Poly scholarships dwindle in market

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By Grant Shellen

Half of Cal Poly's scholarships are suffering this year as a result of economic downturn. Ron Weaver, Cal Poly Foundation investment administrator, said 107 of the university's 214 scholarship endowments will offer only partial payments, if any at all. Most of those 107 will not pay out at all, he said.

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Lewis elected to Academic Senate chair

By Samantha Yale

Mathematics professor George Lewis has been elected Academic Senate chair for the 2003-04 school year.

"I was very flattered that I was elected... it was a nice surprise," Lewis said. He will replace current senate chair and industrial engineering professor Ummy Hussen.

Lewis, a faculty member for 36 years, acknowledged that next year will pose a challenge.

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Budget cuts force increased CLA class sizes

By Josh Petray

In light of the recent CSU $326 million budget cut and increased student fees, the College of Liberal Arts will undergo increased enrollments in certain courses beginning Summer 2003 and extending into Fall 2003.

"There will be a good number of larger classes next year," said CLA Dean Harry Hellenbrand.

When similar budget cuts impacted the CSU system in the early 1990s, faculty members were pressured to allow a greater number of students into their classes, and it's possible the same could be happening in the near future.

Meanwhile, CLA will be losing about 13 teaching positions, Hellenbrand said. This could mean larger class sizes in certain areas and a possible reduction in the availability of teacher office hours for (increased) student enrollments and less time dedicated to direct student-teacher interaction.

"Students come to Cal Poly for the face-to-face experience they get with teachers," English professor James Cushing said.

Within the CLA, each department will devise its own plan for implementing increased enrollment in certain classes, the majority of which are lower-division general education courses. Increased class enrollment will most likely include courses spanning the many CLA departments.

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Social sciences instructor Kevin Knight climbs on the ASI climbing wall for Poly Escapes annual 48-hour Climbing-A-Thon. Proceeds from the event goes towards Access Fund, a national non-profit organization dedicated to keeping climbing areas open.

Students to be charged in GLBU egging

By Caitlin O'Farrell

One Cal Poly student and one Cuesta College student will be charged as the perpetrators who egged the Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals United booth last quarter.

Deputy District Attorney Jacquelyn Duffy has filed criminal charges against the two.

"Although I can't discuss the details of a pending case, charges have been filed and we expect the two students to be arraigned in early June," Duffy said.

The target of the egging was a "Stop Hate Crimes" sign posted at the GLBU booth on Dexter Lawn. The incident occurred Feb. 13 after a group of more than 60 students launched a march across campus.

The booth was in place to hand out gay and lesbian literature to promote Same Sex Hand Holding Day.

The students will be charged with California Penal Code violation 422.6 Subsection B, Duffy said.

"The Cal Poly student responsible has been punished in several ways, including a fine, and they are very remorseful and have accepted responsibility for the grievous mistake made."

Ardith Tregenza

Director of Campus and Student Relations and Judicial Affairs

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and controversial issues sometimes arise.

"The general education program was revised ... and that originated with the senate," Lewis said.

Current senate chair Menon and previous senate chair set a good example for him, he said.

"Menon was a very good chair," Lewis said. "He has a sense of decorum. He holds meetings in an extremely cordial way. My predecessors have been very good ... they set a very high standard."

Lewis said the current state of the Academic Senate is more independent than in previous years.

"The senate did not used to be an independent voice," he said. "It was not run by faculty, but by administration."

Lewis said the senate now works harder than ever.

"We have a situation now where there's been a tremendous change in faculty," he said. "We expect them to be devoted. I think it's very difficult for anyone not in the university, even students, to appreciate how much is demanded of young faculty."

Lewis said he thinks he's up to the challenge.

"I hope I'm not a disappointment to those who voted for me," he said.

Elrod said he's confident in Lewis.

"He's an articulate, thoughtful faculty member who will do a great job facilitating next year's Academic Senate agenda," she said. "It will be a challenging year, but with open communication and involvement from everyone, we'll be able to move forward."

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down in recent years," he said.

Though the investment climate has been unfavorable for several years now, Texter said the Foundation was still able to offer payouts for most of the scholarships from account reserves. But this year, even those are dwindling.

"The reserves have been spent," he said.

The Foundation has examined its investment program, Weaver said, as part of regular procedure and in response to recent economic conditions.

"Our program is always under review," he said. "We're going through our investment program from top to bottom."

