UPD investigates GLBU egging

By Sara Howell

The eggs dripping down the “Stop Hate Crimes” sign posted on the Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals United booth on Dexter Lawn yesterday proved the club had accomplished its goal to encourage dialogue.

However, an egging was hardly the type of campus awareness they expected to incite.

The GLBU booth was pelleted with eggs at about noon Thursday from unknown perpetrators hidden in the bushes, group representatives said. The booth served to hand out gay and lesbian awareness literature in honor of Same-Sex Hand Holding Day. The egging occurred as a group of more than 60 students finished a march across campus.

“All of a sudden, all these eggs started flying and they could see guys in the bushes,” GLBU president and English sophomore Mel Commuso said.

“There was a lack of sincerity from campus police,” GLBU member Jennifer Chambliss said. “They didn’t seem to care that an act of violence had taken place on campus.”

engineers take a load off with events

By Meghan Nowakowski

Controversial poet to speak at Poly

A poet whose work is known to elicit strong feelings — be it admiration or revulsion — will bring his take on contemporary America to Cal Poly Tuesday.

Amiri Baraka is most recently known for his controversial take on the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the poem “Somebody blew up America.”

“All thinking people oppose terrorism both domestic and international... But one should not be used to cover this, and as a poet I think we all should say anything we think is guss and I would not teach this piece,” Hamilton said.

American Baraka, famous for his controversial views and poems, will be speaking at Cal Poly next week.

"I read some of his material in my African-American literature class," Hamilton said. "I think he is an amazing writer.”

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Contrast that great catch in the dating scene

By Andrea Svoboda

Looking and finding love at Poly

Business senior Rob Gregory said the best place to meet a girl is not at a party but at school. "Find out about people with substance and priorities in mind,” Gregory said. “It is tough to find a girl that has no problem being herself.”

He also said all of the dates he has ever gone on were really good .. except for one. When she opened her door, his date had a chunk of dip on her face.”

England sophomore Erin Ficket said she has never even gone on a date.”

Looking for a great catch in the dating scene

Anti-war activist to speak on Iraq conflict

By Genevieve Russell

As the possibility of a war with Iraq grows larger, veteran peace activist Michael Albert will address the key issues involved in the mounting peace movement today in Chumash Auditorium at 7 p.m.

In a new entitled “Building an Anti-War Movement That Can Win,” Albert will offer his solution, which embraces peace and unity as an effective alternative to violence.

"The mass scale of anti-Iraq demonstrations in many college campuses and all over the country, many students here on campus can identify with his message,” said graduate student Faisal Khosheed.

As a member of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA), Khosheed played a pivotal role in organizing the event, an effort that spanned the past few months.

Happily Ever After: Big dose of sarcasm for serial monogamists

To Love or Not to Love: V-day for singles or couples

Engineers take a load off with events

National Engineering Week begins Tuesday, offers students career and social opportunities

By Meghan Nowakowski

Cal Poly engineers will have the much-needed opportunity to have some fun next week, when National Engineering Week kicks off Tuesday.

Many universities throughout the country will participate in the week’s events, which celebrate engineers and engineering students.

The Cal Poly College of Engineering has donated $5,000 to the Engineering Student Council, which will be used on various free activities their students can participate in throughout the week.

“This is a great way to meet other engineers and have a lot of fun,” said Christina Vignalat, general secretary of the Engineers and National Engineering Week (NEW) co-chair. “Plus all events are completely free to engineering majors.”

The Engineering Student Council will have booths on Dexter Lawn and in the University Union, where students can purchase T-shirts, pick up schedules and receive free passes to the week’s events. Free popcorn will also be given out at the UU location all week.

Civil engineering senior and NEW co-chair Andrea McGrath-Massie said she thinks the events are a great opportunity for students.

“The whole week is designed to celebrate engineering, and it gives engineers a chance to socialize and have fun,” McGrath-Massie said.

Society of Women Engineers members will also travel to local elementary schools to spread the word about engineering.

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Students can enjoy a free game area in McPeek’s and with free food and drinks Tuesday night from 8 to 10.

