Wind orchestra plays finale

The Cal Poly wind orchestra will perform its final concert of the season Saturday in the Performing Arts Center.

"You can open your eyes to a different type of music and support your fellow students," she said. "We have worked hard and this is a nice end product."

Guest soloist Brian Bowman will play the euphonium, a tenor tuba, to accompany the Cal Poly musicians. Bowman plays the euphonium at events around the world and is a music professor at the University of North Texas, one of the top music schools in the country.

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Mosque vandalism possible hate crime

By Devin Kingdon

San Luis Obispo may be the latest in a national trend of increased post-Sept. 11 hate crimes after vandals smashed the stained glass door of the Islamic Center of the Central Coast May 9.

The attack occurred sometime between the 3 a.m. prayer at the mosque and the 10 a.m. prayer.

"They bashed in the stained glass door with some type of object, like a hammer," said business senior and former Muslim Student Association President Usman Amin. "Glass was shattered throughout the mosque, all the way to the back door. There was broken glass everywhere."

The incident caused some members of the mosque to believe it was a hate crime, despite the San Luis Obispo Police Department's insistence that it was not.

There was nothing to make detectives think it was a hate crime; rocks were thrown through lots of buildings downtown, police spokespersons said.

Passed in 1998, California's legislation defined hate crimes as "acts of intimidation, harassment, physical force, or the threat of physical force directed against any person or family, or their property or advocate, motivated by hostility to the real or perceived ethnic background, national origin, religious belief, gender, age, disability, or sexual orientation, with the intention of causing fear and intimidation."

The center has had two other windows on the side of the building broken since Sept. 11, 2001, and members have also received numerous death threats.

Mosque members point to the fact that the Muslim Student Association sponsored a lecture on the situation in Palestine and Israel that night entitled, "No Justice, No Peace," as evidence that it was a hate crime. The lecture featured two speakers, history professor Mustaf Foroohar and a Jewish peace activist, who spoke about her recent visit to Palestinian territory.

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Poly engineer the top researcher in CSU

By Andy Fahey

The myth that engineers can't write can be thrown out the window — for at least one Cal Poly student anyway.

Electrical engineering senior Jake Schaffner won the engineering and computer science undergraduate division of the California State University 2003 Student Research Competition last month. He won it for his research and involvement with Cal Poly's first-ever satellite, the CFI CubeSat.

Schaffner left the competition $400 richer and with the title of the top engineering researcher in the CSU system.

"It's good to keep the research up at each campus with the CSUs because we don't traditionally think of the CSUs as intensive research (facilities) like the UCs and Stanford and all those guys," said Carlos Murillo, a competitor in the graduate division of the biological and agricultural sciences. "It's really exciting to see that there's students in the CSUs who are doing top-notch research. It's good to be a part of that and I want to make sure our students continue with that and represent our campus."

CFI is part of the Cal Poly Picosatellite Project (PolySat) and is tentatively scheduled to launch into space from Russia next spring. The satellite is designed to provide a reliable bus system to allow for flight qualification of a wide variety of small sensors and attitude control devices, according to polysat.calpoly.edu. For its launch next year the satellite will flight test a sensor that will provide the orientation of the satellite relative to the sun.

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Students fling food fast, furiously

(Front) Architectural engineering senior Nick Murphy watches architectural engineering senior Peter Swanson waiting to release the trebuchet, a catapult-like device powered by a 300-pound concrete weight. Murphy, Swanson and architectural engineering senior Andrew Hogue launched $30 of fruit, including cantaloupes, watermelons and apples. The trebuchet was the three students' quarter-long senior project.
Housing plan topic of today’s student meeting

By Jenni Mintz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Future Cal Poly students may face less stress when searching for housing because of a plan to construct a village on campus.

Students can spread their vision for the Student Housing North project from 2 to 4 p.m. June 4 in UU room 106.

This is the last meeting students can attend to influence the administration before quarter’s end, said Teresa Hendrix, media relations in the public affairs office.

“Getting more housing for Cal Poly students is part of Cal Poly’s Master Plan because the housing market is so difficult for students,” Hendrix said. “The workshop is looking at traffic circulation, services needed there and landscaping. I know the administration really wants to hear from students.”

The new housing is expected to be completed by fall 2006, house 2,700 students and be built north of Brizzolara Creek, according to the Cal Poly Outlook Web site.

The housing complex will have one, two and four-bedroom apartments with a full kitchen, fitness facilities, swimming pool and retail food. Construction of the apartments will begin in late 2003, according to the Student Housing North Web site.

Like Cerro Vista Apartments, which students are to occupy this fall, Housing North will be in an apartment style, allowing students to have more privacy.

“The physical design provides a setting for the residential learning program to flourish, and capitalizes on the environmental assets of the site, embodying the following ideas,” said executive vice-provost Linda Dalton on the Web site.