So far, there are no major changes planned, Weaver said. The lack of return is only due to poor market conditions, he said, and Cal Poly's endowment pool is actually performing comparatively well.

"You can check around and see who on their personal investments only lost 1.56 percent last year," he said.

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**Crime Round Up**

April 30

A canoe or kayak trailer was reported stolen from building 78, the Rose Float Laboratory. The owner of the trailer has not seen it in more than two months.

**May 1**

San Luis Obispo Police Department received a call that a vehicle had crashed into a wall at Poinsettia and Tank Farm roads. Both the driver and the two juvenile passengers were injured in the accident. One of the passengers lost a tooth and the other received a minor knee injury. The suspect was arrested under suspicion of driving under the influence and was booked in county jail with bail of $20,000.

**May 3**

Around 2:42 a.m., officers were contacted after the smell of marijuana was reported in a Sierra Mare tower. One citation for a controlled substance was issued. No matter how cool your R.A. tells you they are, they're still going to call the cops when they smell weed.

—Late Saturday and early Sunday, police reported multiple hit and runs and DUNs.

Within a four-hour period three drivers were arrested and taken to jail. The first occurred at 10:48 p.m. when the suspect drove his Ford Explorer the wrong way down Higuera Street where the driver turned right onto Broad Street and struck four vehicles. The second offense was reported before 2 a.m. when the suspect collided into a house near the Chorro and Peach intersection. After the headlamps and belts were matched to the suspect's car, the suspect was linked to the destruction of a segment of the wall of the Palm Theatre. A final arrest was made after a hit-and-run driver was followed to his home by witnesses, where they contacted police. The suspect was later arrested on felony hit and run and felony DUI.

**May 4**

Early Sunday morning three men were arrested on suspicion of possessing a Molotov cocktail-type device in their vehicle, according to a brief in The Tribune. SLO Brew employees reported the three Santa Maria residents after they appeared to be trying to get into the business. They were wearing dark gloves and one had a canister of some type. All three were booked into county jail. A molotov cocktail? Is this a Bond film or has the Russian Mafia taken an interest in SLO Brew?

**May 5**

Police officers reported to the Apple Farm Restaurant/Motel after they received a call reporting a man assaulting a female. The woman was bleeding profusely from the head and face according to police. Witnesses told officers that the man appeared to assault the victim for no reason. The victim and her mother attempted to fight off the assailant but did not leave until witnesses came to intervene. The victim was treated for injuries at a hospital.

**May 6**

Around 4 p.m. the misuse of a campus credit card was reported at the Faculty Offices North Building. No further details were available.

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POLS S343 Civil Rights in America
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National Briefs

American troops find evidence of Iraqi weapons program, Army commander says

WASHINGTON — American forces in Iraq are doing tests on a trailer that matches the description of a mobile biological weapons lab given by various sources including defectors, the Pentagon said Wednesday. It was the first time the Defense Department has announced it might have evidence of the sort of prohibitively unconventional weapons program that justified forcibly disarming Saddam Hussein.

"On the smoking gun, I don't know," Under Secretary of Defense Stephen Cambone said, when asked if this was a breakthrough in the continuing coalition search for weapons of mass destruction.

Cambone said when the U.S. military has in its possession is the kind of mobile laboratory that Secretary of State Colin Powell described in a report to the U.N. Security Council as he sought to justify forcibly disarm Saddam.

Cambone said experts had done initial tests on a trailer taken into custody April 19 at a Kurdish checkpoint in northern Iraq but said that more substantial testing is required.

Cambone said more testing will be required, noting that the surface of it had been washed with a caustic material and it likely would have to be dismantled before testing can be done on hard-to-reach surfaces.

Bush chooses new Army, Navy secretaries

WASHINGTON — President Bush has chosen New Mexico's oklahoma Rep. Collin B. Peterson to be the secretary of the Navy, and Air Force Secretary James Roche to replace the dismissed secretary of the Army, Thomas White.

The White House announced Bush's picks Wednesday.

White was dismissed April 23 by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and is due to leave office Friday.

Both Roche and Peterson were Rumsfeld's recommendations, defense officials said.

Peterson, 67, of Roseville, N.M., was a Peruvian Exploration Corp. and was chairman of Bush's New Mexico presidential campaign in 2000. He served in the Marine Corps from 1957-72 and was an assistant defense secretary in the early 1990s when Vice President Dick Cheney was the defense secretary.

