Cal Poly appeals
Bello's case

By Emily Wong
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly presented its arguments Thursday to appeal the 2001 ruling in the Board of Trustees v. Bello's Sporting Goods, Inc. to trademark the term "Cal Poly." The appellate court hearing was held in the San Luis Obispo County Courthouse's Board of Supervisors' chambers before one presiding judge and three associate judges.

Bello's Sporting Goods, located on Monterey Street in downtown San Luis Obispo, sells merchandise bearing Cal Poly logos. The issue of concern is the use of the phrase "Cal Poly" when the store is not affiliated with the school. The dispute has been in discussion for more than five years.

"I expected the university to appeal if we prevailed," said Ned Tardiff, Bello's attorney from Smith, Tardiff and Crandall, a San Luis Obispo firm. "We were surprised." said Neil Tardiff, Bello's attorney. "We prevailed," said Neil Tardiff, Bello's attorney. "We were pleased with the outcome." The judge upheld claims proven in the trial more than two years ago, such as the Random House Dictionary definition of "polytechnic" as a noun, and more specifically a school. He attempted to use this to prove the generic nature of the phrase.

"We did nothing to imply that the university was involved in what we were doing," Tardiff said Thursday. The trial also determined there is no such thing as a "Cal Poly," whereas Kleenex and Xerox are trademarked products.

If the judges rule in favor of the Board of Trustees appeal, Bello's Sporting Goods will be forced to stop selling merchandise with the term "Cal Poly." Before the trial, Cal Poly offered resolution options to Bello's Sporting Goods, including purchasing merchandise.

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Going above and beyond

By Meghan Nowakowski
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Capoeiristas visit for workshop

Arilda will help host the Cordao de Ouro Capoeira Encounter, an all-day Capoeira workshop and performance Saturday at Mott Gym, and Sunday in the downtown Mission Plaza.

"Anybody who comes to watch us usually leaves interested enough to take a class or two," Arvida said. "It will definitely be a good show. I don't think we are going to disappoint anyone.

The masters, the highest rank of Capoeiristas, will teach the workshops.

"These masters have been training all of their lives," electrical engineering senior Shahid Olhamemish said. "One of them has traveled here from Brazil, which is where Capoeira originated.

Capoeira is a 500-year-old, non-contact martial art that emphasizes flips, aerial attacks, dance, fast kicks and acrobatic movement while incorporating music and poetry into the art form.

"It's extremely expressive," Arvida said. "You get to express yourself both physically and vocally.

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ished products at a trade show on June 4. From noon to 3 p.m., indus-

try professionals will judge the prod-

cuts. The number of points each

team receives is partly reflected in

their final class grade, Headley said.

"It's incentive to do the best they
can," he said.

From 3 to 6 p.m., students sell their

products in building 21, room 135 to the public. The teams will

feature videos showing the produc-
tion stages of their product.

The groups will also share a booth at Farmers Market June 5 to sell

their products. Industrial technology

senior Luke Thivierge said there has

been competition among the groups, but it has all been positive.

Industrial technology senior Jeff

Heinzen and his group produced a

stainless steel desk lamp with a clock on the base. Heinzen's group decided to

add a clock to the lamp after applying what they learned in a mar-

keting class, he said.

"We threw in the clock theme in a

way to get back into martial arts.

Kenney Rinzler said he expects Turre to

come just to check out the show.

"I've been a martial arti-st all my

life," he said. "I stopped for a couple of

years, and as soon as I came to college

I wanted to start training again. I

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due from owner Tom Bello to defer a

loss in revenue, Cordova said.

Tadiff, however, said the offer was

not in his client's best interest.

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Ghassemieh agrees. It is "very aesthetically pleasing," he said. "It is beautiful to watch and beau-

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on an instrument before," Kenney

said. "I saw him one time, he played

two shells consecutively, one on
each horn, making different

sounds come out of each side."

Rinzler said he expects Turre to
give his band the boost it needs to
put on a great show.

"It's a really important thing to
have somebody like Steve Turre
come out and play with the group,"
UJB director Paul Rinzler said. "It's kind of like on a football team when
you get a star player in, everyone
else on the team rises to the level of
that star player. So his presence in
the band is just going to help the
band play that much better."
Autopsy: Peterson baby had tape around its neck

SACRAMENTO — Prosecutors in the Scott Peterson murder case filed a motion Thursday to unseal autopsy results after news reports surfaced that the body of Laci Peterson's infant son had a significant cut and plastic tape wound around his neck.

A source close to the case who requested anonymity confirmed information in the autopsy report to The Associated Press, but prosecutors responded later in the day by saying it was misleading.

