common at other schools. As a spring dance is generally a place where the standards are strict and where administrators are more acceptable of strapless dresses and short skirts. At a "Blaze From the Past" dance, the theme was to wear 1950s-style clothing. We typically know this as pencil skirts, off-the-shoulder tops and greasy hair. As girls entered the dance, Vice administrators were more acceptable of the midriffs and no gang-related paraphernalia rules that are common at other schools.

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As of April 30, parents of these girls were planning to demand the resignation of Wilson and the other teachers involved. If they do not resign, the parents plan to file a lawsuit against the school district for violating the civil rights of their daughters, according to a CNN.com article. The lawyer for the plaintiff happens to have a daughter who attended the dance, but she avoided a search after saying she was not wearing a thong. Wilson should have herself some embarrassment and save the school district some money and respect. She had no right to act properly to these girls and expose them to the public. She asked all of the girls if they were wearing a thong and after awhile, the girls realized just to say no. So what if they were wearing thongs? Sisqo helped make the underwear style even more popular in 2000 with the "Thong Song."

Their underwear was not exposed to the naked eye. The dress code for Rancho Bernardo actually has a clause about undergarments. It states that students cannot wear "Undergarments, or clothing that reveals undergarments (boxers, tank top under-shirts, underwear, etc.)" This is about whether or not the underwear is exposed. In the case of these girls, some of whom were non-swimmers, their underwear was underneath their skirts.

This is the first case that I have heard of an administrator acting out such a way in public. When most of these incidents happen, it is generally known to be behind closed doors. Wilson dug herself a hole. I don't think that the school board should help her climb out of it for violating young girls. She was basically giving the male faculty and students a peep show. I don't think it's important for the administration to worry about what type of underwear a student is wearing; after all, it's covered. I think the administrators should just be happy that the girls were not exposing themselves to their peers. Wait, they did that for them.

Gale Hodge is a journalist and senior Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letters to the editor

Impatient drivers are the problem

Editor

In response to the commentary "Get old drivers off the road" (May 9), I have the following comments: Mr. Hill's opinions and comments are based on a narrow, immature, "the world owes me," "it's all about me and me, and oh, yeah, "Y2K type of thinking that unfortunately seems to be the opinion of a lot of the X generation.

A year ago I was involved in a head-on collision on the Cuesta Grade. The driver that hit me was killed. The accident occurred simply because of undue speed and lack of attention on the part of the other driver. I work at Cal Poly and live in Paso Robles, and I drive on Hwy 101 every day. Every day I witness drivers (such as Mr. Hill) that are in such a big hurry to get where they are going that they take their own lives and the lives of others on this road into their hands. They pass at high rates of speed and weave in front of and behind other cars. I can't figure out why these people feel you are not driving fast enough, or they feel that you are in their way. Time and again I have had bad cars pass me when I am traveling at 75 mph. I have had bad cars pass me going down the grade when I am traveling over 60 mph. Driving the grade is a dangerous undertaking these days, yet there are people like Mr. Hill) that insist on treating it like the Indianapolis 500.

If older drivers, responsible drivers, upset you, Mr. Hill, call the Highway Patrol and report them. Please do not use the vigilant approach and teach them a lesson by demonstrating high rates of speed, tricky lane changing and middle finger manipulation to make your point. When you do it, it is you and your driving that is unendurable. Live and let live!

Djinn Ruffner is a Cal Poly Extended Studies staff member.

For the love of God, no more letters Editor

I am a freshman at Cal Poly and over the course of my first year I have read the Mustang Daily almost every day. If I can remember, there have always been one or two letters to the editor concerning Cal Poly. Nobody will make an argument if it is true, and somebody else will come along and try to refute it. I say this: Give it a rest! Obviously, the two sides are never going to get the other to cave in and say who is right. If the writer's hope is to sway people to their particular belief, I don't think people take kindly to arguments. The best way to find out if something is a topic to themselves. Search what- ever: Christianity, Judaism, Atheism, Buddhism, any religion. If you are watching yourself, you will be most happy, no matter the outcome. Am I Christian or not? It should be my business, not yours. I don't like to be defined by my beliefs. I am my own person and that's all that counts. Alan Ellis is a political science freshman.