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"He is honest, straightforward and blue," Hamilton said. "When you read his material, you need to put it in the context of the times, because that is what he was experiencing." Political science senior Ruby Mer said she feels that Baraka's honesty will be good for people to hear.

"People around here are really politically correct," Mer said. "They don't want to say things that are going to offend people. It's nice to have someone that will put the truth out there and not hold back." Hamilton agrees, saying Baraka's work should challenge the audience.

"We need new ideas to come to this campus," Hamilton said. "I would definitely suggest coming with an open mind."

Baraka's first volume of poetry, "Preface to a Twenty-Year Suicide Note," was published in 1961. He wrote his first two plays, "The Slave" and "The Toilet" in 1962. Both reflect his mistrust of white society.

Baraka won numerous literary prizes and honors, including fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts and a lifetime achievement award from the Before Columbus Foundation.

He has taught poetry at the New School for Social Research in New York, literature at the University of Buffalo and George Washington universities.

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"I don't believe in confusing us and wearing our uniforms," Watton said.

Police have very little information about the incident, but they continue to investigate.

Whether this crime is characterized as a hate crime depends on the results of the investigation.

"Topically, a hate crime is defined by motivation," Watton said. "Why are you striking someone?"

Despite the fact that the guidelines defining hate crimes don't yet allow this crime to be classified as such, some feel that the hate is very clear.

"I feel this should be viewed as a hate crime," Chambless said. "This was obviously thought out. People don't just walk around campus with eggs."

Upon discovering the perpetrators, police will investigate the reasons the crime was committed and classify it accordingly.

Instead, George said to go where your interests are and find people with similar values. For example, those who like dancing should try to join a group or club and meet people through that. Similarly, students need to have a clear understanding of what they want, before they attempt to look for it, George said.

Love under the rainbow flag

Mel Commuso, English sophomore and president of Gay, Lesbians, Bisexuals United, said dating is just as hard in the gay and lesbian communities as it is in the heterosexual community. It might be even harder, she said.

"It is obvious that it's going to be hard because our community is so small," Commuso said.

Since San Luis Obispo is so small, many gay students turn to the Internet and the Bay Area to find a partner, Commuso said. Others stay away from the dating scene.

"Many people forget about dating until after they graduate and get out of San Luis Obispo," Commuso said.

She also said local gays and lesbians usually don't rush into relationships.

"Our town is so small that you get to know people a lot better before you date them," she said.

The hunt and the kill

Business junior Krista Beeson said it is scary when you try too hard. She said that she "drags them through the dirt" for three months to make sure they are serious about a relationship.

"I was scared of commitment because I didn't know what their intentions were," Beeson said.

Steve Herlick, industrial technolgy senior and Beeson's current boyfriend, experienced the three-month long testing period.

Beeson said they were "Steve's three months of hell." She said she knew he was a keeper when they stayed up one night talking until 3 a.m. and watched the sunrise. Afterward, the two went to breakfast and then went to the beach to play in the ocean. Being able to talk to him for so long was what made up her mind, she said.

When Herlick was single, he said, it seemed like many women weren't used to dating.

"When I did try to take out a girl on a normal date, they were shocked," Herlick said. "It seemed like it had never happened before."

Psychology junior Heather Kampfe said before she even came to Cal Poly, people would refer to it as the "couples school." Yet once she got to San Luis Obispo it was rare to find a man that wanted a serious relationship in her first and second year, she said.

"A guy has to want a relationship to make it go somewhere," Kampfe said.

Finding love can be difficult, yet students remain optimistic.

"Love is always possible when you are open to it," Gregory said.

COMING UP

*Physicis Colloquium - Peter Schwartz of the physics department will speak on "Nanotechnology: Rendering a Technology from the Building Blocks Life" from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesday in bldg. 52, room 18.

*Intramural Tournament Sign Up - Students can sign up now at the Rec Center front desk for a table tennis tournament Tuesday, a bowling tournament Thursday and a whiffle ball tournament March 8. There is also an ongoing raquetball tournament taking place in the Rec Center — sign up anytime.

