Alum to be honored at memorial today

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By Devin Kingdon
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The whole football team was there. They were attending a mandatory extra class that was aimed to help them balance sports and academics.

International business professor Collette Frayne, who helped found the program, looked at their faces and could tell none of them wanted to be there. She continued to eye the crowd and came across one smiling face, who simply said to her, "Hi, I'm Baldie; bring it on."

"Orozco was a warrior; he was gold," Frayne said. "He always had a passion about him. I hope I gave him one-tenth of what he gave to me."

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The fine for skateboarding citation was $25 in 1999, but it was raised to $65 for a first-time offense after UPD went to the courts and requested an increase because students were continuing to ride their skateboards.

"It was such a cheap fine they'd just ride their skateboard and pay the fine," Watson said.

Industrial technology senior Jordan Korinke disagreed with Watson's statement. He said $25 was reasonable and that it got the point across that skateboards are not supposed to be ridden on campus.

"That's a decent amount of money to be taken from you, but $120 for a first-time offense is just ridiculous," Korinke said.

Fourteen skateboarding citations have been issued by the UPD since the beginning of the quarter and 42 skateboards have been tagged since the New Year. Although most students said they cooperate when receiving their ticket, Watson said more students are attempting to flee officers spotted on their skateboards, an offense that can warrant booking into San Luis Obispo County Jail if captured.

"If they choose to do that and if they get caught, there are additional fines and fees that come into play," Watson said.

Skateboarding is prohibited on campus for two main reasons: Safety precautions and damage to campus property, Watson said.

"The fact that skateboards don't have brakes is the main safety concern for campus police, Watson said. Because Cal Poly is a hilly campus, it can be even more difficult for a skateboarder to stop, putting him or herself in danger as well as those walking around campus.

Skateboarding is on the decline at Cal Poly as compared to past years, Watson said. At its peak, responsible, however, skateboards were responsible for $25,000 worth of damage to campus property a year, most of which was caused by grinding on benches and handrails.

Despite these reasons, Korinke said skateboarding should be allowed on campus. He blamed its campus illegality on the negative connotation of skateboarding.

"A lot of people who skateboard aren't grinding or doing anything destructive," he said. "They're just getting from their house to their class. They don't have any bad intentions."

Korinke occasionally rides his skateboard onto campus as a means of transportation. Although he understands safety issues are involved, he said he didn't get why somebody could be allowed to drive their car and not allowed to ride their skateboard.

"Cars have brakes," Watson said.

He went on to add that motor vehicles should be driven by people who have a driver's license while skateboards don't have a driver's license.

"Skateboarders don't go by any rules of the road," Watson said. "They skate anywhere they want, any time they want, day or night. There are significant differences there — not even in the same ballpark.

Skateboarding is illegal on campus and the chances are it's going to stay like that for quite a while. Watson said that a possible skateboarder's license is not likely to happen in the foreseeable future.

"My recommendation is that that not occur," he said.

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Bush acts to create volunteer corps, gets into food fight with Europe

NEW LONDON, Conn.—President Bush accused Europe on Wednesday of aggravating hunger in Africa with restrictive trade policies on genetically modified foods.

Bush's charges are likely to put new strains on trans-Atlantic ties already frazzled by divisions over war in Iraq. The president made the accusations in a commencement address at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy before a trip to Europe late next week for a summit with allies.

The European Union has succumbed to "unfounded, unscientific fears" that make it harder for impoverished African and other Third World farmers to sell their products in European markets, Bush asserted, escalating a fight over the Europeans' decision to close their financial markets to genetically engineered foods.

"We don't understand why MCI would be awarded this business given the largest corporate fraud in history," said AT&T Corp. spokesman Jim McGinn. "There are many qualified, financially stable companies that could have been awarded that business, including us."

Christie Whitman resigns as EPA chief

WASHINGTON — Christie Whitman, sometimes at odds with the Bush White House over environmental issues and a lightning rod for the administration's critics, resigned Wednesday as head of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Whitman said in a letter to President Bush that she was leaving to spend time with family. "As rewarding as the past two-and-a-half years have been for me professionally, it is time to return to my home and husband in New Jersey, which has been just as good for your home state of Texas," she wrote.

With Whitman's departure as EPA administrator, Bush loses one of the most prominent women in his Cabinet — a moderate former New Jersey governor selected by the president to help soften his image as a political conservative, particularly on environmental issues.

