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Web site to address sexual harassment, discrimination

By Chris Welke staff writer

Reporting sexual harassment and discrimination on campus is about to get easier. The University Diversity Enhancement Council (UDEC) will make available an online form to everyone at Cal Poly. The form will allow people to report sexual harassment as well as assault and discrimination.

"It's going to be a great Web site," said Associated Students Inc. vice president and business senior Kathleen Ayers. "It's really important to have this type of form available. So many incidents go unreported on campus. This is a nice, anonymous way to encourage people to seek help."

The online form is in development but will be available Fall quarter. College of Liberal Arts dean Harry Hellenbrand is building the site himself.

"I don't expect it to revolutionize things because there are so many complaints but people will see an improvement," Ayers said.

Ayers said many students are discouraged by the procedure used to report harassment. Many incidents go unreported because the victim is embarrassed to go in and file a complaint. The online form should add an element of anonymity that could make people more likely to report problems.

Voter turnout still sliding

Biochemistry sophomore Gonzalo Chavez cast his vote for ASI president at a University Union polling place. Voter apathy appears to be on the rise, as the number of students casting their votes dwindles despite being larger than that of the general voting public.

About 18 percent of the student population voted in this year's ASI elections.

Front-runners Alison Anderson and Olga Berdial received 42.7 percent of the roughly 3,131 total votes.

Numbers lower than last year, ASI election officials report

By Devin Kingdon Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Apathy continued to plague the Associated Students Inc. elections last week, with fewer voters at the polls than last year.

"We had about 18 percent of the student population come vote," Elections Committee chair Anna Balatti said. "We're happy that the numbers are still above both those of state and federal elections, but we were hoping for more."

There were about 50 fewer students per college to vote this year, Balatti said.

"It just doesn't seem important," graduate student Leah Corey said. "I don't know what, if or how the student government accomplishes anything with our money. I don't think they have any real power on campus."

These sentiments were echoed throughout the bulk of the student body on both days of voting last week, but others thought it was important.

"Students should vote because there is a lot of stuff that happens on campus that we have no control over," political science sophomore Alan Ellis said. "This is one way to show our power as students. We're paying more and more money to be here at Cal Poly and it's important to elect some people we can be proud of."

PSA concert to promote peace, social justice

"The PSA is trying to be active at all times during the year and we thought it was a good time for an overall promotion of peace and justice," said PSA student organizer Sabha Banii.

The art show and reception will run from 4 to 7 p.m., but there will still be artwork on hand when the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Art for Peace will also host a silent auction to benefit the Central Coast Peace and Environment Council. Writers, puppeteers, performance artists and political activists will also be at the art showcase to speak about war and peace and equality worldwide.

Jupiterisciences, a Los Angeles-based hip-hop group, will headline the Concert for Peace and Justice. (Oddsequence, Cyclopian Eye and Beso control the lyrics, while DJ Brother Danyo provides the beat.

The concerts will take the stage after three local groups, the electronic group Me Peppin's Robot will perform with DJ Codeface and Tripledeh.

The bands convey common themes and messages through their songs and performances.

"All the bands have overal peaceful messages and criticisms of U.S. foreign policy that they present in their music," Banii said.
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one to office that won’t waste it and will be held accountable for the money.”
Jonathan Dow, an architectural engineering senior who has voted off and on during his five years at Cal Poly, said he often feels indifferent.
“It doesn’t take that much time,” Dow said. “But students should only vote if they are actually educated on the candidates and their campaign issues, otherwise don’t. I see all these posters around that call for more parking and more classes, but what can these candidates really do about parking or classes? Sometimes there are a lot of empty promises.”
There will be a runoff election Wednesday between Kaitlin Ayers and Pedro Vazquez, and Alison Anderson and Olga Berdial for student body president and vice president. Neither received 50 percent or more of the vote, resulting in the run-off election.
Anderson and Berdial received 1,334 votes total, 42.7 percent of the total votes, while Ayers and Vazquez collected 919 votes, and 29.4 percent of the total.
There will be no runoffs for the ASI Board of Directors.
The election itself ran smoothly without any major hindrances, Balatti said.
“There was a slight problem with the ballots,” Balatti said. “One candidate’s name was left off, but the situation was fixed quickly. The candidates made my job easy this year; they all followed the rules of the election and didn’t resort to tattling on each other like in past elections.”
While the election process largely remained the same, there was a minor change in price for getting a candidates packet, which includes signature forms and paperwork.
“We raised the price for the initial candidate packet for president and vice president from $10 to $100 this year,” Balatti said. “We wanted to use the money as an incentive for candidates to turn in their financial statements after the elections; once they turn it in they get their money back.”
In the past, after candidates lose, they tend not to turn in their financial statements that contain all their campaign expenditures. ASI members want to be better informed on exactly how much candidates are spending on their campaigns, Balatti said.
“The election reform committee has been discussing a spending limit cap for campaigns,” Balatti said.
“Anderson and Berdial self-imposed a $500 limit and everyone has been paying attention to that. Nobody has discussed a specific number, but I could definitely see a spending limit in place by next year’s elections.”