*46th Annual Chinese New Year Banquet - Chinese Student Association will host this celebration Saturday in Chumash Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Check out http://csa.calpoly.edu or call (805)596-0187 for ticket info.

*Recreation Center - The Recreation Center is offering services at Cal Poly's Health Center until after they graduate and get out of San Luis Obispo."

"We're holding day," Commuso said. "We're encouraging people to participate in events like Same-Sex Hand Holding day."

Brandon Sims, biology junior who was a gay activist at the Multicultural Center, felt it was a great way to find a partner. Commuso added.

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The incident is encouraged to contact UPD at 756-2281.
Investigators: Shuttle's exterior pierced during fiery descent
WASHINGTON — The space shuttle's skin almost was certainly pierced, allowing superheated air inside the left wing and possibly the wheel compartment during Columbia's fiery descent through Earth's atmosphere, investigators said Thursday.

In its first significant determination, the accident investigation board announced that heat damage from a missing tile would not be sufficient to cause unusual temperature increases inside Columbia minutes before it disintegrated. Sensors detected an unusual heat buildup of about 30 degrees inside the wheel well before the accident.

The board determined those increases were caused by the presence inside Columbia of plasma, or superheated air, with a temperature of roughly 2,000 degrees. It said investigators were studying where a breach might have occurred to allow plasma to seep inside the wheel compartment or elsewhere in Columbia's left wing.

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Valentine's Day: For couples or singletons?

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The reason I am in bed before my roommates even go to the bathroom.

My life flipped from a 2 a.m. bedtime to a pre-10:30 p.m. bedtime to match that of my boyfriend, who wakes up at 4:30 a.m. for work. Valentine's Day is a victory day for me, when I may reap the benefits for such a sacrifice — something single people who mock the holiday will never have to endure.

Couples have an added benefit — Valentine's Day falls on a weekend. So instead of a nice dinner after work, a day can potentially be spent together. It can be a whole day of reuniting a matic potential — of knowing what it is like to do all those little things together that the average day does not allow.

For some couples, it is something simple like waking up together after pressing the snooze button seven times. Others use more imagination, like taking off for the day, just getting in the car and following the road.

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Besides indulging in fantasy, couples actually need the day to let surface the delicate, translu­cent threads that hold two people together. Relationships of today are shared apart by day-to-day stress and the burdens of the "coupled life is for losers" stigma.

Work, paying bills and misplaced priority take priority over the love between a person until couples are being like they are single.

Valentine's Day is more than a benefit to couples; it is vital to a relationship.

Avery Kingdon is an animal science senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letters to the editor

Dance mosaic had wide appeal

Editor,

Over the past week, there has been this buzz on campus about how great the show was. Almost everyone was absolutely impressed with the performance these dancers put on. To my surprise, I asked a few of my friends (those girls who had never been to the dance) about the performance and they were absolutely amazed by the performance and said that they had never seen anything like it. Attached to these compliments never stopped. "Those girls are amazing," they said. But the performance was great. "I didn't know dance was that fun to watch, I thought it was going to be a ballet or something," "Glit stocks, yk." "They were really great dancers, they must have practiced a lot."

I attended the Saturday evening perfor­mance of the 2003 Dance Mosaic. Walking into the dance theater, the excitement was obvious. Mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, boyfriends and girlfriends and probably a few ex's all showed up to cheer the team on. The lights drop, a few cheers and shouts etc., and that's enough.

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Just because you are of Asian, Hispanic or any other ethnic descent does not mean you have to be afraid of being classified as belonging to your respective group. If you truly believed when you came here that someone in your dorm would not speak to you and judge you because of the name on the sticker on your dorm, you need to get past that.

Yes, there are still those in the world who judge you differently because your skin is dark or you speak with an accent, but all of the people I've met here at Cal Poly don't care. I'm not saying ethnic-specific clubs and groups are bad for those of you who are members in them; I applaud you for the work you do for the community and the culture of our school. I just think it is ignorant to believe your ethnicity prevents you from fitting in to "the Cal Poly climate," whatever that is supposed to mean.

Jonathan Lew is a food science senior who has an ethically diverse group of friends.