In a statement, Bush called Whitman "a trusted friend and adviser who has worked closely with me to achieve real and meaningful results for new and innovative policies for cleaner air, purer water and better protected land."

Top bin Laden aide said to call for attacks on Afghanistan separatists

CAIRO, Egypt — An audiotape attributed to Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant on Wednesday called on Muslims to stage terrorist strikes against Jews, Americans and U.S. allies.

The Arab satellite station Al-Jazeera showed a still photograph of Amman al-Zawahiri wearing a white turban while a forceful speaker urged Muslims to draw inspiration from the Sept. 11 attacks. "Consider your 19 brothers who attacked America in Washington and New York with their planes as an example," said the voice, speaking the classical Arabic script of al-Qaida statements and making the accent difficult to place.

In the tape, the speaker referred to protests ahead of the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq and the early days of the war, a possible hint of when the recording was made."The protests, demonstrations and conferences won't work. Nothing will help you except carrying weapons and harming your enemies Americans and Jews," the voice said.

At least 10 people killed in Indonesia's largest crackdown against Aceh separatist rebels

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Indonesia's military intensified attacks on the separatist guerrillas of Aceh province Wednesday, firing rockets at rebel bases and ordering troops to shoot amounts on sight. Aceh military commander Maj. Gen. Endang Sunarya said soldiers killed 10 rebels on the third and bloodiest day of the assault. Separatists put the death toll at 13, including 10 civilians, while the Indonesian Red Cross reported 10 deaths.

"We need to take urgent steps. We want this problem finished quickly," Sunarya said, referring to the rebellion in the mountainous oil and gas-rich province of 4.3 million people. The military operation, the largest since Indonesia invaded East Timor in 1975, was ordered Monday by President Megawati Sukarnoputri after weekend peace talks in Tokyo broke down. The military said Tuesday 12 rebels had been killed or captured since the fighting began.

Climbers fail to scale Everest

KATMANDU, Nepal — Wind storms forced more than 100 climbers to retreat from the south face of Mount Everest on Wednesday, amid celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the first Everest conquest.

But 13 Chinese, South Korean and American mountaineers on the northern side reached the summit of the world's highest mountain — including a man from Spokane, Wash., and his 22-year-old son, believed to be the youngest American to succeed.

A record number of people are trying to scale the Himalayan peak this month to honor the historic climb of Edward Hillary, of New Zealand, and Tenzing Norgay, a Nepalese guide. Veteran mountaineers are gathering in the Nepalese capital next week for the event, including Hillary and Junko Tabei, who in 1975 became the first woman to reach the summit.

With only a few days left in the climbing season, the thronged mountains on the Nepalese side had hoped to match the 29,295-foot-high summit after several days of better weather. Increasingly strong winds and rain forced them to return to the high-altitude camp, at 26,400 feet.

The Nepalese government has issued climbing permits to 22 expeditions for the March to May season, each with about 12 members plus Sherpas who help carry gear up the icy slopes.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily managing editor Malia Spencer.
Opposition

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Commentary

freedom of speech should not be for sale. After all, each citizen is a part of the body politic and each person should have a say in the matter. Unfortunately, in America's political system, money continues to be a main motivator for actions and laws. It is called corruption, and politicians defend themselves in it. No longer is the interest of the American people at the forefront of the government's concerns, but rather the politicians' interests. Special interest groups that oppose the law, such as the National Rifle Association, will appeal the ruling, which upheld restrictions on political ads that promote, support, attack or oppose a federal candidate. These groups feel that the laws act in direct opposition to their freedom of speech.

In the recent District Court case in Washington D.C., Concorn v. FEC, a three-judge panel ruled on the constitutionality of the McCain-Feingold law, as the BCRA is also known. The court upheld some sections of the law while striking down other parts. Both sides are already preparing appeals to be taken to the Supreme Court in the summer, hopefully with a ruling by fall so that the 2004 elections will fall under the law's guidance.

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Overall, most of us value things like personality, good teeth and sparkly eyes more than big bumps of strategically placed fat. And if you're dating someone who doesn't, tell them to stock up on Big Sticks and cantaloupes and dance on out the door!

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Prayer debate targets public schools

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God’s truth alone sets us free

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Tony Lombardi is a civil engineering senior.

