A different face on dissent

By Valerie Angelo

Sister Mary Pat White has spoken out several times against wartime affairs and bombings.

"I protested the war because I felt so strongly that it was immoral and unjust," White said. "I had to take a stand and do so with my whole being."

Through the years, White has been arrested several times for her acts of protest and what she said is her journey toward peace throughout the world.

She has spoken against bombing and wartime affairs. However, she also said her primary concern has been quelloing the lives of the Iraqi lives."

Although her actions alone have spoken out to a great deal of supporters, White's execution of outward expression lies much further than protesting in the name of her faith. She has received her bachelor's degree in English, a

SCE wins award again

By Meghan Nowakowski

The students in the Society of Civil Engineers club have done it again.

Cal Poly won the coveted Pacific West Regional Conference Competition for Society of Civil Engineers award last week for the ninth consecutive year. The PSWRC took place at Arizona State University last Thursday and Friday. Fifty-five Cal Poly students boarded buses Wednesday morning to head to the conference where they competed in events like the concrete canoe, steel bridge building, concrete bowling and various impromptu competitions.

Ryan Ferguson, Society of Civil Engineers president and civil engineering senior, said the competition is full of opportunities.

"It introduces us more to the profession of civil engineering by exposing us to real-life situations such as organizing labor and meeting deadlines," Ferguson said. Students spent months preparing for the concrete canoe competition.

"Hundreds and hundreds of hours were spent creating, sanding and staining," Ferguson said. "Paddlers practiced five days a week at 5 a.m. for several months before the conference, and it shows because they came in first in every single race."

The concrete canoe team will advance to the national competition in Nashville.

The steel bridge competition challenged students to construct a bridge that holds 1,500 pounds. The bridge is judged on how much weight it can hold and how much time it takes to put it together. The Cal Poly team constructed its bridge in four minutes.

"Other schools are certainly intimidated by our winning record," Ferguson said. "There is no method available that shows architecture more.

An unlikely coupling of two artistic mediums will bring architects and artists from all over the world to the Cal Poly campus this weekend.

"The Unscene" is a free, two-day film festival featuring art design and architecture student films. It will be held Friday and Saturday in Phillips Hall of the Performing Arts Center.

Festival creator and architecture junior Aaron Walker said all the film festivals out there, there aren't many that have to do with architecture.

"There isn't a presentation method available that shows architecture how it really is," Walker said. "By showing architecture in motion on film, it explains so much more."

A group of students from the College of Architecture and Environmental Design organized the festival after Walker came up with the idea.

While studying abroad last year in Florence, Italy, Walker was intrigued by an architecture film festival he attended that was put on by Marco Brizzi. The show drew famous architects from all over Europe, sparking an idea that Walker would soon replicate on the Cal Poly campus.

"I was so inspired that I wanted to try and do something on a student level," Walker said.

Upon his return to Cal Poly, Walker created a Web site inviting architecture students to submit films for his festival. He also posted announcements on popular architecture Web sites to get the word out.

The response was remarkable, Walker said. He received more than 50 submissions by his February deadline.

The video submissions came from all over the world, including students in Poland, Australia and Greece, as well as from students across the nation and here at Cal Poly.

After receiving all the films, a selection committee was formed of

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Nutrition knowledge pays off for students

By Katie Schiller

Cal Poly nutrition majors answered this health-related question and others in the first College Nutrition Bowl, a Jeopardy-style challenge held at Cal State Northridge on April 5. They shut down the competition, beating California State University, Northridge 70 to 57, and San Diego State 100 to 0.

"We owe a lot of the credit to our adviser, (Professor) Jana Gonsalves, because she met with us for practice," said nutrition senior Melissa Ramos, captain of the Nutrition Bowl team. "We were the most prepared team and it definitely showed."

The team took home $1,000 to he split four ways, $100 for the nutrition department and a plaque, Ramos said.

The four nutrition seniors — Ramos, Justin Robinson, Alison Hendrickx and Laurel Carey — met once a week during winter quarter to practice.

Each participating school submitted questions for the bowl, Ramos said. The team, armed with electronic buzzers, studied facts they found in books or on previous exams.

"These students are committed to their disciplines and have top study habits," said adviser Gonsalves, who is also a Cal Poly nutrition professor. "They were very well-prepared."

Cal Poly had an advantage over the other colleges because they knew what to expect, Gonsalves said. She said she had consulted with other professors about the College Food Science Bowl, which has a similar format.

Faculty selected the team from nutrition majors that wished to participate and came to practices, Ramos said.

Gonsalves said she chose to be involved because she wanted to promote enthusiasm for the nutrition department.

"I wanted students to participate in something outside the classroom," Gonsalves said.