Many couples lose the true meaning of Valentine's Day, too

caught up in what to buy their significant other. Most people probably don't even know the history behind the day. Instead of spending a bunch of dollars on flowers (which will wilt in a week anyway), single people can save their money without having to face disappointment or expectations. Some people may be stressed about being alone on Valentine's Day. Society encourages romance and emits the message that being alone is sinful, but this is far from the truth.

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For all you single ladies and gentlemen, this is a chance to appreciate not just a significant other but many significant sweethearts in your life.

Just think, instead of a day centered on one other person, Valentine's Day can be a day to appreciate all worthy friends of both sexes. Some of my happiest memories of past Valentine's Days were spent hanging out with friends, watching sappy romance movies and chatting about the scandals of high school.

My friends' company offered laughs and was as fun as going out on a date.

Embrace the day as a chance to celebrate your freedom and explore new relationships.

Give other single friends anonymity, or go for a walk, even the beach to get in touch with your spirit. There are plenty of ways to create happiness without a significant other.

Cares your soul instead of a mate. Dive into a sea of sprawl. But do not drown in sorrow, for there is nothing more heartbreaking than anticipating love just as you are. Focus on friends, family and yourself. What makes you happy? What do you enjoy doing most? You are as important, or better, you do love Valentine's Day, although it's a wonderful day to express heartfelt love and feeling, it's also the type of love to consume you in all green for a few years. Be thankful that you can ignore all the advertisements for Valentine's Day.

How many people are listening to silly logos like "every kiss begins with "Kis"? What's most annoying is that this holiday seems to revolve around materialism and not love.

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WHY WE CELEBRATE NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK

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“Another objective of National Engineers Week is to draw new talent into the profession,” adds NEW commissioner Christina Vignalas, explaining that America is facing a shortage of qualified engineers, a situation with worldwide repercussions. That’s why many of Cal Poly’s National Engineers Week activities focus on reaching young students. “The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) has plans to take engineering activities directly into school classrooms throughout San Luis Obispo, and engineering clubs will present an Engineering Club Fair at SLO Farmers Market. “You’ll see enthusiastic engineering students promoting their profession all over the Cal Poly campus during National Engineers Week,” says McGrath-Massie. “We invite everyone to celebrate with us by partaking in our activities, games, food and information. And, keep in mind, these engineering and computer science students will soon be responsible for literally building our future!”

CENG’S WINNING TEAMS

The California Polytechnic School was founded on the premise that it would provide an environment for students to learn practical skills. Nowhere is that philosophy more visible than in the College of Engineering, which offers a rich array of hands-on engineering opportunities, ranging from laboratory based class projects to extracurricular club and team projects. Here are some success stories of engineering teams that competed in state, regional, and national contests over the last year:

Cal Poly SWE Voted Outstanding
Student Section in the Nation:
Cal Poly’s Society of Women Engineers (SWE) was named Outstanding Student Section in the nation. The group has been named Outstanding Regional Section 12 out of the last 14 years; this is its second national win. “We were competing in the ‘large’ category against schools that should have blown us out of the water, including Stanford, Texas A&M, Georgia Tech, Purdue and others,” said Jennifer Harris, the group’s immediate past president. Harris notes that Cal Poly’s SWE is the largest section in the nation, with 409 members last year and over 500 members counted this year. “Because outreach and diversity are major goals of SWE, we chose ‘Light the Dream.’”

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Human Powered Vehicle Peddles to First Place Win:

Peddling a cocoon-shaped vehicle, Cal Poly's team took first place in both the men's and women's sprints, and was awarded 8th place overall in the 2002 American Society of Mechanical Engineers Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) Challenge, West Coast Division. According to the event organizers, "The point of the competition is the elegance and ingenuity of the design, including presentation, practicality and safety. All areas of engineering problem-solving are addressed."

SENE Takes Top Two Places in Water Treatment Competition:

In its fifth year of competition, Cal Poly's Society of Environmental Engineers (SENE) club won both first and second place in the 2002 American Society of Civil Engineers "Water Treatment From Your Kitchen and Beyond" contest.