ELECTIONS

Coming up this week

*Rec Center Intramural Sports - There will be a golf tournament May 16. Sign-ups for the event have already begun.
*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 today at the Los Osos Valley Road and Foothill Boulevard Albertson’s, the WOW office in the University Union and the WOW booth in the UU Plaza.

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architectural engineering senior

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Today's Moon
Rises: 1:54 a.m. / Sets: 2:57 p.m.

Today's Tides
Low: 12:23 a.m. / -14 feet
High: 12:23 a.m. / 4.2 feet
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High: 7:27 p.m. / 4.2 feet
Alleged university gunman described as disturbed loner

CLEVELAND — The man accused of killing one person in a shooting rampage at a university business school was described by neighbors as a loner, and he appeared to have been obsessed with a school employee he had accused of ruining his Web site.

Police said Brian Haider was armed with a pair of large-caliber handguns when he entered Case Western Reserve University's business school Friday and began a seven-hour standoff with police.

Two other people were wounded and Haider was shot in one shoulder before he was captured.

The 38-year-old man Haider accused of ruining his Web site was the building but wasn't harmed.

Police Sgt. Donna Bell said Sunday that charges wouldn't be filed against Haider until police finished gathering evidence in the building, which could happen as early as today.

Haider had not hired an attorney or had any visitors, Bell said.

Haider, 62, lived near campus in the city's Little Italy neighborhood, made up of students and families who have lived there for generations.

Some neighbors described him as unfriendly, and said he walked down the middle of the street, rather than on the sidewalks, apparently to avoid talking to them.

A resume Haider posted on the Internet includes service in the Indian army, as well as experience in computer programming and designing electrical measuring equipment in Germany, real estate and financial planning.

Norman Wallace, a 30-year-old graduate student, was killed in the shooting. The two people injured in the shooting — a 32-year-old man shot in the buttocks and a 66-year-old woman shot in her collar bone — were released from the hospital Saturday, authorities said.

House passes $500 billion tax cut on wages, investment income; short of what Bush asked

WASHINGTON — The Republican-led House approved a $500 billion tax cut package on Friday that would trim levies on wages, capital gains and some business investments but give President Bush a smaller reduction than he wanted on corporate dividend taxes.

Bush praised the House after a nearly party-line 222-203 vote for the bill.

U.S. Abrams tanks lined nearby highways, and helicopters flew over the low-slung sandstone buildings that are Camp Ashraf, the group's headquarters. U.S. officials said thousands of Mujahedeen fighters were inside.

House passes $6 billion tax cut for energy companies

WASHINGTON — The House passed a $6 billion tax cut for energy companies on Friday, giving Bush a victory in his drive to reduce the federal deficit and put his economic program on track.

The administration said it would press Congress for the total elimination of taxes on stock dividends. The Senate planned to take up an even smaller package of tax cuts next week.

"Support this bill and support job creation in this country," said House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-III., echoing the White House's pitch that new cuts can best stimulate a tottering economy.

Germany charges second Sept. 11 suspect as accessory in attacks

BERLIN — Prosecutors on Friday charged a Moroccon friend of Sept. 11 suspect to be convicted for his part in the attacks.

Motassadeq, a fellow Moroccan who roomed with Mounir el Motassadeq in Hamburg in February became the first Sept. 11 suspect to be convicted for his part in the attacks.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily news editor Andrea Cobert. 
Letters to the editor

Mathematically inclined speak up about sex columnists

Editor,

This is in response to Shullen Lessor’s ‘Sex and San Luis’ column, (“There’s company or there’s a crowd” May 1). I thought her article was hilarious. How is it that I read the second sentence, where she writes about proving that 2 is the first prime number, and then say to myself, I couldn’t stop laughing. Actually, Shullen, 3 is the second prime number, right after the very first prime number, which is 2. Unless, of course, you have some wonderful proof showing that 2 has more positive integers than either 1 and itself. I just can’t think of one. You should know the definition of a prime number before you use up all my college years. Shullen’s article even mentioned the real world with a lack of basic knowledge. Prime numbers were taught to those of us who paid attention in junior high, and again in high school. She left readers by stating “You do the math and drop her a line.” Actually, maybe you, Shullen, need to go back and do your math.

