Students protest for social change

By Andrea 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 cried out against Palestinian sympathizers — April 10. A Brown University college newspaper through the streets of Washington, D.C. to call for students chants in unison in opposition to the United States presence in Colombia — April 22. A large assembly of college students visited in union in opposition to Bush's support of Israel, and over 20,000 demonstrators crossed the streets of Washington, D.C. to call for United States presence in Colombia — April 22.

College campuses across the country have become a gathering place for marches, protests and demonstrations, said Tracy Moureau, policy director for the Peace Action Education Fund in Washington, D.C. “We have seen, in the last few months, an explosion of student interest,” Moureau said. “Students are concerned with problems around the world, many are driven toward change.”

In general, according to the Peace Action Education Fund, there are two types of student activism. The first is the student who wants to take 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.”

Dorothy Rust, coordinator for 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, Rust 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,” Rust 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 Fabionar, coordinator for Cal Poly's Multicultural Center. Students are using technology to raise awareness about issues, Fabionar said. "One of the things that is different with this generation is that technology can be a positive and negative to community building and campaigns for social justice. You have computers, DVDs and technology in people's homes, and they can turn on and become a part of this virtual community where they are alienating themselves. At the same time we see e-mail and graphic arts 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, Fabionar 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.

Fabionar 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 make change, showing solidarity and getting their voices heard.

“Cal Poly has a cultural pluralism requirement, but (these) classes usually address ethnic diversity — sexual diversity is rarely addressed,” said Mike Sullivan, a computer engineering senior and president of Cal Poly's Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexual United (GLBU).

Sure, some students think it is just a bunch of radical 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 philosopher senior, is one of many Cal Poly students who suffer from allergies. "It's so easy now that when springtime rolls around I already know that I am going to have to put up with some symptom due to allergy symptoms."

"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.

"It's quite a coup to have a speaker of Sabrina's magnitude coming to San Luis Obispo," Sullivan said. "In such a conservative area, we are excited to welcome Sabrina's message of acceptance without boundaries. Not only is she a woman of color, but also a person who understands sexual diversity."

Another highlight of CommUNITY Pride is Comedy Night, May 22 at 7 p.m. Hosted in Chumash Auditorium, the night features a keynote address from former Congresswoman Sabrina Sojourner. Sojourner was elected by an 83-percent vote in the District of Columbia. She is the first openly lesbian to serve in the U.S. Congress.
**Weather Watch**

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**WEDNESDAY**
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**TODAY’S MOON**
Rise: 6:34 a.m. / Set: 9:29 p.m.

**TODAY’S TIDE**
**PORT SAN LUIS**
Low: 5:41 a.m. / -0.58 feet
High: 12:19 p.m. / 3.46 feet
Low: 4:45 p.m. / -2.20 feet
High: 10:56 p.m. / 5.50 feet

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give them the ability to effectively communicate. "It would be a waste of time. It is an opportunity to create a community," he said. "It is an opportunity to develop relationships and friendships that are important. College, like the workplace, can be very isolating. Classrooms are one way of creating a sense of community coupled with a sense of social justice. Is it the possibility for students to be agents of change and to be actively involved in their own education and community?" While people all over the country are taking action, Cal Poly protests and marches are not as prevalent as at other colleges, said animal science junior Tali Hamilton, who is enrolled in Fabianor’s class.

"It is easy at Cal Poly to get caught up in the grind of studying and working," Hamilton said. "It gives you tunnel vision. You may be concerned, but the sabre rattles you too little. Most people choose academics instead of balancing it with proper recreation." For the first time in many years, Hamilton and a small group of Cal Poly students have picked a battle and are taking action. In response to recent events concerning controversial courses and a growing sense of distrust among minority students, the group has created a petition that allows the university to take control of the issues of diversity, retention and discrimination. The group stresses diversity education for students and faculty, was given to President Warren Baker on April 15, but the group has not seen an official response since then. The group would like to see Baker give a public statement admitting that there are problems on campus. There will also be a march from Cal Poly to downtown San Luis Obispo on May 19 to bring students together and to let the community know that they are taking action.