White privilege definitely still exists

Editor,

The irony of recent discussion over white privilege is nothing about white people being amazing to me. To me, it seems that the white people that I encountered would agree that the Constitution might not have been aware of all that was to come for the United States. The separation of church and state has always been a fundamental premise of our constitution and of our country. The first amendment contains the “Establishment Clause” which prohibits the government from establishing religion in the public domains. After all, the Pilgrims left England to escape religious persecution in 1620 and they have been the first to seek religious freedom in the New World ever since. The mix of government and religion challenges a grounding principle of our country. The beliefs of our forefathers are compromised if we do not try to blend the two. The forced mix of religion and education coinciding smoothly could eventually lead to an explosive situation in a number of areas. Religious classroom might not fare well for the academic environment. Students may become more interested in religion rather than the basics of science or math. Christians may also believe that the teaching of non-believers is a disservice and might be affected at home with their parents’ religious ideals instead of learning to accept a good friend with an open mind. It may be too late to change the system.

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Solving the enigma of the ever-important press photo

By Bryan Dickerson

The band publicity photo is as standard to music as the three-minute pop song. It’s a way for artists to declare their genre and influence while distinguishing themselves from the pack.

A good publicity shot conveys what music alone cannot — that intangible spark lurking beneath the pleather outfits and Marshall stacks. A bad one unimaginatively repeats what has come before, like the umpteenth sequel to a horror flick.

Image is crucial to make it in the business and a photo is often the first impression of a band to come across an editor or record executive’s desk.

A prospective label must consider a band’s publicity photo when deciding whether to consider a band/fan relationship.

The band publicity photo is as important as the chance to see the artist perform. Just look at the photos collected at Mustang Daily and KCPR, differentiating one label from another is difficult. In most photos, band members stand in ways that resemble other bands so an instant visual connection is made.

"Sometimes, publicity photos are used by the music industry to exploit a certain style of music," said the photos are crucial to the band’s marketing the band.

"A good publicity shot can make or break a struggling band. The Youngblood Brass Band, based solely on the interesting poses the band members hold.

The former Mustang Daily arts and culture editor rates the best of the worst publicity photos.

By Lee Blessing

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Just who is Jason Mraz, anyway?

* ASI Events expects a respectable turnout for new singer/songwriter

By Grant Shellen

The day before singer/songwriter/guitarist Jason Mraz's scheduled show at the Cal Poly Rec Center tonight at 7 p.m., students on campus were saying one thing about him: "Who?"

Though Mraz has been receiving recent attention thanks to a video for his song "The Remedy (I Won't Worry)" and articles in publications like Rolling Stone, many Cal Poly students have never heard of the Virginia-born artist.

Agricultural business freshman Marcus Veyna said he listens to "pretty much everything," but didn't know who Mraz was. Despite this, he said he would consider going to tonight's show on someone's recommendation.

"If enough of my friends were going, I'd go," he said.

Associated Students Inc. is sponsoring the show. Zack Mullinax, ASI student supervisor of concerts, said Mraz was chosen because he is seen as a rising star by industry professionals.

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The buzz is surrounding not only Mraz's major label debut, "Waiting For My Rocket To Come," but his live show. After moving to San Diego two years ago, he built a loyal following based on his funky acoustic shows at coffee shops and clubs in the area. Elektra records signed Mraz and teamed him up with producer John Alagia — who has worked with John Mayer and Dave Matthews — and a backup band. The label released "Rocket" late last year.

Although many people don't know Jason Mraz, ASI Events officials are hoping that the buzz surrounding his music will draw in fans from as far as Santa Barbara for tonight's concert.

Diana Cotti, ASI's assistant director of programs, said she polled students to make sure there would be interest in Mraz before booking him. She said that the concert was funded with money from student fees, but was not as costly as other possible shows would have been.

"It's not nearly as much as what somebody would pay for Blink-182," she said. "We definitely are very mindful of using student dollars."

The show had sold only about 700 tickets as of Wednesday afternoon, Cozzi said, and ASI officials were expecting about 2,000 people to attend the show. She said a large number of sales are expected the night of the show, especially due to heavy promotion in Santa Barbara.

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By Samantha Yale

Five Alarm set to make noise with mixture of sounds

Whatever diversity Cal Poly is lacking, Five Alarm can remedy.

The band consists of members from across the globe: Vocalist/bassist Christian Love hails from Santa Barbara, vocalist/guitarist Chris Rokusek is from the Midwest, lead guitarist Peter Attard calls London home and drummer Ian Falgout is originally from New Orleans.