"The information being leaked has clearly been skewed in favor of the defense," wrote Deputy Stanislaus County District Attorney David Harris. "By releasing the autopsy report the court will allow the media to see what the actual facts are and then accurate information may be reported to mitigate recent adverse publicity."

The information was first reported by MSNBC, a cable news channel that said it had received part of the autopsy report compiled by the Contra Costa County coroner's office.

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Autopsy results were sealed by court order after Stanislaus County prosecutors said releasing the report would jeopardize Scott Peterson's right to a fair trial.

Rapist's request for pictures prompts bill to ban release of victim photos

PENSACOLA, Fla. — A convicted rapist's attempt to obtain investigative photographs of his victim's genitals has led lawmakers to amend Florida's open-government law to bar the release of such pictures.

The bill is awaiting Gov. Jeb Bush's signature.

When Dale W. Weeks began serving his 15-year prison sentence, he requested the photos of the woman he was convicted of torturing and sexually assaulting in 1995. When prosecutors refused, Weeks sued, and a Florida appeals court ruled the pictures had to be released.

It was an empty victory because prison officials declared the photos contraband and refused to let Weeks have them.

State Attorney Curtis Golden nevertheless took the issue to the Legislature, and earlier this month lawmakers passed a bill exempting photos or videotapes of sexual assault victims from the open-government law.

Two attendants stabbed in scuffle aboard domestic Australian flight

SYDNEY, Australia — A man shouting threats used two sharpened wooden stakes to try to force his way into the cockpit of a domestic Australian flight Thursday, stabbing two flight attendants before he was overwhelmed by the crew and fellow passengers, the government said.

Transportation Minister John Anderson described the man as "less than stable" and said the attack did not appear linked to terrorism. The plane returned to its departure city of Melbourne, where it landed safely and the Qantas attendants were hospitalized with stab wounds.

"Although it looks premeditated, it doesn't look like it was an act of terrorism," Anderson told a news conference.

Militant sought in Daniel Pearl murder case arrested in Pakistan

MULTAN, Pakistan — An Islamic militant accused of helping to plan the kidnapping and killing of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was arrested at a bus station in central Pakistan on Thursday, police said.

The suspect, Qari Abdul Hai, allegedly had close ties with the Taliban, is the chief of a banned militant group condemned by the United States as a terrorist organization, police said. The group has been accused of involvement in bombings at public places in Pakistan.

Hai was captured in Multan, 60 miles west of Multan, as he was about to board a bus for Karachi, the southern city where Pearl was kidnapped on Jan. 23, 2002, and later found dead, police official Awas Malik said.

Police refused to give more details about Hai's alleged role in Pearl's kidnapping.

Russia's Putin tries on a new role: international showman

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — In his three years in office, President Vladimir Putin has aggressively pursued a leading international role for himself and Russia. He's cast himself alternately as a tough negotiator, a trust­worthy confidant and a mediator between irreconcilable camps.

This week, Putin will play a showman serving up an extra­avagant tribute to his native city on the 300th anniversary of its founding — and a sales pitch for Russia to become a full­fledged member of the great­power club, the Group of Eight.

"Putin will try to strengthen his colleagues' opinion on Russian reform ... to persuade his col­leagues that this process is real," said that Russia can become a full­fledged member of the Group of Eight within the next few years," predicted Vladislav Belov of the Academy of Sciences' Institute of Europe.

Putin will make his pitch to more than 40 other world leaders against the baroque grandeur of St. Petersburg, the European­oriented city founded by one of his idols, Czar Peter the Great. The leaders met during the city's 300th birthday celebration today.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily news editor Andrea Coberly.

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Dear Ms. Mind Over Manners,

Everywhere I turn these days it seems like someone is yakking away on their cell phone. In class, at the grocery store, even on the treadmill in the gym! Can you please tell me the etiquette behind cell phones?

Sincerely,
Call Hell

Dear Cell Hell,

Did you know that you could not be like cell phones? Companies cannot use comparing to ring tones and overwhelming one-sided conversations. I mean, don’t we want to see what person had lunch with Jeremy’s party last Thursday? In today’s world it seems like one cannot be seen without a cell phone; people might think you don’t have any friends.