Supreme Court urged to nullify adoptions by gay couples

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Supreme Court was asked Wednesday to nullify thousands of adoptions in which gay couples have acquired legal custody of children.

Attorneys argued to the seven justices that there was never any law on the books authorizing such adoptions in the first place. California's adoption laws, the attorneys argued, stemmed from an 80-year-old state statute.

The California Legislature has, since that decision, authorized adoptions for single parents and step-parents. But lawmakers never squarely addressed whether gay couples could adopt children until after a San Diego county appeals court ruled two years ago that the so-called "second-parent" adoptions were illegal, the attorneys argued.

Last year, the Supreme Court put that appeals court decision on hold to decide the controversy for itself. A decision is expected within 90 days.

The case concerns a Southern California woman, Sharon S., who gave birth via artificial insemination in 1999. Her 10-year-old, Amorette E., was to adopt the boy, Joshua. The couple split up just before adoption was granted and Sharon withdraws her consent to allow her former partner to adopt. Sharon's attorney, John Dodd, told the court that his client's consent was invalid to begin with because there was no law allowing for second-parent adoption.

International Briefs

Teenager admits taking student, hostage at school

STUTTGART, Germany — A 17-year-old German admitted in open court Tuesday that he took four children hostage at their school last fall.

The teenager, whose identity was not released because he is considered a minor in Germany, is charged with kidnapping and hostage-taking at gunpoint. He faces up to 10 years in jail if convicted.

He is accused of entering his former school in the Stuttgart suburb of Waiblingen on Oct. 18 and taking four students hostage, holding them for six hours before surrendering. The children ranged in age from 11 to 14.

He had demanded a ransom of $1.8 million and a getaway car.

He said he had targeted his former school because he had access to the computer room, where from time to time he still worked on the school's homepage. The teen told the court he had told his friends and step-parents he thought he could control.

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"I thought of an air pistol and a bullet proof vest, and I wanted to hurt someone in the school," the teenager said.

The hostage-taking came six months after a 19-year-old former student killed himself and 16 other people — among them 13 teachers — inside a high school in Erfurt, in eastern Germany.

In the wake of the tragedy, parliament passed a bill in June to tighten German gun laws.

A verdict is expected on May 28.

South Korea's absence from nuclear talks brings frustration, reliving the past

SEOUL, South Korea — When North Korea met last month with the United States over a nuclear crisis, South Korea was excluded from the talks, the first time in years that South Korea's exclusion from the talks had been so public. But that was not the only thing that South Korea had in common with North Korea.

Less than a year ago, the two Koreas were being invoked to the United States in the same breath as part of its diplomatic strategy.

North Korea's nuclear program is a hot topic, too, but South Korea is not meeting with the United States over a nuclear crisis. Instead, it is going through its own nuclear crisis with a country whose policies it strongly opposes.

South Korea's exclusion from the talks reminded many of the North's once-favored bit of propaganda: That South Korea is a U.S. colony.

"I think Seoul is partly to blame (for its exclusion) as it had acted in the past like, in Pyongyang's words, a U.S. colony," said 28-year-old Kim Yong-hyun, a graduate student at Seoul National University.

"Pyongyang thinks Seoul will accept whatever deal it makes with Washington."

Rock legend Pete Townshend clears of possessing child pornography

LONDON — Rock guitar star Pete Townshend, co-founder of The Who, was cleared Wednesday of possessing pornographic images of children but was still placed on a national register of sex offenders.

That registration was part of a formal caution, Townshend received for accessing a Web site containing such images in 1999. The musician acknowledged using his credit card to enter a Web site advertising child pornography but said he was doing research for his autobiography.

"I am not a pedophile," Townshend said at the time of his arrest.

The musician was better known as the lead singer of Townshend's rock opera "Tommy" — a deaf, dumb and blind pinball wizard — is sexually abused by an uncle, and Townshend said he believed he was sexually abused as a young boy while in the care of his mentally ill grandmother.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily managing editor Maia Spencer.
As an engineer in the U.S. Air Force, there's no telling what you'll work on. (Seriously, we can't tell you.)

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Federal college loan rates may hit historic low level

By Ben Feller

AP EDUCATION WRITER

WASHINGTON — Some relief is on the way for families struggling to cover soaring college tuitions. Lower interest rates are about to make federal loans cheaper than ever.