The team defeated CSU Northridge and San Diego State in the first and second rounds, respectively, of the single-elimination tournament. Cal Poly, Pomona also competed in the bowl.

"Since this was the first-ever competition, we get to say that we’re the all-time, un-scored upon champions," Robinson said.

Students were quizzed on their knowledge of such topics as vitamins and minerals, carbohydrates and fats, food service management, metabolism and other aspects of nutrition.

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Under the Radar

Self starts morning right with ‘Breakfast’

By Grant Shellen

Though that band appears on much of Self’s 1999 follow-up, “Breakfast With Girls,” it is Matt Mahaffey’s songwriting and singing that drive the record.

The album starts with a movie soundtrack-sounding piano part accompanied by spacey sound effects, before being interrupted by crunchy guitar, raucous keyboards and a steady-but-rocking drum part. That song, “The End Of It All,” moves back and forth between chugging rock and 1960s pop, a blend that is prevalent on “Breakfast.”

Probably the album’s biggest strength is Self’s knack for filling in empty spaces with interesting sounds. Unlike many popular albums where extra instruments are added just to beef up weak songs, Mahaffey’s songwriting takes on lively textures with the addition of just the right guitar lick, keyboard tone or sampled drumbeat.

Clever lyrics are another part of the Self sound. On “Meg Ryan,” Mahaffey sings, “If Meg Ryan were my personal fan./ I’d be atop the Empire State Building./ I’d be crying/ I’d be happy/ I’d be putting Crisco on my hair.”

Self is busy working on a new album, and who knows what’s next? Before that record comes out, I suggest you pick up “Breakfast” and become a fan.

Grant Shellen is a journalism senior and confessed Breakfast fan.

Recycle Bin

Peter Weir’s ‘Fearless’ style unmatched, underappreciated

By Doug Keesey

Director Peter Weir has made many fine films, including “Witness,” “Dead Poets Society” and “The Truman Show.” Some believe that the Australian films Weir made before coming to Hollywood are his best. When you get the chance, try “Picnic at Hanging Rock,” “The Last Wave” or “Gallipoli.”

Weir’s most powerful film may be his least known, “Fearless.” This is a moving but unsentimental movie with a meaningful subject, a gripping story and convincing performances by Jeff Bridges, Rosie Perez and Isabella Rossellini.

Then why didn’t it do well at the box office? Because the subject is painful. How plane crash survivors deal with death and with the life ahead of them.

But this is not a documentary; it’s a mysterious, surprising, dreamlike tale about very real grief, fear and fortitude.

This is a film with important things to say, but I won’t tell you what they are because the way the film communicates its meanings is vital to their understanding. Certainly, it is not a movie you are likely to forget. (The main reason it is rated R is for its sheer intensity.)

(1989; 122 min.; color; VHS/DVD)

Doug Keesey is a Cal Poly Film Professor.
Opinion

Supporting troops means supporting students

Editor,

Listening to the news last night I thought about how the news coverage has made the war seem like a fictitious film. However, later in the evening a cable news channel had an interview with a Marine that mentioned he would like to get back to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where he attended school. This brought to mind the story of how our government is dealing with the war.

The Department of Defense is using the war to justify their spending and their policies. They claim that the war is necessary for our safety and security, but the evidence does not support this claim. The war has cost the lives of thousands of Americans and has caused significant damage to the infrastructure of Iraq.

In conclusion, I support the troops and the military, but I also support the right of the American people to be informed about the truth of the war. Let us not allow the government to silence our right to know.

Jeremy Welch is a business administration student.

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COI spending plan available online

Editor,

This is a response to the student who requested about the benefit for the students. A Cal Poly fee increase is expected to result in increased spending for the students. The information is available online at http://www.cob.calpoly.edu/index.htm, including the college spending plan.

All academic fee money is spent in a manner consistent with the College of Business Administration's mission as agreed. Additional sections of classes that would not be available without the academic fee increase are being offered, and a portion of the dollars are devoted to recognizing students and supporting their efforts.

Professor Swartz is the interim dean for the Orfalea College of Business.

Supporting troops goes beyond political views

Editor,

Regardless of whether you feel the war in Iraq is just or unjust, as a student, you do have the responsibility to encourage and support our men and women who have been ordered to serve overseas. "Operation Support Our Troops" is here at Cal Poly this week. Stop by at the booth in the University Union through Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. 

Nathan Jensen is an architecture senior.