Cell phones are much like a two-sided coin. On one side, they help us connect with others during emergency situations; on the other, they have become an importan part of our social life. When cell phones are in the hands of pocketbooks and packe of nearly everybody around you, they become hard to avoid. What if you are at a party and there are rules to talk by? To begin with, no one really cares about the “cool” ring tone you just downloaded. Really, to keep your ring on low or better yet, on vibrate. And unless it is an emergency, never have cell phone conversations at large gatherings. This means plays, class lectures and movies. Remember, the people standing next to you are far more important than any phone call. That means don’t talk on your cell phone when you are with other people. If it is an important call, tell your friend the situation and then excuse yourself to take it. Keep it short, two minutes tops. If you are by yourself but around a lot of people, like in the grocery store, talk quietly and avoid being overly animated. At the gym, talking on the cells in a cell phone is one thing, but talking while on the Stair Master is definitely another. As for my advice, don’t. It is potentially unsafe and you look like an idiot in the movie “Cheaters” when you do it, not to mention how annoying it is to be waiting for a machine just to hear people around you talking working out because they are on the phone.

Phone calls can always wait, so practice safety and put your phone away. If you have to talk in the car, try using hands-free kit. Don’t risk your life for the latest gag. Also, never think that you are above the rules. Many hospitals and airports ask you to keep your phones off. You are not the exception; keep the phone home. Cell phone calls should be short and discreet. If you don’t, you are reaching out and touching someone else, meaning someone else might be thinking of you and feeling touched by your voice.

I hope you find this reply helpful. Please write back if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,
Desperate to stay Dated

Cell phone etiquette and turning down dates

Dear Ms. Mind Over Manners,

I have a really hard time with dating. For some, getting a date is easy. For others it is like an extra in the movie “Clueless” when you do it perfectly but others botch it up, at which time you become perfect and should obey. No, this retort, this argument entirely, means that Aragon is coming from his heart to truly discover women. For when he does, he will find himself challenged beyond comprehension. He will find himself pitted against such fierce and awesome competition, it will take all the strength of muscle and mind he can muster to keep up. If I may quote one of the more powerful women in history, what he will not find is inferiority, but power, “...not dark, but beautiful and terrible as the dawn!” Trachescus as the sea! Stronger than the foundations of the Earth! All shall love me and despair!”

Fallen soldiers will be missed

Editor,

I was able to attend the memorial service last Thursday. Although I did not know him, I was moved by the obvious grief felt by his family, family and friends. I would encourage students to go to the Mustang statue and read the names of those who graduated here just like we will, and then died fighting for our country. Questions, what motivated them to be willing to sacrifice themselves. No matter what your position on the war in Iraq, the attacks on me and my May 20 letter (“Commentary used a loaded word”) were flammable: “Superfluous? Perhaps...but only until the competition, it will take all the strength of muscle and mind he can muster to keep up. If I may quote one of the more powerful women in history, what he will not find is inferiority, but power, “...not dark, but beautiful and terrible as the dawn!” Trachescus as the sea! Stronger than the foundations of the Earth! All shall love me and despair!”

FALLON SHAHAM is an architecture junior and a person.

Editor

I’d like to suggest to Aragon and his female friends that the e-mail. Unfortunately, I can’t quite fathom the retort of Greg Baer (“Mind Over Manners”) and human nature.

Michael Swanson is a philosophy senior.

Men and women: Neither is superior

Editor,

I found Greg Aragon’s letter arguing that “men are by far the superior gender” extremely offensive (“Women are superfluous until dikes are dirty,” May 23). He says of women: “Superfluous? Perhaps...but only until the superior gender is synonymous with roles like cleaning flatware.” He appears to deride women for taking on the same roles that men once did. I say: Give us back our power, let us make our own choices... Then we’ll see roles start to lessen up and define themselves. And when we do, he will find himself challenged beyond comprehension. He will find himself pitted against such fierce and awesome competition, it will take all the strength of muscle and mind he can muster to keep up. If I may quote one of the more powerful women in history, what he will not find is inferiority, but power, “...not dark, but beautiful and terrible as the dawn!” Trachescus as the sea! Stronger than the foundations of the Earth! All shall love me and despair!”

Austin Golden is an art and design senior.

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Editor,

I was puzzled to read David Peres’ and Joshua Kob’s attacks on me and my May 20 letter (“Commentary used a loaded word!”). Presumably Peres and Kob set out to address the arguments I put forth in my recent letter, where in I offered a more detailed point that Randi Block’s flawed argument in support of same-sex marriage.

I would be happy to engage in a debate with any of these men as part of the exchange of ideas. If you had any serious interest in the debate, I would be happy to engage in a debate with any of these men as part of the exchange of ideas.

Steve Hill is the editor in chief.
Opinion

Overprotective parents need to look at what's important

Walk onto any elementary school campus and you will immediately notice one thing: kids have been pinned to the ground by several security guards and possibly a Dobberman pinscher.