Dean Peter Lee (left) and faculty advisor Yarrow Nelson (right) with members of SENE.

"This year, the contest scenario had the students stranded on a desert island after their boat capsized in the Bahamas," says Civil Engineering Professor Yarrow Nelson. "The only source of water was a local contaminated creek, which had to be treated using materials available on the island as well as items that could have drifted ashore from the boat."

The Cal Poly teams were all classmates in a water filter design course, which focused on the desert island challenge during the second half of the course. To make the experience more realistic, students simulated washing ashore at Avila Beach.

"They were determined to win," says Nelson. "While the contest is mainly fun, it does have a huge effect on the students and enables them to use the practical approach we teach in the class."

Society of Civil Engineers Sweeps Regional Conference, Takes Home National Awards:

Another of Cal Poly's consistently winning groups is the Society of Civil Engineers (SCE), which has placed 1st overall eight times in the last 11 years in the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Pacific Southwest Regional Conference. They won again in 2002. Approximately 50 club members took part in all 14 competition areas, scoring 1st place in all major events including steel bridge, concrete canoe and quiz bowl. Seventeen universities participated, including UC San Diego, UC Irvine, UC Los Angeles, University of Arizona, University of Hawaii and University of Nevada Las Vegas, among others.

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Society of Civil Engineers Sweeps Regional Conference, Takes Home National Awards:

Another of Cal Poly's consistently winning groups is the Society of Civil Engineers (SCE), which has placed 1st overall eight times in the last 11 years in the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Pacific Southwest Regional Conference. They won again in 2002. Approximately 50 club members took part in all 14 competition areas, scoring 1st place in all major events including steel bridge, concrete canoe and quiz bowl. Seventeen universities participated, including UC San Diego, UC Irvine, UC Los Angeles, University of Arizona, University of Hawaii and University of Nevada Las Vegas, among others.

The Steel Bridge Competition pits teams of civil engineering students against each other and the clock as they design and construct a scaled down bridge. Team captain Nicholas Rodrigues says the construction time for their first place design was less than four minutes. Club president, Giovanni Damato also reports that the concrete canoe competition "was particularly gratifying because Cal Poly's team won every race as well as the best product category."
Mini Baja Team Scores 5th In Design, 4th In Maneuverability:

The Mini Baja West competition that ultimately pitted man against nature. Cal Poly placed fifth in design and fourth in maneuverability in the competition, but literally "washed out" in the endurance events.

"It rained buckets," says team leader Matt Frowiss (ME). "During the event there was so much mud and chaos everywhere, no car could be properly identified, says Frowiss. "We emp-tied 150 pounds of mud out of the car afterwards!"

Like many other CENG projects, the Mini Baja is definitely a team effort that starts long before the car competes. "Most of us worked anywhere from 20-80 hours a week on this project during the course of the year," says Frowiss, adding that the team's most notable accomplish-ments included a 23% vehicle weight reduction, a modular drive system, and an inno-vative a-arm design.

Cal Poly Team Files Small Aircraft to Big Wins:

Picture a radio controlled (R/C) airplane about the size of a man's hand and weighing a scant 90 grams. Now imagine flying and precisely navigating this tiny creation to capture and transmit video images of an unseen target with the miniature on-board video camera.

That's just the challenge faced by a team of Cal Poly students at the 6th Annual Student Micro Air Vehicle (MAV) Competition; they won three awards for their efforts. The competition's three separate events included a micro R/C endurance mission, a surveillance mission, and an inno-vative a-arm design.

Student Team Wins Prize While Trying To Design A Better SUV:

The Cal Poly FutureTruck Hybrid Design Team took third place and a $500 prize in the National Instruments LabVIEW Real-Time Award division of the FutureTruck 2002 competition. The goal of the competition is to produce a cleaner running, more energy-efficient SUV that still meets customer demands for safety, performance, functionality and comfort.