"It is not just a minority issue, it is bigger than that," Hamilton said. "If people have a better understanding of each other, then we have a better chance of making some improvements on campus. And it is not just a student problem. Faculty and staff are also having problems with the lack of diversity on campus."

The student seeking a response from the administration before May 20, the first day of Culture Fest, explained that throughout Cal Poly’s history, student movements have risen but quickly faded when nothing happened. This time, they are hoping to break the cycle, aiming to change not just the problems with diversity, but also address what they see as an administrative system that does not prepare students for a diverse and multicultural workforce.

The need for making changes on campus goes beyond the issue of diversity, though. While the Progressive Student Alliance is involved in creating some local movements, the group will soon not be the only club taking action on campus, said social science junior Ali Schlager, president of Student Community Services.

Next year, SCS will create a club with the sole purpose of integrating social change into the community. "I think at Cal Poly we have a self-focused mindset," Schlager said. "It's all about being self efficient, but social change is about looking at the bigger picture. We want to create a progressive movement in an atmosphere where change is not prevalent."

For universal campus-wide change, however, groups at Cal Poly that are not as active in social movements, Marvin said that groups should look to create alliances with various people, including administration, faculty, community members and national organizations to help them in achieving their goals. For Cal Poly, social movements and community building are not exploding like in many of the campuses around the country, but there is a yearning for change, Fabianor said.

"We'll see if we can make a substantial amount of change," Fabianor said. "We should have a better understanding of each other, then we have a better chance of making some improvements on campus."

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will feature the stand-up antics of San Francisco comedian Sue Berger. The San Francisco Chronicle has described Berger, one of the city’s openly lesbian comics as “comic perfection.” Santa Barbara’s only drag king troop, the Disposable Boy Troop, will also be performing.

Other events include guest lectures, workshops, a movie night and a dance party.

Tuesday’s lecture, “Anybody Out There! Queen Lives and the Visibility Tangle,” will address heterosexual privilege and social rems. The lecture will be presented by Mary Armstrong, Cal Poly director of Women’s Studies, at 11 a.m. in the University Union, room 220. A dance party at Terrilla Flats will also be held that night.

Thursday will feature the CommUNITY Pride resource fair at the University Union Plaza. Approximately eight groups will have information booths including GALA — Gay and Lesbian Alliance of the Central Coast — and PFLAG — Parent’s and Friends of Gay and Lesbian.

The Palm Theater’s showing of “Trembling Before G-d,” Thursday at 7 p.m., is a documentary that centers on the personal stories of Jews in the gay community.

Three workshops presented by GLBU’s education committee will also be offered throughout the week.

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my allergies,” he said.

The abnormal quantity of allergens in the air and the combination of heavy winds that blow in the month of April are what cause the increased number of allergy sufferers in Southern California. The usual symptoms that allergy sufferers experience are watery eyes, sneezing, snuffling and an itchy throat. According to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, the symptoms of allergies are so closely related to those of the common cold that many people who have such symptoms tend to write it off as just having a cold.

"In the beginning, the person will have all the same symptoms as a cold, but if the symptoms continue for more than a week, they may have an allergic reaction," Fabianor said. After a month, the person is suffering from something called immunogloblin E (IgE). Everyone has a bit of this substance in their body, but people who experience allergies tend to have a large quantity of IgE in their system. After a while, their bodies are so used to this amount of IgE in the system, they react to it as if it were a cold.

People who don’t maintain their allergy symptoms are running the risk of suffering from serious ailments such as sinusitis or ear infections, according to AAAA. AAAA’s Web site recommends seeing a physician if allergic symptoms don’t ease up after medications have been tried.

For more information regarding allergies, visit www.claritin.com or www.nasaa.org or allergy, remode.org.

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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 jokes 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. I'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 Alumni 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, faithfully, 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 — three items that I will never wear again, thank goodness. It's not like I can disguise my gown as a cocktail dress or business suit. This is it. Its purpose will be over two hours after I put it on.

Plus, I have to spend over $45 just to inform my friends and family that I am graduating. Hopefully, the people who receive the announcements will be the ones who send me the checks — a nice cyclical process to earn my money back.