ASI deserves more credit

Editor,

In response to Sarah Schupbach's letter ("Class availability still lacking," April 10), I think our nation fees were spent correctly. Many only picked on the departments, which I applaud. They are the only ones here that might misappropriate money, unlike Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) invests in great projects, like the Epicenter in the University Union. With all that extra space in their office now they can play basketball to relieve all that stress. They took out the art galler, but it was not like it had any works by Monet or Renoir, it was just full of Cal Poly art. If anything, ASI needs more money. They promised clubs a better club workroom, but even with all the fee increases they still cannot get decent computers or printers. ASI needs help. With all the fee increases they have bought the upstairs for events and just keep giving out more. I paid my student fees and I want to look at what they do with it. They have been selling a lot of things for $20 well spent. Money saved for a rainy day

ASI does actually need help. They are currently endorsing Cal Poly, like during concerts. Their fees being well known bands, like the String Cheese Incident last fall. Seeing all those groups and few Cal Poly students going to the shows is a waste of money. I went to see the Rec. Center made me pay. You went to see the Giants and they not only fed them and sell food in the parking lots without an E-plan on a rainy day. And since most of the Cal Poly police were watching them, people across campus can get away with petty crimes like usual.

ASI, no matter what people say, you're cool in my books!

Thomas Razo is a civil engineering senior.

Dodgers vs. Giants: The great debate

Editor,

I was happy to see a new "important" topic in the newspaper, Giants and Dodgers baseball, but some things need to be addressed.

In response to Josh Reynolds' remark ("The Real Debate: Dodgers vs. Giants," April 7), "The Dodgers are a pathetic team, always and has always been, and I will simply need to lay out the facts. There are the Giants, who are just the team," I actually give them respect for voicing there support to such a team.

I have been a Giants fan all my life, but I think it's kinda sad when half of your payroll pitches a total of 10 innings together. If you want to see a real franchise (even if it is only for innings 3 through 7). The Dodgers have had a long drought, but pick a team and stick with it.

Matt Sclafani is an agribusiness freshman.
News

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encouraged group work so we could meet everyone else in class.
Kivel’s classes will be taken over by other staff members on campus beginning this week.
Raymond Zeuschner will teach one of Kivel’s SPC 101 classes.

“I’m going to try to step in so the students can have a continuous education and a good experience in this class,” Zeuschner said. Although she was only part of Cal Poly’s faculty for three years, she had many friends on staff and will be greatly missed.

“It was really such a surprise,” Zeuschner said. “She was getting to be a regular member of the faculty. She was really caring and generous and had such a young and bright future ahead of her.”

Outside of teaching, Kivel was an active volunteer for SARP (Sexual Assault Rape Prevention), a hotline in San Luis Obispo aimed at helping people who have suffered from either an assault or rape. Kivel answered phones during the week and on the weekends.

“She did such a wonderful job here,” said Marilyn Hamilton, director of SARP. “It is going to be hard to replace her. It is just so shocking; she was so young.

In honor of her commitment to this cause, the speech communication department will make a donation to SARP in Kivel’s name.

Kivel received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in speech communication from Colorado State University.

A brain aneurysm, which Kivel suffered, is a weakness in the wall of a blood vessel. A part of the brain deprived of blood dies and can no longer function.

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some animosity between us, but once we all start competing, the other schools start relaxing and we all have good time,” Ferguson also recognizes the competition is getting tougher. “We did well, but the competition is getting tougher every year, particularly University of Arizona and Cal Poly Pomona,” he said.

Next year the annual conference will be held at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

“I think that we will have more pride about it being at our school,” Ferguson said. “People will take more responsibility because we are representing ourselves by holding it at Cal Poly.”

Conference coordinator and civil engineering junior Kimmie Schmidt said she expects the event went smoothly.

“We all had a really good time,” Schmidt said. “It was a really good opportunity to meet alumna and talk to professors from other schools. It was an excellent learning experience.”

Civil engineering senior Andrea McGrath-Massie also enjoyed the social aspects of the conference.

“It’s really fabulous because you get to know people in your class on a personal level,” McGrath-Massie said. “You end up going good friends with the people who were your acquaintances. It is also good networking for meeting engineers from other schools, and you end up seeing them at conferences the next year.”

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master’s degree in education, a master’s degree in administration and a master’s degree in spirituality.

After working several years in educating young children, she moved on to campus ministry to help develop relationships and spiritual growth within the Catholic community.

Currently, she can be found working up close and personal with Cal Poly students at the Newman Center. Ferguson enables her to actively take part in the students’ lives and be a spiritual facilitator for them.

“I try to enable students to do whatever they want to do,” White said. Chris McJinsey is a student administrative intern.

“White is very mellow, kind and passionate,” she said. “She acts as a spiritual guide and helps students talk through problems. She provides social justice and faith-building experiences.”

Chris McJinsey, administrative intern

civil disobedience has yet to be decided upon. White said she would accept the consequences of her action and stand before a magistrate on June 20. Until then, she can be found at the Newman Center counseling and guiding students through their interpersonal faith and friendship.