Overall, students don’t seem very interested in attending the meeting but see its benefits.

“I can see how it would be beneficial to help the community to alleviate the problems of all the renters,” computer engineering freshman Jeffrey Wong said. “They’ve done a good job with Cerro Vista. It is not like we would want to live there as upperclassmen. This will make our town a lot happier.”

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Cal Poly spokesperson

Correction: In Monday’s article “Bently the namesake of new ME building,” Bently founded the Donald E. Bently Center for Engineering Innovation. There is no new building for mechanical engineering department Jim Meagher is the director for the center.
Woman killed after falling from roller coaster at Holiday World amusement park in Indiana

SANTA CLAUS, Ind. — State inspectors found nothing wrong with a roller coaster where a passenger fell and died over the weekend, authorities said.

The death Saturday night of Tamar Fellner, 32, of New York was classified as an accident, according to a state official with the Indiana Department of Fire and Building Safety. The investigation continued Monday.

"The park has an excellent safety record," Taylor said. "They are very concerned about their patrons.

William Koch, Holiday World president, said that the six-car train had 20 people aboard when it left the station and all were strapped in with a seat belt and bar restraint.

Details of the death remained sketchy. Investigators said only that the woman fell from the ride.

"There were a variety of concerns they had, none of which fit into a neat category," said Underwood, New chief investigator with the Winn County Criminal Hospital. "These were the days before anybody talked about the so-called Gulf War Syndrome."

After years in mountains, Olympic bomb suspect Rudolph appears in court

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Captured after five years on the run, Olympic bombing suspect Eric Rudolph appeared in a North Carolina courtroom Monday and was promptly flown to Alabama to be tried first in a deadly 1998 abortion clinic bombing.

Rudolph, wearing shackles and a blue ballpoint pen, spoke only briefly at the 15-minute hearing before U.S. District Judge Lucy Thompson in Asheville, N.C., where he acknowledged his identity and accepted a transfer to Alabama. He did not enter a plea.

"I am going to straighten this out," attorney Sean Devereux, appointed to the case by a federal judge, told Rudolph, who reportedly has been living in central Asia.

"Yes, your honor." Rudolph will face trial first in North Carolina on charges that he placed the explosion near the abortion clinic.

Two Iraqis killed, US soldiers injured in mosque attack

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A man on a motorcycle tossed a grenade at a U.S. armored vehicle outside a Baghdad mosque, injuring two U.S. soldiers and sparking a firefight that killed two Iraqis bystanders, witnesses said Monday.

The ambush took place Sunday in the city's Amsayyah neighborhood, where support for Saddam Hussein remains high and many bristle at the American presence.

Abdulrahim was one of the last sections of Baghdad to fall during the American invasion and the last place Saddam was seen alive. He made a brief appearance there that was captured on a videotape that surfaced more than a week later.

A pair of Iraqi prisoners said Monday that a motorcycle turned a grenade that exploded on the armored vehicle, injuring a pair of soldiers guarding the Abu Hanifa mosque and the busy intersection outside its walls.

As the man and the motorcycle drove through crowded market stalls and a narrow alley, snipers in surrounding buildings opened fire on the Americans.

Pope and Powell meet, discuss reconstruction of Iraq

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II and Secretary of State Colin Powell discussed the reconstruction of Iraq on Monday during the first high-level U.S.-Vatican talks since the penis…
I think there are two possibilities as to what happened that night," said Faysal Kolkailah, aerospace engineering professor and founder of the Muslim Center of the Central Coast. "One is that it just randomly happened, the other is that it was a hate crime. I think that someone came to the lecture that night, got angry with someone, and reacted with violence. I'm almost 100 percent sure that is what occurred."

"It's disturbing," he said. "It doesn't make sense. If we're going to commit these kinds of acts here in America, we cannot continue blaming people overseas for everything."

Anti-Islamic incidents surged dramatically after Sept. 11. Crimes against Arabs had previously been the second most-reported among religious bias incidents, according to the FBI's 2001 Uniform Crime Reporting Program Hate Crime Statistics. With a total of 481 episodes, attacks against Americans of Arab descent were second only to anti-Jewish incidents, which totaled 1,043.

But despite the broken glass, the incident has not changed the perception that most members of the center have of the San Luis Obispo community.

"This one incident won't change how I feel about San Luis (Obispo)," Khan said. "There are knowledgeable and dumb people in every city in the country. I wouldn't hold this against the community as a whole. We have gotten a lot of positive reaction from all of the community. We have received death threats, but we get more loving phone calls thanking us for being here.

The center services about 500 Muslims on the central coast, which totaled 1,043. Muslims and many people don't understand that. Don't judge the book by the people; judge the people by the book."