Parents, too, seem to be preoccupied with safety. People who grew up in the 1950s and 1960s not only hate to tell us how they played with sharp objects out in the streets with strangers for days at a time. Now, though, they must make sure everyone is safe. And don't even think about using your imagination or just playing with your friends. But what is all this about when it comes to sex?

You're probably like me, a high school student, and go to school on a daily basis with only a couple of seconds from the time you get to school until you get home. So instead of doing anything after school, most people go to their rooms for a bit of leisure. And when they do, most kids don't even think about what is going on in the world. But what about when it comes to sex?

Parents, for one, blame sex on the media. According to Senate Democrats, Bush has appointed only far right judges to the federal court system. According to them, this is because of the Senate right to filibuster Bush. This is a skewed outlook because liberals think that the Senate would have enough women to be against abortion. Ms. Färber ("Senate right to filibuster Bush") agreed with the Senate Democrats and said that the Senate right to filibuster Bush is not in the best interest of the country. Additionally, I have been reading the "sex" column, as I call it, in Mustang Daily and I have been appalled by what I have read. I have been reading the "sex" column for two years now, and I have learned a lot from it. It has been a source of comfort for me, and I have enjoyed it. But what about when it comes to sex?

If you teach kids that, sure, there are quite a few things in the world they need to be careful of but also let them know that they are safe and loved, and show them what is socially acceptable by your own actions, they'll turn out just fine.

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I'm, too sexy for this campus

A ll this talk about monogamy is a toss, sexual escapades and how to please women hasn't been wearing off on me. In fact, I've been reading the "sex" column, as I call it, since the beginning of my resolution to read the Mustang Daily every day, and yet I haven't gained a single date out of the whole endeavor.

The only way to be older, but my testosterone levels haven't leveled off quite yet. And don't get me wrong ladies - when you see a guy standing at a party, probably not because he is sober, but because you are. And maybe it is a bit of an enjoyment thing, but it is definitely not a necessary action. So take me for an example. When I was a child, my parents spent a lot of time on a Macrovision Association of America's guidelines for the age-appropriateness of films. Even though I demonstrated maturity in the Commentary sense that I got pretty good grades (except in " Citizenship") I never burned down the house (or any section of it) and brushed my teeth every day (I don't brush, though - call me a rebel). I was still technically not allowed to see PG-13 movies a dozen years sooner than my birthday in 1996. Fast-forward to high school. Since I was deprived of seeing "inappropriate" movies earlier on, I hadn't seen too many horror flicks. I, however, thought it would be a good idea if we watched the 1992 film, "Candyman," with a freaky dude with a hook for a hand who would kill you if you said his name in the mirror five times. Though I tried to watch most of the movie through my finger, I still caught plenty of gore (see: dog, headless) and was utterly shaken. For months, I avoided being anywhere near the theater. This proved to be a problem since several situations inadvertently occurred inside our home. Naturally, I got over it, and returned to a normal life surrounded by shiny surfaces.

My point is that I am a total n00b. No, wait, that wasn't my point. My point is that parents, in their quest to protect their children, sometimes focus too much on little things and end up freaking out their offspring later in life. Do I think parents need to be careful about what their children watch and do? Of course. But for what purpose are these prohibitive activities for kids rather than worrying and restricting what they can do will end up better for everyone? Don't get me wrong - I see too many parents who give in to their children because they can't say "no" to anything. And while I can see that kids should learn to be respectful to other people's belongings, I can't see that being taught to respect other people's belongings is as important as teaching kids how to respect the rights of other people.

More letters to the editor

Who are the far right?

Editor,

Lately I've been hearing the term "far right," but in its context, it is always associated with people who are against the idea of gay marriage. For example, when I write to-filibuster Bush and his appointees," May 20) and many other journalists commonly call anti-abortion advocates the "far right." When I think of the far right, I think of a libertarian. A libertarian would call all subsidies government unconstitutional and end all social programs altogether. Today's media has coined the phrase far right, which upon hearing the term, would say to themselves, "Ohhoh! Those mean right far people," but in reality it is just that one belief. According to Senate Democrats, Bush has appointed far right judges to the federal court system. But to this day, I don't see a scary movie that doesn't include that; it's the main theme to all of the movies I've ever seen. There are a few that I've seen that don't have a scary theme, but they are mainstream. Next time you hear the phrase "far right," think of a libertarian. A libertarian would call all subsidies government unconstitutional and end all social programs altogether. Today's media has coined the phrase far right, which upon hearing the term, would say to themselves, "Ohhoh! Those mean right far people," but in reality it is just that one belief.

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KevK Or (James) Lau is a materials engineering student.