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Mustang bats stifled in three consecutive losses to Long Beach State

By Amy Hessick
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly softball dropped both games in a doubleheader against Long Beach State on Saturday at Bob Janssen Field. The 49ers took the first game 3-2 and the second 4-1.

"We battled, but someone's got to win in the end and we just couldn't make it happen," said Eva Nelson, the Mustang pitcher in the first game.

Both teams were scoreless in the first game until the fourth inning, when the 49ers took advantage of two Cal Poly errors and scored two runs. But the bottom of the fourth, a walk and a wild pitch placed two Mustangs on base. Natalie Carrillo of Cal Poly answered the 49er runs with a triple, scoring both runners and tying the game.

"It was good that we came back, we didn't just lay on the ground and die after they scored in the first game," Nelson said.

As the game went into extra innings, the Mustangs remained tied at 2 until the top of the ninth, when Long Beach's Colleen Burdick closed out the game by throwing a double play to run right field that the Mustangs were unable to answer.

In the bottom of the ninth, the Mustangs lead by one lead the conference in errors, committed four in game one while the 49ers committed none.

"Our mistakes definitely cost us in the first game," said Mustang head coach Lisa Boyer.

The second game also began with the 49ers scoring in the second inning, despite three errors. The 49ers continued to dominate throughout the rest of the game.

Mustang losing pitcher Jamie Gefil (7-9) was relieved by Cassie Vander that the two RBIs. Long Beach State's Ari Lee's and Amy Ratwoman in the fifth inning. Long Beach State's Colleen Burdick closed out the game by throwing a double play to run right field that the Mustangs were unable to answer.

The Mustangs, who lead the season series against the 49ers. Last year, the Mustangs took two out of three games in the series against the Mustangs.

Mustang head coach Lisa Boyer.

Ephedrine: 'All-natural' doesn't mean safe for consumers

After 23 years of life and a promising career, Steve Bechler left behind his wife and unborn child, all because he fell victim to society's obsession with quick fixes. The death of Bechler, a Baltimore Orioles pitcher, may have been the straw that broke the camel's back. Bechler, whose Feb. 17, 1999, death was caused by heatstroke, has been linked to his use of Xenadrine, an "all-natural" dietary supplement.

After years of controversy, Bechler's death may be the one that triggers a change in the way these "dietary supplements" will be offered to consumers.

Bechler's wife Kiley said to convince her husband not to take Xenadrine, but he didn't listen. Bechler had been cited for being out of shape by Baltimore manager Mike Hargrove. In a desperate attempt to lose 10 pounds, Bechler took Xenadrine as a way to boost energy, lose weight and increase muscle mass. It can be assumed that Bechler felt that this was only a permanent fix to a temporary problem.

Taking ephedra-based supplements is like playing a game of Russian roulette -- you're crazy for playing it and lucky if you survive.

The FDA classifies ephedra as a drug, not a dietary supplement as manufacturers call it. It works by stimulating the heart and central nervous system to lose weight, increase metabolism and burn fat. Ephedra, which contains blood vessels and raises blood pressure, inhibits the body's ability to cool itself. Bechler died of organ failure brought on by heat stroke when his body temperature reached 108 degrees.

The problem with dietary supplements, especially those containing ephedra, is the manufacturers cannot claim they are "all-natural," which consumers take to mean safe.

Despite the repeated warnings to athletes that the use of ephedra was not safe, popularity remained high and reports continued to be made of the serious side effects and deaths that were occurring because of it.

Minnesota Vikings offensive line­man Korey Stringer died after col­lapsing during training camp in 2001 due to his use of ephedra-based supplements. In August of the same year, Rashidi Weaver, a Northwestern University football player, collapsed and died during a workout due to his use of the same supplements.

Most adverse reactions to ephedra-based products are due to overdosing or long-term use. The overdose of these supplements can be attributed to vague directions for use and deceitful terminology of the ingredients. Although manufacturers of these products warn against exceeding the recommended dosage on their packaging, they do not explain the exaggerations of the overdose or explain how much consumers should limit ephedra or caffeine. Weaver drank the ephedra-based sports mix Ultimate Punch and used Xenadrine with teammates prior to his death. Bechler was allegedly taking three capsules of Xenadrine RFA-1 each morning, two capsules per day.

Errors committed this season by starting centerfielder Billy Saul and catcher Cory Taillon.

By the numbers

Cal Poly's Pat Breen leads the Big West in three offensive cate­gories: Home runs (8), RBIs (37) and slugging percentage (.730). He also leads the Mustangs in triples with three.

Which player set a record for goals scored in an NHL All-Star game this year?

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