"Our musicians enjoy playing for the community but when students are in the audience, they bring an excitement, a certain electricity, to the hall," said William Johnson, music professor.

"It is world-renowned and we are lucky to have him here," Johnson said.

Music senior and euphonium player Jordan Ray will perform Figaro In Stereo with Bowman.

Ray has followed Bowman's career as an euphonium player and said he looks forward to performing with him. Ray described Bowman as a pioneer in the music world, making a name for his instrument since a long gap in euphonium recordings.

"Any time you play with someone that is well established, you always learn something," Ray said.

Music professor and conductor William Johnson said Ray is one of the top college euphonium players in the state. This summer, Ray will perform at the International Youth Wind Orchestra in Sweden.

Music junior Jane Jacobs is the student conductor for the concert. She will be leading the students in the Top college euphonium players in the state. This summer, Ray will perform at the International Youth Wind Orchestra in Sweden.

"As a performer, it is hard to play for other people because you want it to be perfect," she said. "Playing there helps you realize that you need to enjoy every moment and appreciate the time you have to play."

"We wanted the community to see for themselves," Kolkailah said. "It was really well received and covered by all the local media; we will probably have another in the fall once Cal Poly starts up again."

"We've had people come up to the center and disagree with us, but they have always been civil," Amin said. "We also get a lot of people telling us that it's great we're out there."

Last year rumors started circulating that the center, located on San Luis Rosa Street near the police station, was assembling bombs in the building. Instead of going on the defensive, the center decided to have an open house.

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In the meantime, the center has had its front door and will continue as usual. "A lot of the media has been kind," Kolkailah said. "News networks like Fox News give a bad representation of Muslims and many people don't understand that. Don't judge the book by the people; judge the people by the book."

"We reported the broken glass at around midnight," Kolkailah said. "We wanted to have a place to worship, but to also build a bridge within the community between and people of all religions. Our goal hasn't changed, but it didn't take long to figure out that there was a lot of ignorance in both the community and students."

The center has taken steps to combat these types of occurrences. They reported the incident to the Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), which then referred these cases to congress. CAIR is the largest Islamic civil liberties group in America.

The center also has a booth every Thursday at Farmers Market downtown to promote discussion and improve community relations.

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Student cartoonists use Poly Ink to wet their quills

By Emily Frydendal
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The first time I read David Iseri's comic strip "Modicum of Mayhem," I was instantly reminded of actor John Cusack. In his greatest 1980s — "Better Off Dead" and "One Crazy Summer" — Cusack plays an imaginative cartoonist who draws himself into scenes about everyday life and its annoyances, all of which involve not only a sense of humor, but an eerie randomness that makes them most relatable.

The difference between Cusack's character's and those in "Modicum of Mayhem," however, revolves solely around the fact that as a second-year architecture major and art minor, Iseri's impressive characters live out experiences that only Cal Poly is capable of dishing up.

"I've been drawing comics pretty seriously for about four years now," Iseri said, "although my earliest comics can be traced back to like second or third grade. I think I still have some of those laying around at home."

Some of the plot lines that "Modicum" comics possess include frustrations with Poly's notoriously demanding architecture classes; odd, conversation-starting movies like "The Ring;" and the maddening dependency of Poly students on AOL Instant Messenger.

One strip in the series even mocks and celebrates Northern California's use of the word "hella." "Dude, Dave's comics are hella tight!" said Miriam Gee, an architecture sophomore. "Sometimes I have no idea what they're about, but they're always hella funny."

In addition to being the creator of the comic strip and many other works of comic art, which sufficiently amuse both himself and his friends, Iseri is also the vice president of Cal Poly's comic art club, Poly Ink. The club was created in 1993, Poly Ink President Greg Polynis said. Free to join, it hosts fundraisers and sells artwork from time to time, but mainly serves as a common ground for people who love to draw.

"There are many styles of art and writing, on basically any subject," Polynis said. "Poly Ink prides itself on the freedom of expression that comics offer the artist."

Iseri's other comic works involve short stories that vary in length from four to 12 pages. It's in these longer works that he incorporates "psychotic 8 year olds, monsters and missiles."

Iseri self-publishes all of the work that he does, both on the Web and in the form of mini-comics. But ideally, he'd like to be picked up by a publisher.

"I love drawing," he said. "I do have a dream of becoming a professional comic book creator one day."

With a comic strip like "Modicum of Mayhem" and supportive friends, Iseri's comic career looks like it may go further than that of Cusack's character.

"All Dave's work is killer!" Polynis said. "The page layouts are dynamic, and the character expressions crack me up. Being an architecture student, I've developed a bad habit of overanalyzing and planning my work. After reading Dave's comics, I can remember and appreciate chaotic randomness."

To view more of Davis Iseri's comics, visit his Web site at www.allstarkrew.net/dave.
As the anticipation of summer builds up and views of the quarter's end become clearer, the long-awaited summer concert tours are almost a reality. The warm weather sets the perfect tone for the ultimate outdoor concert experience.