Sime Broman is a mathematics major

Editor,

I had never read “Sex and San Luis,” but upon surveying the recent controversy over the column and considering my feelings about writing in to tell everyone who thinks that their taste for reading material is more important than the values on which the Bill of Rights was based, curiously, “There’s company or there’s a crowd,” I decided to indulgently in Thursday’s column (“Menace a threat ‘There’s company’ or there’s a crowd” May 1) and thus be able to hold a less ignorant opinion. Two sentences were enough to convince me that the column has no practical value for anyone who would desire to sur­

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Homestarrunner.com provides pointless plot, countless laughs

By Emily Frydendal

Homestarrunner.com

Procrastination has just been taken to a whole new level, thanks to Homestarrunner.com.

The site is apparently dedicated to making people laugh, which is the best time-wasting creation to reach college students since AOL Instant Messenger. Home to a cast of 11 distinct cartoon characters, including Homestar Runner, the notorious Strong Bad and the Cheat, Homestarrunner.com provides visitors with a healthy assortment of hilarious cartoon episodes of varying subject and length.

The qualities that set this site apart from others, though, are the interactive features it boasts, the clean sense of humor that it maintains and the gliding randomness exhibited in the plot and dialogue of each and every episode.

Brothers Matt and Mike Chapman, creators of the sickly addictive site, said that they had no intentions to reach the number of people that they do on a daily basis, according to "Homestar Runner Provides Good Clean Fun!," an article on www.newsmaker.byu.edu.

The article states that more than 100,000 patron检查 out the site on Mondays when a new "Strong Bad E-mail" is posted. On all other days, the site still satisfies about 50,000 visitors.

"Originally, the stories were all going to surround competitions of some kind, like the 'Jumping Jack Contest' episode," Mike said in an interview with Legion Studios, available online at www.legionstudios.com. As we made more cartoons, we began to discover that the characters could be funny doing just about anything, so now episodes can be about whatever.

While maintaining good taste and reliable characters, the episodes cover just about everything. Below is a list of where to find just a few of the top episodes worth neglecting term papers, architecture projects, computer programs and even articles.

**Strong Bad E-mails**

Located in the "Features" section of the "Toons" link, Strong Bad, who Mike told Legion "taps on everyone, but isn't very threatening," picks one real visitor e-mail to respond to every Monday. Notable e-mails from the provided list include "Dragon," featuring Toadlog the Bumtroner; "Techno," in which Strong Bad skillfully breaks down the components of this fine genre of music; and "Japanese Cartoon," where Strong Bad takes yet another opportunity to mock other people and cultures.

**Everybody to the Limit**

Another "Short" cartoon, Strong Bad performs a tap that revolves solely around the fictitious word "thiaphugs." Does the clip ever give any idea of what a "thiaphug" is? Of course not. But the song is downloadable and it's catchier than a hangnail on polyester.

**Jumping Jack Contest**

As one of the original cartoons (found in the "Toons" sub-menu from the "Toons" main menu), this episode doesn't quite demonstrate the Chapman brothers' full potential, but it introduces the characters and gives a general feel of what the site is based on: Nothing in particular.

Overall, Homestarrunner.com is a must-visit spot for students looking to maximize inefficiency. So come on, Thiaphugs. Get off-task and take a minute to jump online. It'll be worth your wasted while.
Technical writing skills beneficial in job hunting

By Sarah Stephan

The certification is displayed beneath the degree on a student's transcript. Novak said this certification is attractive to potential employers.

"The biggest complaint that I hear from employers is that students are coming out of college not knowing how to communicate well," he said. "There's not a major at this school with students who wouldn't benefit from the program."

There were only 12 other similar certification programs when Novak revamped the Cal Poly program in 1989. Because technical communication is a growing field, there are now 23 college certification programs in California.

Steven Aoki graduated from Cal Poly in 1999 with a graphic communications degree and the technical certification. He now works as a content manager for user technology at IBM. Aoki said the skills he learned in certification classes he took has transcended to his current job.

"Once in the door, employees appraised me on my ability to adapt to a team workplace environment," Aoki said. "Namely, whether I could meet deadlines under stress, how quickly I could learn new environments and how many projects I could juggle at once."

Currently there are about 100 students enrolled in the certification program. Novak said he is glad the program is not considered a minor.

"One-third of our participants are not Cal Poly students," Novak said. "The program is open to everyone in the community because it is not a degree offered through the college."