The commencement fee itself is $40, just so I can sweat through my $26 gown listening to some keynote speaker and not hear my name announced. That's right. For all you self-centered students who were looking forward to the spring ceremony for the sole purpose of having your names announced, you're out of luck. President Baker is the only one who gets to be announced and not spend $26 for the honor. Because we come here to learn and not stay here. I'd rather have my name not announced and get to leave.

My oh-so-needed Alumni membership cost $20.20. And what does that $20 get me? Humm ... nothing! Well, nothing of any use that is, except a T-shirt and a license plate cover that simply advertise the Alumni Association, so that other people will see my shirt or car and want to donate even more money to it. But don't forget the lifetime e-mail forwarding that comes with the membership. People can forever keep in contact with me through my Cal Poly e-mail address ... please. How would you want to forget the only alma mater you have? And if you have any Alumni minded friends or family to whom you can pass on these oils, I'd be much obliged.

Moving on ... If I want to walk around blinging, blinging my class ring, I'll have to throw down another $175 or more. Breathtaking, isn't it? Not that I blame them, it's insulting that they'd expect me to pay that much for a tacky ring.

But wait! There IS a graduation activity that's free — AWOL! During A Week Of Leaving, administrators are going to shower us in ice cream sundae and hot dogs. How kind of them.

Seriously, why waste a bunch of money on a week of silly activities that only members of ASI and brownnoses will take part in? Why not take the money that would be spent on "Weiners for Seniors" and put it toward our $40 commencement fee? Our diploma frame? Our tassels for good measure?

Don't make me pick up a second job or use all my graduation money simply to get out of here. I've been here long enough, given this enough attention, and now, I'm ready to leave ... happy and with a few bucks in my pocket.

So when I'm sitting in Mustang Stadium on June 15, simply to appease my parents, I'll be thinking about all those ice cream sundae that melted away my hopes of affording my own graduation.

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College
Kindergarten class rules

"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."

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

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

Some 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 doodling all over my notes. By doing these things, though, I'm only harming myself, no one else is bothered. Other students express their boredom in much more disruptive ways, say for instance the ones who sit in the front row in class, or received so many dirty looks that you wondered if you had something on your face, you're doing it wrong. 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 so we can do what we want. Yes, we may 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 respected 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 each day. Every 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 one has no idea to shut up doesn't mean they haven't wanted to.

Sarah E. Thien is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.
Thong-checking violates rights

In high school, a dress code was enforced on students so that it would not distract others from their learning environment. Most of us are familiar with the no hats, no midriff, and no gang-related paraphernalia rules that are common at many public schools. No one ever checked we were wearing underwear, as it would be a violation of our civil rights. The closest my high school ever got to such an "examination" was metal detecting.

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. As a "Blaze From the Past" dance, the theme was to wear 1950's-style clothing. We typically know this as pencil skirts, off-the-shoulder tops and greasy hair. As girls entered the dance, Vice Principal Rita Wilson and a few other teachers made the high school girls prove that they were wearing appropriate undergarments.

After asking them what type of undergarments they were wearing, Wilson lifted up the girls' skirts and checked to see if they were wearing things.

Hello! These girls were completely violated in an environment where they are supposed to feel safe. Even if the administrators were not aware that this was a violation of privacy, they continued on with even more risqué behavior.

If a teacher suspected a girl was not wearing a bra, the same thing happened. If and when a girl was found wearing a thong or a strapless bra, she was sent home. To make matters worse, Wilson searched these girls in the open, exposing them to male students and faculty.

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 per­versely 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? Sissy help made 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 under­shirts, underwear, etc.)" This is about whether or not the under­wear is exposed. In the case of these girls, some of whom were minors, 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 district 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.

Comments

Nelischer: a thong is just a pair of underwear. There may not be much of it, but it's there. Your opinion that it's acceptable is based on what you think the administrators should do. According to your reasoning, the administrators should not ask girls if they are wearing a thong. If you don't think that the administrators should ask girls if they are wearing a thong, then you should not be complaining about the administrators for doing this. It is not the administrators' job to tell girls what they can and cannot wear. It is their right to make their own decisions about what they wear.