The changes, which could save borrowers hundreds to thousands of dollars over time, come as American families increasingly rely on debt to finance college education.

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Coming up this week

*ASI Elections* - Today is the last day to vote for ASI president and vice president and board of directors.

*Rec Center Intramural Sports* - There will be golf tournament May 16. Sign-ups for the events have already begun.

*“Concert for Peace and Justice”* - The Progressive Student Alliance will host the concert May 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Local bands Treluna and Mr. Poppin's Robot will perform.

*WOW Shopping Spree Fund-raiser* - The WOW Orientation Program will host the Supermarket Spree May 14 at Albertson's. Two winners will be selected to race through the store for three minutes. Tickets can be purchased between May 5 and 12 at the Los Osos Valley Road and Foothill Albertson's, in the WOW office in the University Union and the WOW booth in the UU Plaza.

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**POTASSIUM IODIDE TABLETS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE LIVING NEAR NUCLEAR PLANTS**

Cal Poly is in an Emergency Planning Zone of SLO County's Diablo Canyon Power Plant. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (www.oes.ca.gov) is making available a 2-day supply of potassium iodide for each person who resides or works in an Emergency Planning Zone. The recommendation is that households near nuclear power plants should keep potassium iodide pills on hand to protect people from getting thyroid cancer due to an accidental or intentional radiation release.

This program is on an individual, voluntary basis and additional information as well as iodide tablet order forms can be obtained by calling 800-550-5234.
BananaMan Chase a race for fitness

By Jenni Mintz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A streak of yellow jolts past, leaving all who behold the flash breathless with wonderment. No, it is not lightning — it's a BananaMan. The 2003 BananaMan Chase will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at Laguna Lake Park in San Luis Obispo.

The event is put on to unite community members and is geared toward families, said event coordinator Alyssa Galvan.

There are several different races to compete in: 5K fun for competitive runners, the two-mile walk, one-half mile run, a 75-yard dash and the diaper dash. The registration fee ranges from $7 to $20.

"The events themselves, although competitive in nature, are going to be so much fun," Galvan said. "We have a ton of prizes to give away."

All participants get a free Jamba drink, a free T-shirt and a race bag with prizes. The BananaMan Chase offers benefits for everyone, Galvan said.

The objective of the chase is to raise money for physical education in the San Luis Obispo School District, as well as to provide other event building.

Business sophomore Nicholas Thompson is a BananaMan who has been racing for six years and placed 11th at the Collegiate National Triathlon Championships. He also finished in the top 20 at Wildflower, Olds said.

"The whole thing about this race is that it is all done in the spirit of fun, to have a good time and run a 5K with a banana," Thompson said.

"There is a little pressure on the BananaMan to perform, but mainly the BananaMan is there to add to the atmosphere," Bums said.

Applications for participating can be picked up at Jamba Juice, or at booths during University Union hour on today or at Farmer's Market tonight. Students can also register online at www.acsu.com.

Egg dropping not just for kids

By Meghan Nowakowski
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Paper clips, ketchup packets and a walnut. These are just a few of the strange items packaging students will be allowed to use while constructing their egg drop projects for Cal Poly's annual Poly Pack event which takes place at 6 p.m. Thursday at Farmers Market.

Though many students may have participated in egg drop projects prior to attending Cal Poly, this egg drop is quite unique.

"You basically have to buy a packet full of random things that have been thrown together," said industrial technology senior Jessica Alexander. "You are then expected to construct a package that will protect an egg while being dropped from various heights."

Students will compete against industry members and must follow a strict set of guidelines and rules. They will then be judged on five separate sets of criteria, including egg protection, information visible, containment, utility of use and marketing.

Not only are the packages expected to protect the egg from the drop, but they must also have a creative appearance and the ability to open and close.

Students spend an average of 10 hours constructing their package.

"This has been consuming me for the past two weeks," Alexander said. "First of all, it is a major part of my grade for two different classes, and you also want to give a good impression of yourself and your packaging ability to your peers and the people in the industry."

Alexander said thinking of creative ways to protect the egg with the supplies they are given is stressful.

"In the packet this year we received things like a pipe cleaner, Band-Aid, rubber band, piece of bubble gum and a beer coaster," she said. "It is really difficult to come up with a method of putting these things together so that the egg will not break."

Poly Pack president Chris Bums said that the egg drop has been going on for about 30 years, and almost 200 students and industry members will compete this year.