This was the third year of a four-year pro-gram sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and Ford Motor Company, among oth-ers. Cal Poly was selected to be among 15 top North American universities working to re-engi-neer a conventional, mid-size Ford Explorer into an ever cleaner vehicle with at least 25 percent better fuel economy, without sacrificing perfor-mance, comfort and affordability. Cal Poly was chosen because of its "outstanding new design, past experience with competitions, and its famous, hands-on, 'learn-by-doing' approach," says Andrew Johnson, the team's marketing manager. Ford provided each of the 15 teams with a 2002 Ford Explorer as a project vehicle, along with $10,000 in seed money.

Mechanical engineering faculty members Brian Higgins and Chris Pascual jointly advise Cal Poly's team of over 50 students. Pascual says, "This award reflected the student's hard work in integrating the control of the electric motor, batteries, and electric generator using National Instruments donated hardware and LabView software."

SWE Takes 2nd Place In National Team Tech Competition:

When a Sunnyvale manufacturer of advanced medical robots decided they needed system improvements, they challenged Cal Poly's Society of Women Engineers (SWE) to redesign a footswitch interface. The project became SWE's Boeing Team Tech contest entry at the 2002 SWE National Conference, where they won 2nd place.

Team Tech Co-Leaders Frances Palomar (left center) and Carolyn Candido display the 2nd place certificate earned by the group for their year-long "footmouse" project. Intuitive Surgical's daVinci Surgical System translates hand operated manipulation into precise motions of microscopic surgical manipulators. The surgeon's hands and feet control the robotic system. "Surgeons tend to lift their head out of the console to make sure that their feet are over the correct switch, which can momentarily break their concentra-tion," says Carolyn Candido, co-leader of Team Tech's twelve-person multi-disciplinary team. An interface was needed that reduced ambiguity associated with motions of the foot.

The Cal Poly team's solution is a prototype that translates the yaw and pitch motion of the
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foot into a visual representation which enables surgeons to select and control various functions during surgery. Candido states, "It was exciting to develop a product that might someday be used in a surgery room to save lives."

IME Students Take First Place In "Cognex On Campus" Competition:

Four Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering (IME) students won first place in the "Cognex on Campus" competition, which provides engineering students with the opportunity to learn about machine vision, a technology used extensively in modern factory automation. The students split $5,000 of Cognex stock, plus the school received a $10,000 Cognex Insight vision system.

Designed and built by Society of Manufacturing Engineers club members, the project, called the Cal Poly Vision-Integrated Welding Machine, or PolyVIEW, incorporates ten manufacturing disciplines including: machine vision, robotics, data communications, digital I/O, pneumatics, CAD/CAM, welding, materials science, laser machining and computer programming.

"The Cognex project really showed our team's ingenuity, creative thinking, and ability to excel with limited resources," says team member Dan Smith. "From hunting for parts in the scrap-yard to trading used robots, our shade tree antics let us create an intricate and precise instrument with a very small budget. Each of us was able to delegate work evenly and still assist each other when needed."

Aircraft Design Teams Win – Again:

Vendetta, an undergraduate Cal Poly aircraft design team, won 1st place in both the prestigious American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) student aircraft design competition and in the Society of Allied Weight Engineers (SAWE) competition. Cal Poly has placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd for the last 11 years in the AIAA competition, according to David Hall, the team advisor. The SAWE competition is relatively new, and Cal Poly has consistently scored well in that event, too.

Assailant, a second team, placed 3rd in the AIAA competition and 2nd in SAWE, while Gipfelstürmer, a third student team, placed 3rd nationally in an AIAA aircraft engine design competition.

"Winning the AIAA competition has become a tradition," says Hall; "but it requires a lot of hard work. We keep the lab open 24/7."

Hall explains that the competition carries weight in the eyes of industry. "Almost everything in the design lab has been donated by industry," he says of the well-appointed design lab. "We also get research grants to work on advanced aircraft concepts."

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Love book is big on sarcasm, short on advice

By Andrea Svoboda

There comes a point in a college student's life where party book-ups and one-night stands lose their appeal. Yearning for something more, students scan the horizon for Prince Charming to whisk them away to the promised land of "happily ever after." So...where is he?