Adams: I agree with Nelischer. If you don't like what someone is wearing, you have the right to not look at it. If you don't like what the administrators are doing, you have the right to tell them that you don't like it. However, you do not have the right to tell them what they should do. It is their job to determine what is appropriate for students to wear.

Hudson: I think that Nelischer and Adams are both right. It is important for students to have the right to wear what they want. However, it is also important for administrators to enforce a dress code. A dress code is important in order to maintain a respectful and safe learning environment.

Opinion

Maurice Nelischer, Landscape Architecture
Nikki Adams, Biology
Lynn Hudson, History

Distinguished Educator Award

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Clark Turner, Computer Science
Johnathon Beckett, Animal Science
Matt Carlton, Statistics
Max Moritz, Social Science

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 all about me and me," and, oh, yeah, "it's all their fault." This 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 watch 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 the road into their hands. They pass at high rates of speed and weave in front of me. I have had cars pass me going down the grade when I am traveling over 60 mph. I have had 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 vigilante 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 your driving that is undesirable.

Live and let live!

Djinn Ruffer is a Cal Poly Extended Studies staff member.

Letters to the editor

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 you. Mr. Hill, I don't care, nor do the other students on campus for that matter.

To those who would argue God's word, I say this — You know God exists, try to 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 this 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 God exists because there's no proof of his existence. And there just isn't enough proof in the mortal world to prove the existence of the transcendent being to someone who doesn't believe.

If both sides would just quit send­ing in letters, everyone on campus would have the days of opening the Daily and reading the opinion section, expecting to see a fresh report of the view of something old. 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. There's an extra header say­ing: "Thanks for your opinions, but enough is enough" or 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. I thank you.

Shane Lile is a computer science freshman.

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letters to the editor
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Tuesday May 14 -
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Wednesday May 15th - North Coast
Cambria - Linn's, Morro Bay - 2 dogs Coffee Co & Internet Cafe, Los Osos - Coffe 'N Things

Thursday May 16 - 5 Cities
Arroyo Grande - Starbucks, Pismo Beach - Streaming Bean Coffee & Tea Company, Zadok's Coffee

Friday May 17 - San Luis Obispo
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swing.

At the 2001 Big West conference meet, she placed first in the shot put, setting a school record of 52’ 9 ¾”. She’s second on the record list with a discus throw of 177’ 2”.

"When I won, it was really gratifying to know that I came back from my knee injury and became an All-American," she said.

By becoming an All-American, Brown was one of the top eight shot putters in the nation in Division I track.

Right now, Brown said she’s not sure what is going to happen. To make it to nationals in the shot put, Brown needs to make progress at the conference finals. She’s currently ranked 22nd in the shot put.

Yet Corkery said that is a bit misleading.

"She’s improved a little over four feet in the shot put," said Corkery, who is in his sixth year of coaching throws at Cal Poly. "In the discus, she’s just now getting to her best throw in high school."

Despite being ranked seventh in the discus nationally, Brown’s best discus throw was 180 feet in high school. Brown said she needs to improve the consistency of her throws if she wants to do well in the conference finals.

"I have a lot more of an expectation to do well," Brown said. "Last year, it was nice to get back out there."

Even though Brown’s not doing as well as last year in the shot put, she is still working very hard.

"I have a lot more of an expectation to do well," Brown said. "Last year, it was nice to do it in the nationals. This year, it is to do it in nationals and be in the top three."

With school records attached to her name, Brown said that she understands that a lot is expected of her.

"As a group they put up impressive numbers, but as far as leadership... their contribution to the team was untouchable," she said.

Christie Wells made her final debut on the field before graduating this year. Wells suffered an arm injury after her last at this season on April 6 against USCUB and has been out ever since.

"It was nice to get back out there for my last game," Wells said.

With many of the team’s starters now graduated, the team is still confident that next year will be a good year.

"We’ve got some good players returning and I’m highly optimistic about the team for next season," Boyer said.

Instead of letting that scare her, she accepts it with a fiery competitive-ness that lies within her.

Brown said that she does not have a favorite event between the discus and shot put.

"It depends on the way I throw it," she said. "I really enjoy both of them. They are both totally different techniques."

The shot put consists of a glide with no rotation except for in the knees, while the discus is a rotating "hammer throw".