No one cares anymore Editor

I, like many other students on campus, am becoming more and more irritated with the constant letters to the editor regarding religion. I would like to offer this revelation to all of you: I don't care and neither do most of the other students on campus.

To those who would argue God's word, I say this — You know God exists but you argue his point. You've done your job. Any more, and you're hurting your point by annoying those of us who might be more open to your point of view.

To those who would argue that God doesn't exist — If you're so sure He doesn't exist, why are you wasting your time arguing with people who obviously won't change their minds? Heck, why are you even bothering? It doesn't hurt anyone to believe in something, whether it exists or not.

Religion is a topic that shouldn't be addressed in the opinion section of a paper. It isn't a moral issue people can prove. Too much of it is based on an individual's personal experience. Neither side can win. There's not enough proof for either side. You can't prove it exists because there's no proof of his existence. And there just isn't enough proof in the moral world to prove the existence of a transcendent being to someone who doesn't believe.

If both sides would just quit sending in letters, everyone on campus would have more time to attend the days of opening the Daily and reading the opinion section, expecting to see a new opinion section every day. Now all we get is the same exact argument day after day, I don't care anymore. Everyone else I've talked to doesn't care anymore. I beg the editor to stop publishing these letters. Those in an extra header say -- "Thanks for your opinions, but enough is enough. Something to that extent: I'm pleading to all of you, stop. Both sides have tained their views with all this childish bickering. I won't tell my beliefs, because I'd be ashamed to be associated with either of you. Thank you.

Shane Lile is a computer science freshman.

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Wednesday May 15th - North Coast
Cambria - Linn's, Morro Bay - 2 dogs Coffee Co & Internet Cafe, Los Osos - Coffee N Things

Thursday May 16 - 5 Cities
Arroyo Grande - Starbucks, Pismo Beach -
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this language to its fullest potential, scoring off an unsung family that was playing behind us. But the best part of miniature golf is that no matter how well you're playing, it is always a good time. In this particular round at Broomsie, the level of play began to plummet faster than the Diggers would have liked. It's true you're playing, it is always a good time.

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She didn't have time to do the throws if she wants to do well in the conference finals.

Her best throw is 177 feet this year. Coker said that Brown was more focused and understands what she needs to do.

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In the end, the Titans' were able to hold Cal Poly to three runs, which included a grand slam score at 3-4. This game marked an end to the season, with Cal Poly at 25-29 overall, and 8-16 in conference. Fullerton had an impressive .52-11 overall record and a first place rank in the Big West Conference with 2-0-2. This last game clamped the Big West Conference title for the third straight year in a row for Fullerton.

"It was nice to go out fighting in the last game of the season against the ninth-ranked team in the nation," said Nicole Dandy, one of the graduating seniors. "I'll always appreciate a chance to play and accept it with a fiery competitive ness that lies within her.

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Enjoying the ‘mini’ things in life

Upon returning home this week-end from the friendly confines of Rohnert Park to celebrate my mother, I took a nostalgic little side-trip. Yes, I visited the local miniature golf course.

This was a momemtous home-coming for me. For years, the Scandia Family Fun Center mini-golf course had been my home turf, complete with its red and blue t-shirts and that pesky volcano hole I could never conquer. I grew up at this course. I grew up with its red and blue t-shirts and its green miniature folf course. I grew up with its sand traps! If you can get out of sand traps, you will change your mind, too.

Mini-golf satisfies many recreational purposes. First, it’s a safe date. I know that 1 can find a girl who wants to go for a round of mini-golf; she isn’t going to be one of those pretentious, annoying, “That’s so dumb!” kind of girls; she’ll be able to have a good time and not worry about making an ass of herself. And, if I make an ass of myself on the date, I’ll at least know that I had a good time doing it.

Secondly, a round of putt putt can test your mental dexterity. Have you ever tackled the World’s Most Difficult Miniature Golf Course in Morro Bay? This bad boy has sand traps! If you can get around this course, that Cali 4 class should have been playing in a different league.

Lastly, the advent of a game of mini-golf can bring friends together. On my last golfing fiasco, a few friends and I ventured to Boomers (the course formerly known as Camelot) in Santa Maria. What started out as a friendly game of golf soon became mayhem.