The foursome will play University Union Hour today at 11 a.m.

Attard described Five Alarm's music as a mixture of many different genres.

"It has elements of ska, punk, pop and Foo Fighters, if you put it all in a bucket and mixed it up with a spoon," he said. "Just like David Bowie used to do with lyrics."

Rokusek simplified the band's appeal.

"Anyone who likes to dance will like this stuff," Rokusek said.

Colleges are not the normal venues for Five Alarm. The band frequents clubs and other venues in the Ventura County area.

"This is the first college show I've ever played," Falgout said.

Attard, who claims the reason he moved to America is because of a band called In Living Color that he saw on a "kiddie show" and because he "loved the accents," said he was initially captivated by the sound.

"The songs blew me away," he said, "so I joined the band."

Falgout agreed that he was attracted to the band because of the interesting music it plays.

"There's a lot of vocal harmonies," he added.

The band has been together for about a year, but all of the members have prior experience playing in other bands.

Though the band does not currently have a CD, they have a three-song demo that they recorded and have plans to release a full-length recording in the near future.
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were unable to attend in person, Fryne said.
Oneco's family is planning to attend the
public memorial.
"I didn't know him, but I know that
he went to Iraq to protect all of us and
our beliefs and ideals," said history
professor Jessica Dickerson. "The least
we can do is attend his memorial and
say thank you."
Oneco was killed April 26 near
The 17th Annual Festival of Beers will be held at the Avila Beach Golf Resort in Avila Beach.
Pre-sale tickets are available for $20 and $30 the day of the event. Designated driver
tickets are also available and include a free lunch. Children can get in for $5. Tickets will also be on sale at today's UU Hour along with a free raffle and a chance to win four free
tickets to the Festival of Beers.

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Rey. "Last year it was outstanding, the
students had a booth at University
Union Hour for two straight weeks
and then worked the day of the
event for hospice," said journalism
professor Mark Hucklebridge.
Devin Hyfield and Shannon
Shannon were two of the six students
putting on the event this year and
they said they have been doing a
lot of promotion downtown.
"Hospice is covering all areas of
media," Shotts said. "They had us
put up flyers through downtown
and all of the major businesses."
Rey said she is very thankful for
the work of the students who are
helping to support hospice.
"They've put up a lot of our pro­
motional posters and have been
selling tickets on campus," Rey said.
"They've been a big help.
With a few non-profit organiza­
tions having to shut down recently,"
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issues, but they may not realize that
the university itself is kind of a
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board, and each kite is designed for different wind and riding conditions. "For example, you'd want a kite with a larger surface area for days when the wind hasn't picked up," Lee said. "But when it's howling, you're going to want a smaller, more aerodynamic kite."

Industrial engineering senior Charles McBride is a relative newcomer to the sport from Malibu. "I'm trying to get more Cal Poly students and my friends out in the water, because so many people are clueless about it," McBride said.

When you start to get into it, you realize that there's equipment for almost every condition, McBride said. "It's a mix-and-match game with kiteboarding," he said. "There's so much variety in kites and boards."

For more information on kiteboarding or a lesson, contact Kinley Wong at www.str темеbigfant.com or Charles McBride at www.californiakitesurfing.com.
Kiteboarding

By Josh Petray
writing JUSTIN GIBSON

Few know about it. Even fewer do it on a regular basis. Still, many marvel over it when they see it.

The sport of kiteboarding is taking off in Central Coast counties.

"The ocean is a playground with air on demand, extreme hang times and the freedom to catch at least 50 waves in one session," said electrical engineering senior Jason Lee, a certified kiteboarding instructor and operator of centralcoastkiteboarding.com.

Alternative sports have always had a place here, and being a county clad with outdoor enthusiasts seeking the next big thrill is just the fuel in the fire when it comes to kiteboarding, aka kitesurfing.

Just when it seemed that San Luis Obispo County couldn't possibly offer another outdoor recreation activity, along it came, and with it a new wave of passion and curiosity fueling the relatively new sport to unforeseeable heights.

Kiteflying is a young, growing board sport that's still in its infancy but rising in popularity. Riders are attached by a waist harness to a large kite that propels them on top of the water on a board similar to a wakeboard, with some modifications. On a more advanced level, riders perform tricks like ollies, grinds, flips and no-handers as they boost off the pounding shore break.