Even though many successful athletes have a rival before a competition, Brown does not have one.

"It just happens," she said. "Sometimes it makes me worry."

With relaxation being the key for Brown, this is hard to do when balancing industrial engineering with running, she said.

"It’s a crazy right now," she said. "Last quarter, I honestly didn’t think I was going to make it. I was so overwhelmed and it’s getting to a point where I’m taking all my upper-division classes."

Along with design classes and class projects, Brown trains up to 20 hours a week lifting and doing various exercises.

"It’s a huge commitment," she said. "I’ve transferred my priorities straight. Right now, I spend a lot of time doing schoolwork..."
Enjoying the ‘mini’ things in life

Upon returning home this weekend, the friendly confines of Rohnert Park to celebrate my 21st birthday, I took a nostalgic little side-trip. Yes, I visited the local mini-golf course.

This was a momentous homecoming for me. For years, the Scandia Family Fun Center mini-course had been my home turf, complete with red and blue trees and that pesky volcano hole I could never conquer. I grew up at this place; I can’t count how many times my friends and I ventured to the mini-golf course; it was a staple of our childhood.

But despite the enjoyment of mini-golfing, I never thought I would become one of those people who hit the ball into what she dubbed the “alternative hole” — use your imagination.

After this trip down memory lane, I realized that mini-golf is the best sport ever. Handspan. Yes, base golf may be the national pastime, and Canadians may dig hockey, but for my money, it doesn’t get any better than a round of mini-golf with some friends. Just read what I have to say about this grand feat of athleticism and I bet you will change your mind, too.

Mini-golf satisfies many recreational purposes.

First, it’s a safe date. I know that if I can find a girl who wants to go mini-golfing, she isn’t going to be one of those pretend-mouths, pretending, “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 golf 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, this Cal 4 class should be a piece of cake.

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 sink from there). 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 wrong decisions and demoralized affairs. So maybe my friends and I are all pervy, but in what other game do you say the words “stroke,” “ball” and “hole” in the same sentence? Naturally, we used the same language.

Brown ‘puts’ dual effort into athletics

By Justin Ruttkay

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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, said 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 clenched it for the Titans. Saturday’s game kicked off with Fullerton’s Josie Cox scoring the first run off of a single hit by Jenny Topping. Titan outfielder Yasmin Mosadeghi tomahawked 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 scoreless game used some action in the third as the Titans continued to dominate, scoring two more runs. Cal Poly responded, as shortstop Rani Sparrs shot one to right field for a double. Sparrus then scored off a single hit by Kasey Pope, 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 Stoufer and Kathy Wilson both scoring.

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Cal Poly shot put and discus thrower Stephanie Brown heaves a toss during the home track and field meet on May 4. Brown took first in the event, leading a 1-2-3-4 Mustang sweep.

By Amber Hodge

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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 Corkery, track and field assistant coach. “She was a double-state champion her junior year in both the shot put and the discus.”

She 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 through reconstructive surgery. “I never looked back after I started conditioning again,” Brown said. “Hurtting my knee gave me a way to make a bigger 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.

“After rebuilding for the rest of the season, Brown came back at full strength. see BROWN, page 7

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Senior’s say goodbye as team loses

By Justin Ruttkay

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After a recent string of confidence-building victories, the Cal Poly baseball team went to Nebraska with visions of an upset in their minds.

But despite the dreamy backdrop of cernithick reminiscence of a certain baseball movie, the 13th-ranked Cornhuskers made the weekend a nightmare for the Mustangs, sweeping the series with a 5-2 win on Sunday. The Mustangs fell to 26-26-1. Kritin Jordan took the loss for Cal Poly, allowing five runs on six hits and striking out seven. The series ended after losing Saturday’s game in relief.

Designated hitter Bryan Guiz is leading the team with eight hits and two RBI over the weekend. Kyle Wilson and Scott Anderson each hanged out six hits a piece. Brown ‘puts’ dual effort into athletics

By Jason Reid

Los Angeles Times

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

General Manager Dan 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 liner 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 nips.

“I wouldn’t say it’s an issue,” he said. “There have been a couple of balls where the (umpire) didn’t call it and 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 follow the Dodgers 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.