Let's not get carried away

Editor,

I certainly hope that Caitlin O'Farrell's valid thinking is not representative of the Mustang Daily's editorial ability. When she states the Patriots' Super Bowl victory after Sept. 11 as proof of U.S. media propaganda ("U.S. news based on patriotic propaganda," May 12), I can't help but wonder how much time she has been spending on those feverishly paranoid conspiracy sites all over the web. What's next? Will Ms. O'Farrell start telling us that if you fold a $20 bill "just so" you get a picture of the burns Twin Towers, then prove that the "Jewish cabal" and the Freemasons were behind the attacks?

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'Learn by doing' things in other majors

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Mustang Daily staff writer who is still usually big trouble with his mom.

Editor,

I learned so much from this class that I am a total sissy. No, but it seems my technique to "let the fun in" has been working. But to this day, I don't see a scary movie that doesn't include that; it's the main theme to all of the movies I've ever seen. There are a few that I've seen that don't have a scary theme, but they are mainstream. Next time you hear the phrase "far right," think of a libertarian. A libertarian would call all subsidies government unconstitutional and end all social programs altogether. Today's media has coined the phrase far right, which upon hearing the term, would say to themselves, "Ohhoh! Those mean right far people," but in reality it is just that one belief.

Blake Bolton is an industrial technology sophomore.

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Carrey plays God 'almighty' well

By Annie Krumhardt

Jim Carrey gives God a break in his latest comedy, 'Bruce Almighty.'

Students take to the director's chair

By Randi Block

Move over Spielberg, Cal Poly's newest directors are making their debut this weekend at the One Act Festival.

Students take to the director's chair
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chemistry, which creates sheer energy from beginning to end. Jennifer Aniston and Carrey make a wonderful comedic couple. Aniston seems very well-fitted for this type of supporting role, similar to that of "Office Space," in which she also co-starred as the girlfriend. Carrey and Freeman create an ideal comedic duo. Freeman, who was perfectly cast for this role, plays off of Carrey's crazy comedic antics with an unwavish charm. When Carrey recreates Moses' parting of the Red Sea in a bowl of soup, Freeman appears and says, "Having fun?" These morsebs of unexpected humor from Freeman enhance Carrey's own comedic presence throughout the entire film.

There are various aspects of this movie, I found to be reminiscent of Carrey's previous performances. "Bruce Almighty" contains some "Ace Ventura"-esque outrageousness, yet still remains grounded. Like "Liar, Liar," also directed by Tom Shadyac, this movie conveys the remarkable pairing of Carrey and Jeff Daniels in "Dumb and Dumber," however, avoids the same过度 of caricature. The hands-on experience of this class is valuable for students planing to have a career in this field. "It really helps them understand the process," Schnupp said. "They are absolutely all their work. They were given free time." One of the main adjustments the directors faced was learning to work with their peers while retaining control of the production. "It was really fun and challenging at the same time," Buskirk said. "You had to learn to balance being a friend and being in charge. You wanted to goof off, but you had to use the time you had to get stuff done." The process began at the audition, where anyone in the public was invited to read for the plays. Since most who auditioned were students, the directors were forced to evaluate their peers to find the most suitable person for the part. "It went pretty well," Buskirk said. "They automatically gave a good percentage of the part to the directors." The rest of the process went to perfecting the plays for the festival, directors and actors coming together to ensure a quality product. It was a really unique but great experience," said math junior Kaitlin Wood. "They really worked with our schedules and were pretty open to listening to our ideas." There were also technical and costume crews that helped the directors really bring the plays to life for the final production. All 12 quarters of work is in anticipation of this weekend and everyone involved has high hopes for the festival. "I really hope we have a great turn-out," Schnupp said. "People can finally see what their fellow students have been up to all this time.

"We've just been acting for ourselves most of the time," Wood said. "It will be nice to say the funny lines in front of a live audience and hear people laugh.

Tickets are $3 for one set of three plays and are on first come, first served basis.
There are no Italians in this job

Mark Wahlberg, Edward Norton, Seth Green, Mos Def, Charlene Theron and Jason Statham star in the remake of the 1969 Italian Job.

By Christy Lemire

MARK WALBERG

By Josh Peavler

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CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

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Sports

Cal Poly’s Athletes of the Year

The icing on the cake

Cal Poly’s Athletics of the Year were named at Night of the Mustang Wednesday. Junior basketball player Varnie Dennis (left) and senior track athlete Tyrone Ward were Co-Male Athletes of the Year, while senior track athlete Stephanie Brown was Female Athlete of the Year.

Brown, Dennis and Ward pick up honors at Night of the Mustang

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