It all started around the fifth hole (where I usually begin to suck). Here, I began hitting the ball with reckless abandon, not caring if it bounced off of one of the lighting standards and hit someone in the face. This is also the hole where the game started down a path of wonderful innuendo-filled nightmares. So maybe my friends and I are all perverted, but in what other game do you say the words “stroke,” “ball” and “hole” in the same sentence? Naturally, we used to say “stroke,” “ball” and “hole” in the same sentence. Naturally, we used

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Seniors say goodbye as team loses

By Justin Ruttkay

It was a day of smiles and tears at Bob Janssen field as Cal Poly softball seniors played the last game of their college careers against Cal State Fullerton on Saturday. The game started out as an emotional one for the Mustangs, as the women bid farewell to their five graduating seniors who have all played vital roles on the team, says Lisa Boyer, head coach for Cal Poly. In addition, the women were coming off a double-header loss against Fullerton the night before.

Fullerton beat Cal Poly in the first game on Friday, 7-1, and again in the second game, 4-2. It was Saturday’s conclusion of the three-game series that chipped it for the Titans. Saturday’s game kicked off with Fullerton’s Jodie Cox scoring the first run off of a single hit by Jenny Topping. Titan outfielder Yasmin Mousaledge thomohawked a double to right field, which scored Topping and pushed the Titans to a first inning 2-0 lead over the Mustangs.

After zero runs in the second, the scorecard used some action in the third as the Titans continued to dominate, scoring two more runs. Cal Poly responded, as shortstop Roni Sparrey shot one to right field for a double. Sparrey then scored off a single hit by Kasey Poert, making the score 4-1 after the third inning.

Cal Poly’s defense was able to hold the Titans for the rest of the game, keeping the team at four runs. The Mustangs made a quick gain in the sixth inning, with Chelsy Stroud and Karolyn Wilson both scoring, but the Titans were able to hold on, scoring one in the seventh.

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Brown ‘puts’ dual effort into athletics

FILE PHOTO/MAURY SNYDER

By Amber Hodge

For some athletes, a knee injury could ruin a successful career. For Stephanie Brown, it changed her athletic career path completely.

As a freshman, Brown was recruited from Arroyo Grande High School for both basketball and track.

“She was one of the top recruits in the nation,” said Pete Cerkosky, track and field assistant coach. “She was a double-state champion her junior year in both the shot put and the discus.”

Brown continued her success at Cal Poly by finishing first in both events at that year’s Big West Conference.

But as a sophomore, Brown took a blow to the knee while playing basketball. Her knee had to go under reconstructive surgery.

“I never looked back after I started conditioning again,” Brown said. “Hurtting my knee gave me a way to make a big decision about my life.” Brown had to choose between track and basketball. Despite the difficulty of making a decision between the two, she felt compelled toward continuing in track and field.

“I really didn’t have a problem with it,” she said. “I knew how to get to where I wanted to go.”

After reestablishing for the rest of the season, Brown came back at full

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BRIEFS

Green’s position: defense is not an issue

(WIRE) MIAMI — Shawn Green is under the microscope for his sequential start at the plate and approach in right field, making things uncomfortable for the Los Angeles Dodgers too.

General Manager Don Evans traded Gary Sheffield in part because Green emerged as a team leader last season while setting a franchise record with 49 home runs, and the Dodgers figured Green was ready to shoulder more responsibility. Green has been in a season-long slump — hitting only .252 with three home runs and 21 RBI — and his performance in the field has raised eyebrows.

A few catchable balls have dropped in front of Green recently, prompting Manager Jim Tracy to talk to him about positioning. In the ninth inning of Friday’s 4-3 loss to the Florida Marlins at Pro Player Stadium, Green froze on a catchable line drive hit by Eric Owens, who scored the winning run after getting a leadoff double.

Green said too much has been made of a few plays.

“I wouldn’t say it’s an issue,” he said. “There have been a couple of balls where the (team officials) said I should have been playing in a different place. If they want me to move, I’ll move.”

Green won a Gold Glove in 1999 with the Toronto Blue Jays and had a reputation of being a good outfielder during five-plus seasons in the American League. However, scouts who followed the Dodgers’ young center-fielder have not been particularly impressed with Green’s fielding since he joined the club in 2000 signing a six-year, $84-million contract.

Green said he is receptive to the suggestions of Tracy and the coaching staff, but there’s only so much he can do.