Students in the program are required to complete an internship, co-op or practicum. Making a technical document as part of a practicum is the most popular choice, Novak said. The two-quarter practicum resembles many senior projects, in that students pick a project to work on, submit reports and meet with an advisor.

English senior Diana Nguyen said the certification program has been beneficial.

"In a document writing class, Nguyen and her team worked with Alpha Pregnancy Counseling and Support in San Luis Obispo to create a new volunteer training manual." Nguyen said working with an actual client for a class project gave her valuable experience.

"The program is good for students in all majors," she said. "With the certification program, you learn many skills you might not acquire in other classes."

Students involved in the certification program can also enhance their learning by becoming members of the Cal Poly student chapter of the Society for Technical Communication, Nguyen said.

"By becoming a part of the club, students not only get to meet others interested in technical writing, but they also receive STC publications and can network with people all over the world," she said.
After a scoreless fourth, Northridge got back in the game in the fifth and sixth innings. Matadors shortstop Jose Perez opened the fifth with a bloop single to left. Perez then stole second for his second theft of the game and later scored when Mayo drove in a run with a sacrifice fly to right field.

The Matadors tied the game the following inning on a pair of bunts. Center fielder Quinn Cacciarella led off the bottom of the third with runners at first and third. Third baseman Brett Henderson fielded the play and threw it to first, but Cacciarella beat the throw. On the throw, the runner at third, broke for the plate and Wilson's throw came wide of the plate, allowing Perez to get under Mustang catcher Cory's diving tag.

Cacciarella's bunt knocked Olson out of the game and Andrew McDaniel came on in the fifth. Olson finished the day after throwing five-plus innings, giving up six runs, five of these earned, on seven hits. He did, however, have seven strikeouts. Northridge put on the same exact play the very next hitter. With runners again at the corners, Aguailar laid down another bunt toward third and Olson again threw it to first. Aguailar was safe at first and another Northridge runner scored on the error.

Leavitt finished 4 for 4 at the plate. Mayo added two hits for the second straight game and also laid down a suicide squeeze bunt for Cal Poly in the fifth and a 5-4 lead in the seventh inning as Cal Poly edged the Mustangs.

In the bottom of the seventh when he hit a two-out walk and single. With run­ning the bases loaded, the Matadors came on in relief. Olson allowed one unearned run and three hits for the win while Jean fell to 1-8, surrendering six runs and nine hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Leavitt said. "We're just not a very good defense right now. I think our pitcher today was really good."

"He didn't have his best stuff today," Lee said.

"(Leavitt) was the catalyst this series. He got the first run off of the game and Andrew McDaniel fielded the time it and threw the potential tying run at the plate. McDaniel finished the game with three solid innings of relief work."

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Is it a tough play to defend," he said. "It's hard for the third baseman. He can't see the runner (behind him) on third."

McDaniel finished the sixth without giving up any additional runs and then went on to pitch the seventh and eighth innings. He gave up an unearned run in the eighth when Mayo throwing error. Mayo threw wide of second base in an effort to turn the front end of a double play. The errant toss allowed McKenzie to score all the way back to first base to increase the score to 8-7. The error was the fourth of the day for the Mustangs.

"We've not had a very good defensive team right now," Lee said. "The field makes our whole offense take a lot of potential runs at the plate. McDaniel finished the game with three solid innings of relief work."

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Cal Poly Women's Tennis

Dream season ends

By Andy Fahey

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Cal Poly had lost eight of its past past nine games entering the series.

The Mustangs, who entered the series losers of eight of past nine games, improved to 26-23-1 (8-10 Big West) with the sweep. Northridge fell to 12-41 (6-12 Big West).

It was the Mustangs' home finale for young athletes and the country's youth, said Cal Poly Athletic Director Hugh Bream.

"We played a great match today and really was. I am happy and proud of each of the players and am already looking forward to next season," Bream said.

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In singles action, the Mustangs accepted. He was also a successful offensive player, accumulating 2,460 hits and 580 stolen bases, and was named to 15 All-Star teams in 19 Major League seasons. His elegant glove work helped lead the St. Louis Cardinals to three World Series, including a 1982 championship. His congenial personality, consummate professionalism and trademark back flip made him a fan favorite.

On Friday, June 13, a statue in Smith's honor will be unveiled at a 3:30 p.m. dedication of Ozzie Smith Plaza, located between Baggett Stadium and Bob Janssen Field on the Cal Poly campus. The life-size statue is in recognition of Ozzie's many contributions to his sport and for being an outstanding role model for young athletes and the country's youth," said Cal Poly Athletic Director Hugh Bream.

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