The actual competition, which will be located on the corner of Chorro and Higuera streets, will use a scissor lift to bring contestants to the initial height of 10 feet. All projects that survive that drop will continue competing until reaching a 50-foot height.

"There are usually three or four projects that survive the drop," Bums said. "Then we do what is called the UPS toss, where the packages are basically dropped and thrown on the floor until they fall apart."

Business senior Heather Nystrom has gone to the event the past two years.

"I have a good friend who competes," Nystrom said. "It's really fun to see what works and what doesn't. Everyone just has a good time."
By Cathy Ayers

The reunion will begin with "Drinks and Grogging" Friday night in the Learning Pine Arborium. On Saturday, attendees will wake up to a ranch-style breakfast, and tour the animal science facilities, where student speakers will discuss each operation. The facilities tour will end at the horse unit, where the Cal Poly Horse Sale will take place at 2 p.m.

Hall said the primary objective of the event is to raise awareness of major changes that have occurred throughout the department and the industry in recent years. It also gives current students the opportunity to meet alumni who work in the industry.

The funding for the event came from alumni who donated items for the silent auction and money from ticket sales, Hall said.

About 600 students are enrolled in the animal science major, department head Andy Thulin said.

The most popular concentrations are equine science, pre-veterinary medicine and range resource management. Cal Poly has one of the largest animal science departments and equine science programs in the country, he said.

"One thing that the students have in common is that they all love animals," Thulin said.

This common interest manifests itself into many different career paths. About half of animal science majors go on to graduate or veterinary school after they graduate, while others pursue careers in pharmaceuticals, research and development, animal sales and biotechnology.

Thulin said there has also been an increasing number of animal science graduates going into fields such as human genetics and cloning because of their previous hands-on experience with animal experiments.

"When it comes to experimenting with embryos, they just don't try that stuff in humans," he said.

For more information about the event, contact Hall in the Cal Poly Animal Science Department at 756-5398.

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About 500 current students and alumni are expected to attend the event.

"There are a lot of people back who have not been here for a long time," Hall said. "Many things have changed over the years."

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Survival of the Glossiest
Style not superficial in ASI elections

By Cathy Ayers
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Campaign posters saturate walkways. Sandwich board signs greet students at every campus entrance. Associated Student Inc. elections must be drawn near.

In addition to campaign speeches and forums, candidates also spend a great deal of time formulating slogans, symbols and images to visually market themselves to the student body. The art of visual campaigning ranges from attention-grabbing symbols simply displayed on a poster to pure bombardment of information.

"Posters have a bigger effect (than candidate forums)," said political science professor Alan Doan. "The average student doesn’t attend forums and at the end of the day, it is the number of votes that matters."

Doan said, although one poster may be of more visually appealing than another, the quantity of information a voter is exposed to has a greater influence than the quality.

The more often voters see a candidate’s name, the more likely they are to remember and vote for that candidate.

However, there are visual techniques a candidate can use to make his or her poster stand out over others. "Symbolism is always very important," Doan said.

Elections committee chair Anna Balatti said candidates are limited to one 4-by-4 foot sign at each campus entrance, and their election posters must not exceed an 8-by-11 inch boundary.

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"If you have to read a big long thing, it won’t catch your attention."

Jordyn Cutlet graphic design senior

The concept of simplicity and symbolism appeal to students when evaluating the campaign posters of current candidates.

"The ‘P’ people have the best typography," said Kerry Ko, a graphic communications senior.

Graphic design senior Matt Allen agreed. "Paach and Paash have a logo that sticks in your head," he said.

While some candidates choose to use simple, memorable logos, others use color to make a bold impression. Kaitlin Ayers and Pedro Vazquez, as well as Alison Anderson and Olga Berdial, use vivid colors in their campaign art.

Art professor Tera Galanti said high contrasts in color scheme are a good way to grab the attention of viewers. She added that black, red and white are colors that symbolize power. Galanti said specific techniques that a candidate uses to portray him or herself appeal to different audiences. She says a voter’s frame of reference to particular techniques depends on what qualities appeal to the individual voter.

Another effect ASI candidates use is the manner in which they present themselves in photographs that appear on campaign posters. While candidates Luke Parnell and John Paasch dress in Cal Poly shirts and pose casually, Kaitlin Ayers and Pedro Vazquez have a more lighthearted appearance in their photographs. Ko said the way a candidate dresses influences her opinion.