Carina Chocano, author of "Do You Love me or am I Just Paranoid? The Serial Monogamist's Guide to Love," would most likely tell the reader he doesn't exist. Her book is a humorous approach to dating in the 21st century. This is not an informative self-help book. You do not want to look for it in Barnes & Noble dressed in sweats, face swollen from

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American definition of beauty, "Real Women Have Curves" offers a fresh new perspective on beauty, depicting real-life issues.

For what lacks in big production values, this HBO production compensates for with laughs and real-life issues.

The book claims that serial monogamists avoid finding true love by continually falling in love with the same type of person. The type:

"Want to know how to judge others primarily on appearance? Ask your mom."

That he wants to help you even if it requires blaming him for your own personal failings.

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hear what students say:

"I get more groceries for less money, and I don't even have to buy in bulk."
- Charlene Petersen

"I like how I can go there anytime I want."
- Bryan Whalen

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six months. "It is by far the biggest thing we've done here at Mustang Daily," Khosmood said.

As the primary coordinator of the speech, PSA endorses Albert's message of peace and is against the proposed war with Iraq.

"We feel that...the majority of the Cal Poly students and faculty share this sentiment with us,...and are interested in effective ways of stopping the move toward war," Khosmood said. PSA members hope that the event will raise awareness among the community.

"Raising your level of knowledge and factual information is a crucial part of democracy and helps us make good decisions," Khosmood said.

He encourages all students to participate in the event, regardless of their political stance. PSA also welcomes those who support military action in Iraq in order to better understand each other's viewpoints.

Although Albert is concerned with a variety of activist issues, tonight's speech will focus on the movement toward peace and away from war. In an atmosphere of increased militarism and loss of freedom, Albert's strategy to achieve a peaceful solution is a critical concern. Khosmood said.

As the co-director of PSA and a fellow peace advocate, Clayton Whit has a tremendous amount of respect for Albert and his ideas. "Albert has a long history with realism," Whit said. "He is very experienced."

Albert's passion for activism began as a student organizer against the Vietnam War. The grassroots political mobilization that exists today against military action in Iraq is far more advanced than it was against Vietnam, Khosmood said. This is a particularly encouraging notion for those advocating peace, he added.

Whit said the potential to change public opinion about the war is a crucial aspect of the peace movement.

In addition to the speech, Albert will run an activist workshop on Sunday, which will provide a forum for "more non-violent" local activists to get to know Albert better," Whit said. The workshop will focus on our strategies and community organization and occur in a much smaller setting, allowing for intimate discussion with Albert.

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the Engineering Olympics in the Chumash Auditorium from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This will include same wrestling, human bowling, a climbing wall and an engineering quit bowl.

"Society of Civil Engineers representative Jeff Lambert worked really hard to create an event that would be fun and interesting for engineering students," McGrath-Musse said. "They haven't done this event in past years because they hadn't had the funding, but this year the College of Engineering was generous enough to sponsor the event."

A career showcase will take place at the Cal Poly Rec Center on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students can bring resumes and look for potential internships and future jobs.

Industrial engineering senior Omar Bobadilla said he is looking forward to the job opportunities.

"I'm graduating in June, so this is a great opportunity for me to possibly find a job," Bobadilla said. "Cal Poly really does a good job of providing its students with opportunities."

National Engineering Week will conclude Friday with an "Evening with the Industry" that will take place at the Embrey Suites from 6 to 9 p.m.

"This is a fabulous event for any engineer looking for a job or internship," McGrath-Musse said. "All the company reps that come are very interested, it's not like they are forced to be there. They actually want to be there and meet the students on a more personal level.

"All the events are new."
Cal Poly's Larry Lee

Making the adjustment

By Andy Fehler

MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

When former Cal Poly head base-

ball coach Ritch Price accepted a

coaching job at the University of

Kansas, Athletic Director John

McCutchon did not have to look far

to find a replacement.

He found an established winner on

the road at Cuesta College.

McCutchon announced the hire-
ing of Larry Lee July 22. Along with

Lee came 16 years of head coaching

experience and 460 victories at

Community College State Final Four,

evening each of the last two sea-

sons.

Lee said he saw the Cal Poly job as

a junior's dream, the coaching of

better athletes and play and coach

against better competition.