Kelley Wong is one of those people. From the parking lot at Oceano Dunes on any given day of the week, Wong can be seen hustling huge kite whenever the wind picks up. A pioneer of kiteboarding on the Central Coast, Wong is a certified instructor for his company, xtremebigair, and the national kiteboarding association, as well as a huge board enthusiast.

"Back in 1998 there were just myself and Scott Metzger. In 1999 there were about five local riders," Wong said.

"Now, we have at least 30 local riders."

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Cal Poly baseball close out year vs. No. 3 Stanford

Road-weary Mustangs finish frustrating season against California power

Cal Poly, which finished fourth in the Big West Conference after losing two of three games at UC Santa Barbara last weekend, plays its final three games of the regular season this weekend against No. 3 Stanford (38-15, 16-4 Pac-10).

The Mustangs (27-25-1, 9-12 Big West), who played only 20 of their 56 games at home this season, start their first season under head coach Larry Lee hoping to secure at least one conference win for a winning season. Friday's game at Sunken Diamond starts at 6 p.m. with the games Saturday and Sunday to begin at 1 p.m.

All three games will be broadcast live on KKLK Radio (99.7 fm) as well as Cal Poly's athletics Web site, www.Gopoly.com (Randi Scovil).

Last week the Mustangs and Cardinal both played a pair of extra-inning games. Cal Poly defeated host UC Santa Barbara 6-5 in 14 innings Friday, then fell 4-3 in 12 innings Saturday and 9-5 in the Big West finale Sunday. Stanford beat UCLA 9-1 on Friday, fell 9-5 in 12 innings Saturday, snapping a season-high nine-game winning streak, and clipped the Pacific-10 Conference title outright Sunday with a 12-inning 9-8 win over the Bruins.

Cal Poly and Stanford have met 45 times in baseball. The Cardinal improved its advantage over the Mustangs to 40-5 by sweeping a three-game series in March 2002. Cal Poly's last win over Stanford was a 12inning 6-5 decision on Jan. 21, 2001, the first game played in Baggett Stadium.

Cal Poly has been decimated by a recent rash of injuries. Starting pitcher Tyler Fitch (sore elbow, groin pull) has missed three of his last five starts while relief pitcher Nolan Moser (appendectomy, pulled stomach muscle) has missed four of the last six series. Shortstop Scott Anderson (knee infection on left ankle) missed 11 games before returning to the lineup last weekend. Right fielder Chad Tierje fractured a bone in his right wrist April 27 and is out for the year. Outfielder Pat Breen was sidelined Sunday with a shoulder injury.

Denis LeDuc pitched eight innings in relief for the win as Cal Poly edged USC 6-5 in 14 innings Friday. Adam Leavitt scored on a passed ball for the winning run as Garrett Olson struck out a career-high 11 USCB batters Saturday, but the Gauchos scored a run in the ninth and Nate Stanley's double in the 12th scored the winning run. Both teams collected 14 hits Sunday but Cal Poly committed three errors, hit four Gaucio batters and stranded 10 runners on the basepaths.

Lee is expected to start senior southpaw Josh Koufung (1-8, 5.18 ERA) on Friday and freshmen southpaw Garrett Olson (5-2, 3.49 ERA) on Saturday. Sunday's starter is undecided.

Mark Markham, in his 27th season as the Cardinal's head coach at Stanford (1,131-548) after five seasons as an assistant and three years as a Cardinal first baseman, will counter with junior right-hander Justin Hedges (8-3, 3.30 ERA) on Friday and freshman left-hander Mark Romanoski (9-0, 3.70 ERA) on Sunday. Saturday's starter is undecided.

Stanford's top hitters to date are junior outfielder Carlos Quentin (.393, 9 HRs, 47 RBIs), senior catcher Ryan Crosby (.301, 11 HRs, 47 RBIs) and sophomore outfielder Danny Putnam (.355, 11 HRs, 43 RBIs). The Cardinal is hitting .317 as a team and sports a 4.14 staff ERA. Stanford is 21-10 at home, 17-5 on the road.

Cal Poly position starters for this weekend are senior Alec Anderson (289) or junior Kyle Wilson (254) at first base, junior Adam Leavitt (.340) at second, senior Scott Anderson (289) at shortstop, junior Mayo Jazz (292) or freshman Brett Berglund (292) at third, junior Billy Saul (335) in left field, junior Jamon Herber (335) in center, junior Pat Pearson (.321) at right and junior Taillon (293) behind the plate.

Esther Berglund or Chavarris will be the designated hitter.