"If someone dresses sloppily, then they don’t appear very organized," she said.

Galanti agreed that personal presentation influences a voter’s opinion. She said a professionally dressed candidate would appeal to a voter who is looking for professionalism and organization in a leader. On the other hand, candidates who appear casual in their photographs also attract voters that would like to see a more laid-back leader in office.

Whether candidates rely on the quality and appeal of their visual campaign or on the quantity and prominence of their name posted around campus, artwork plays a major role in influencing the opinion of voters.
For extra flavor in local scene, add Joose

By Luke Darling
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

No 'Fools': Local funk rockers Joose wrapped up a performance at Wildflower and will release their sophomore effort in July. In the meantime, the band plays UU Hour today at 11 a.m.

"We've been called blues rock, funk rock," Sharp said. "We are really diverse." The band doesn't care what you call it, so long as their music is out there and people are listening.

Joose's unique sound and the diversity of music that comes from their shows is an aspect that UU Hour student supervisor Ashley Harris picked up on at a show down town. She said it's one of the main reasons she booked the band.

"I heard them at SLO Brew one night and everyone there was dancing and having a good time," Harris said. "People just really seem to enjoy them.

With the UU and Wildflower shows in a short period of time, the band members feel they are catering toward a great college audience.

"Our niche is definitely the college scene and college circuit, and people have been really receptive toward that," Weiber said.

Aspiring comics try to deliver laughs, but hecklers at weekly stand-up nights

By Luke Darling
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

They may not be Richard Pryor, Robin Williams or Martin Lawrence. But the group of comics that perform at 2 Dogs' Coffee presents a free show once a week no matter how many awkward silences there may be.

Every Monday night, the regulars at 2 Dogs perform on a small stage in the coffee house, which is located between Togo's and Hudson's on Monterey Street. The venue may not resemble the Apollo theatre in New York, but the novice comics use the small setting as practice for new material.

"We use the weekly show as a venue to test material for shows that will suck less," said performer Matt Heck. "It's a really good place to practice a routine."

Nearly all the performers are pursing careers in comedy, but at the same time they still keep strong day jobs. Tommy Clack, the emcee at the show, is a cook during the day and at last Monday's show appeared on stage in his white uniform as he raced from work to the show.

Many comedians at 2 Dogs use the venue after a weekend of auditions and performances in Los Angeles to keep new material fresh and test it out.

Megan Teubner, an assistant manager at 2 Dogs', said the weekly show has been going for around four to five months and usually keeps a regular slate of performers and attendants.

"It'd like to promote the weekly show heavily and say (the performances are) in the nine to 10 range... But really, they're in the five to six range."

Megan Teubner
2 Dogs' Coffee assistant manager

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Letters to the editor

Candiates' cancellation disrespectful

Editor,
As Trinity Hall president, I am writing to express my disappoint­ment at Luke Farrell and John Paush's last-minute cancella­tion of their appearance at the ASI Candidate Forum in Sierra Madre Hall on Sunday evening (May 4). IHC worked very hard to put this forum on in order to educate students on the issues.

IHC put a lot of time and effort into preparing for the forum. Candidates' cancellation disrespectful yet they failed to show up to speak to some students for just an additional student. Pamell/Paasch' s blatant disregard for this significant constituency on the Cal Poly campus shows me that they are not fit to be president and vice president of ASI.

I was most thankful when Benjamin reminded the campus that regurgitation ("God calls us to repent our sins," May 1). I, for one, was really impressed with his ability to digest so many biblical passages and puke them back up for all to see; a very strong argument in deed.

Ben Candee's wonder­ful representation of the "Absolute" and/or "One Truth" of what it means to be a sheep, and you've shed some light on the subtle stupidity of your sado­masochistic religion. Keep up the doom and gloom! Person­ally, I find it heartbreaking that Lester degrades herself to (and then profess my inherent crapiness as a horrid, sinful human being) before ANYTHING I did in life would be "good."

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Opinion

Mr. Personality anything but

I n the first season of "The Bachelor," Amanda and Alex's relationship happily ever after. No, ABC tried again in this show's second season, but the same old tale for Aerin and Helen. Then Fox attempted to test true love with Joe Millionaire, but Evan and Zora remained "just friends" after his marriage proposal. You would think after the poor success of finding love on reality television people would stop applying for these shows and America would stop watching them. But Fox is trying again with its new series "Mr. Personality" and 12.2 million viewers tuned in for the premiere. OK, so it might have been on their level.