"I would have been happy staying

there (at Cuesta), but this was too

good of an opportunity to pass up," he

said.

Although the two campuses are

not far apart, Lee said the move to

Cal Poly was an adjustment that is

not yet complete. He is still getting

accustomed to different practice

times and the amount of the team

will test, he said.

"The first year is high on the learn-

ing curve," Lee said. "Not the base-

ball end, but everything associated

with it."

Lee's journey into a Mustang uni-

iform is expected to be a common one

for Cuesta players to follow. Cuesta

freshman Brandon Roberts has

already signed a letter of intent to

attend Cal Poly for the 2004 season, and

Lee anticipates other Cuesta

players will follow suit.

"We would like that to be a feeder

system into Cal Poly, where both col-

leges can better themselves with

some cooperation," he said.

Lee anticipates several differences

between coaching at the community

college level and at Division I, espe-
cially in recruiting.

"We need to recruit the right stu-

dent-athlete," he said.

Recruits must be able to flourish

both academically and athletically, Lee

said, adding that players who are

self-motivated and low-maintenance

both on and off the field are the kind of

people who interest him.

Another key difference between

the programs is the accelerated pace

of NCAA baseball.

"At the Division I level, you have

to speed up the development process

because of the limited amount of time

you could spend with the athletes," Lee

said. "You have to be more effi-
cient with your time and change

tings a little faster than you would at

the community college level."

Lee and Price are both in their first

year of a new job, but that's about

the only thing they have in common,
senior shortstop Scott Anderson said.

"They are two completely different personalities and their coaching

styles are different," Anderson said.

"Coach Lee is big on the short game and base running."

Lee brings a different kind of ener-
gy level to the Mustang baseball pro-
gram, Anderson said.

"It's a private intensity," he said.

"It's not out in your face, but you can

see when he's coaching that he's push-
ing inside to get our guys do what we have to do."

Despite that intensity, Lee's doors

are always open to his players, junior

catcher Cory Taillon said.

"He's always here, he's always

working and he's always willing to do

extra work with players wanting to

develop their game," Taillon said.

"He's one of the smartest coaches I've ever met in my life," Taillon con-
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game. Now it's just a matter of going

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Skydiving

Taking the plunge — Disclaimers be damned

By Sara Howell

MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

The warning label alone would

scare away most people.

"Associated with HIGH RISK —

including sprain, broken bones, ser-

ious injury, and the risk of death," it

reads.

As if that weren't enough, having

to sign a waiver that states "no

amount of care, caution, instruction

can eliminate (these

risks) to participate in that sport

voluntarily and with great zeal spent

strapped himself into a harness that

he said. "You have this weight on

the plane. You have this weight on

your cheeks flapping in the wind,"

Taillon said. "It's such a rush."

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Unlike Beaton, Cook expressed

some concerns before getting on the

plane. She was concerned about

coming detached from Major and,

consequently, her parachute. But

Major assured her in his calm, non-

chalent manner that she was

strapped in very securely, and she

bravely dodged her harness and

headed out to the plane.

Cook said the fun of skydiving was

simple.

"The first part was jumping out of a

plane," she said. "Everyone wishes

they were a bird and could fly, and

with skydiving you are actually fly-
ing."

Cook and Beaton both recom-
dended that people experience sky-

diving.

"Everyone should do it before they
die — it is such a rush," Cook said.

Major has skied more for

than 20 years, adamantly proclaims

the safety of the sport. Throughout

the course of his remarkable career,

which has included several television

appearances and the movie appearances, he has

jumped 7,380 times.

His experience adds an air of non-

chalance to the sport and creates a

calm effect on the people waiting

to be strapped to him as they fly

through the air at the extreme speed

of 120 mph.

After a very quick instructional

session on the ground with Major,

Cook and Beaton were ready for

action.

Beaton stepped up first. He

straddled himself into a harness that

attached him to Major, who carried

the 50-pound pack of parachutes

as confidently walked toward the

small plane that would carry them up

to just under two miles into the sky.

Beaton appeared very calm and

ready for the jump.

"I'm feeling really good," he said.

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morning than I am now."

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