In case you haven't tuned into Fox lately, "Mr. Personality" is a reality television show that requires its contestants to "become the best choice for your partner by understanding their strengths and weaknesses." 

Now, if you're a contestant in real life, you might think that this show is about as far from reality as they come. However, if you're a contestant in reality television, you might think that this show is exactly what you've been waiting for.

But wait, there's more! In addition to finding love on reality television, contestants on "Mr. Personality" are also given the opportunity to win a million dollars for charity.

So why is it that America continues to tune into such shows? Is it purely for the sake of curiosity, or do people really believe that it is possible to find love on television?

In the final scene, dramatic music played in the background as Monica told a group of 10 men that they were eliminated. The camera filmed the men up close, and through their masks you can see the agony in their eyes. After a few hours they have all realized that Hayley was the woman of their dreams, and they cannot face the rest of their life without her.

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If you happen to be one of the 12.2 million viewers who (like me) are fixated on reality television, Mr. Personality airs Mondays at 9 p.m. Start tuning out to see who will be the best bachelor. Will it be the Brian Black Mask, the lawyer, or Michael Red Mask, the PR accountant? Or maybe true love will lead Hayley to Pete Gold Mask, the unemployed candidate? Anything is possible.

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Review board considered for U. Colorado police

By Sarah-Jane Wilton
Colorado Daily " Colorado Daily

Almost a week after the University of Colorado police released a report on an internal investigation that exonerated officers accused by students of excessive force, some of the students say they are looking for a way to move forward.

Several students had felt that CU PD's internal investigation of student complaints was biased. They are now wondering if any kind of third party review of police conduct could be formed in light of the investigation and events that followed the incident.

Law student Taylor Pendergrass, who was involved in drafting the 33-page complaint sound to police on behalf of students, said he thought students were interested in pursuing a "very legal, community-based" response to what had happened.

Despite the timing of the report's release — coinciding with finals week — Pendergrass said students had been engaged in dialogue and were interested in working with police to establish some kind of third party review of police conduct.

"Even if we can't get a review body set up to look at this particular incident, if we could establish a procedure for the future if incidents like this happened again," said Pendergrass. "It would be a positive step."

CU police Chief James Fadenrecht says in contrast that internal investigations are a common practice for most police departments and a practice that has always worked for his department.

"If (CU PD) had a history of never reviewing ourselves and admitting that we were wrong, then there would be a stronger call for something like this," Fadenrecht said. "But I can tell you as a result of internal reviews in response to complaints we have had in years past I have taken corrective action and in some cases even disciplined officers."

Similar dialogue proposing citizen review groups on campus has occurred in the past in response to certain situations, but never to any avail, he added.

"It's probably been a decade or more since that discussion has even been out there," Fadenrecht said. "Often times when they are proposed there is concern that there is the potential for special interest groups to impact policy."

It is possible for greater numbers of students to become teacher aides at colleges like University of California, Los Angeles and UC Santa Barbara, where there are numerous graduate programs.

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"Cal Poly prides itself on small class sizes and continuous contact with professors," said English department chair David Kann.

Meanwhile, the average class size (within the college) will increase about 5 percent, Hellenbrand said.

Outside of the CLA, various colleges are dealing with enrollment issues in different ways, and planning for increased enrollment within the CLA is still taking place within the department.

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"Each department is tackling it differently," Hellenbrand said.

General education courses in the Area C or D categories will be hit the hardest. Certain courses will still have fixed class sizes, he said.

Within the CLA, fixed class sizes include writing-intensive courses like beginning freshman composition, introductory speech communication courses, and literature classes.

"The pressure will be worse for classes that don't have college-based fees," Hellenbrand said.

Gov. Gray Davis' 2003-04 state budget, released Jan. 10, resulted in adjustments of reduction in all programs and services with increased student to faculty ratio.

There are other physical restraints to increased enrollment within the CLA.

"There is also the limitation of lab availability and room size," he said.

Still, a "great preponderance" of classes won't be affected, Hellenbrand said.

Classes that have college-based fees, which were enacted this fall, will remain virtually unchanged as far as increase enrollment is concerned. In the past, campus administration have
Despite negative influences in pro sports, Cal Poly athletes avoid steroids for a variety of reasons

By Meredith Corbin

Steroids are usually taken to help improve performance, but the ironic thing is that steroids can damage an athlete’s career. These dangerous drugs are one of the reasons college athletes get kicked off their teams every year. Steroids have influenced many athletes, both competitive and non-competitive. Many students have the idea that these drugs will enhance their performance, but they are mistaken. Not only do steroids injure various parts of the body, but long-term negative effects are considerable.

Cal Poly athletes have a reputation of not doing steroids partially because their coaches tell them about the damaging side-effects. Steroids speed up the way the body releases testosterone, resulting in severe mood swings. Getting big too quick causes muscle strain.

The No. 1 reason coaches educate their student-athletes about steroids is because if they were caught, they face getting kicked off the team, and might forfeit their college eligibility. Mike Corkery, assistant track coach at Cal Poly since 1996, said that steroids not only cause cardiovascular problems, but can randomly test more often than other sports.

“Steroids can give you an advantage when you first start taking them because they make you go faster, but eventually they destroy your performance because you can’t focus and you lose your running ability,” Ever said.

Football athletes at Cal Poly are serious about not taking steroids because their football coach in high school warned his players continuously about the danger of steroids. "They don’t hurt you at the time you’re taking them, but when you’re done playing sports, they affect the way your mind and body work,” he said. "You’re better off working out, and your body will thank you in the long run. The same is true if you take anything that can affect your heart in the long run. They also make you act weird and emotionally unstable.”

Most other non-competitive athletes are also conscious of the drug. Business senior Mike Pavao played football and baseball for more than 14 years. Over the summer, Pavao worked out in the Cal Poly Rec Center five days a week, doing 40 minutes of cardio and one hour of lifting weights.

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We get randomly tested for steroids and other illegal substances too or three times a year, and the football team gets it more than any other sports team," he said. "If they find anything, you lose your scholarship, get kicked off the team and are ineligible to play sports at any other college. It’s just not worth it.”

It is not hard for an athlete to tell if something is going to make steroids. "It’s just not worth it,” he said. "Mike Pavao tried them when I attended Tulane University...when all of us were exhausted after training, they never got tired.”

Chris Peterson
Cal Poly quarterback

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Skipper of varsity ‘A’ team

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No prior sailing experience is necessary to join the sailing team. Cal Poly’s oldest club sport.

“We’re open to people with no experience,” Nelson said. However, anyone interested must be willing to make a time commitment, since the team practices three days a week at the Morro Bay Yacht Club.
Men's Golf
Bertoni picked for championships

Mustang Daily
The Mustangs' top 10 finish at the Pacific Coast Championship helped them remain in the top 10 among West Coast teams.

Full steam ahead

Cal Poly Sailing

College sports scandals have revenue potential

Controversy and scandal have befallen sports since five men (we'll call him Jeff) first realized he could throw a rock back and forth with his next-door-neighbor (Phil). Everything was just fine and dandy until Phil realized that Jeff was actually trying to kill him.

This type of behavior continued well into the 20th century, when the word "scandal" became synonymous with two things: Presidents and college sports.

Recently, there have been several high-profile controversies involving NCAA players and coaches. Florida State defensive lineman Travis Johnson was charged with sexual assault last month, adding to the list of Seminoles who have been in trouble for embarrassing little habits like illegal betting, drug possession, concealing weapons and civil contempt.

In March, University of New Mexico basketball coach Ritchie McKay admitted that the team's assistant coach illegally contacted a high school player. Similar accusations have been reported at other NCAA schools this year.

Cal Poly, on the other hand, is mostly devoid of such scandals. Perhaps because of this, it is also mostly devoid of media and public attention outside the Central Coast.

It seems that sports controversies end up benefiting the schools at which they occur. When a college sports team is in the news, people take notice, and game attendance often goes up. This leads to greater funding, and before you know it, the team is better off than it was before its forward got drunk and plowed his '57 Chevy into a local bait shop with the coach's 16-year-old daughter in the passenger seat.

Commentary

Does this mean that college teams have to resort to scandals to attract attention? The responsible answer is No.

Good sportsmanship and playing by the rules ensure a fair chance for everyone. Any troublemakers should be disciplined appropriately to send a message to other players that with privilege comes responsibility.

But if a scandal involving your team breaks out, call a good publicist and watch the cash roll in.