From metal to punk to pop and all the slamming guitar riffs in between, this summer has a firm foundation for musical magic. Here's a highlight of the biggest tours.

**Van's Warped Tour**

All the young punks are coming out to play this summer. A.F.I., The Ataris, Dropkick Murphys, Less Than Jake, Me First and the Gimme Gimmes, Pennywise, Rancid, Simple Plan, The Used and Yellowcard are among the gathering of more than 50 punk bands set to rock the mosh pit at this year's Warped Tour.

"It is the best show to go see all summer," said computer science sophomore Shane Niebergall. "The multiple stages and awesome bands create a craziness that lasts all day."

California dates are scheduled between July 8 and 13, with tickets costing roughly $27. [www.warpedtour.com](http://www.warpedtour.com)

**Lollapalooza**

After a six-year hiatus, the Lollapalooza festival will explode onto the main circuit this summer with renewed passion. Perry Farrell, front man for Jane's Addiction, organized the first Lollapalooza in 1991, and the tour continued through 1997. A conglomerate of this year's premium alternative rock bands, Lollapalooza will be anything but disappointing.

Jane's Addiction leads a squad that includes Audioslave, Incubus, Queens of the Stone Age, Jurassic 5, A Perfect Circle, The Donnas, The Distillers and Cold.

Non-profit organizations will advocate causes such as environmental conservation and children's programs as part of the festival's "World of Just Because," according to the festival's Web site.

The tour hits California in mid-August. Ticket prices range from $50 to $70. [www.lollapalooza.com](http://www.lollapalooza.com)

**Ozzfest**

All heavy metal fans be prepared to rock out hardcore with Ozzy Osbourne and his rock companions: Marilyn Manson, Korn, Disturbed, Chevelle and The Datsuns will rage alongside Ozzy during the eighth-annual Ozzfest.

According to its Web site, Ozzfest started in 1996 and is currently "the tour that matters." With three California stops, Ozzfest ticket prices range from $50 to more than $100. [www.ozfest.com](http://www.ozfest.com)

Deftones front man Chino Moreno (top) will share the stage with the likes of Mudvayne, Limp Bizkit, Linkin Park and James Hetfield's Metallica (above) on the second installment of the Summer Sanitarium Tour. This outing will be the surefire hard rock rival for Ozzy Osbourne's (below) eponymous trek, Ozzfest.

"The music of Jack Johnson and Ben Harper is the kind that makes you want to take a frickin' road trip and sing at the top of your lungs," said social science sophomore Dana Matarson.

Both promoting their spring album releases, the down-to-earth musicians will perform eight shows in California. Tickets cost $37. [www.benharper.net](http://www.benharper.net)

Summer Sanitarium

With rock mayhem almost equal to Ozzfest, the Summer Sanitarium tour also screams out for the heavy metal fans. The tour includes Metallica, Limp Bizkit, Linkin Park, Deftones and Mudvayne. Only two California stops are scheduled for this tour:

Los Angeles on August 9 and San Francisco on August 10. Tickets cost about $55 to $75. [www.metallica.com](http://www.metallica.com)

**The Justified and Stripped Tour**

In the actualization of every 12-year-old girl's fantasy, Justin Timberlake and Christina Aguilera will hit the major arenas this summer for a non-stop pop tour.

Whether you are going to see the show out of sincere respect for the artists or love for your little sister, be prepared for a spectacle of stage pizazz and thousands of sobbing teenagers. The going rate for tickets is $40 to $70 for the five California shows.

Jack Johnson and Ben Harper

Teaming up for the chilliest concert of the summer, Johnson and Harper hit home with the laid-back crowd.

Mid-State Fair

Paso Robles is the only place to see shows ranging from Bob Dylan to O-Town. Toby Keith, Steely Dan, Peter Frampton and Creedence Clearwater Revisited, Kenny Chesney, Alan Jackson, Aaron Carter and Kenny Loggins also add to the unique blend of stage entertainment scheduled for this year's California Mid-State Fair.

Beginning in 1946, the fair added main stage musical entertainment in 1969 with Buck Owens. Since then, the fair has provided Central Coast residents with a venue for popular entertainers.

"Vines, Wines and Western Times" is the theme for this 12-day event which starts July 23 and running until August 5. The main concerts cost between $23 and $45. Don't forget to check out the carnival rides and agricultural contests. [www.midstatefair.com](http://www.midstatefair.com)

All tour dates and prices were collected from pollstar.com, ticketmaster.com and each tour's Web site.

Concert-goers looking for the more laid-back, acoustic sounds will enjoy the team of Ben Harper and Jack Johnson (above) this summer. Locals can take in the country vibe of Alan Jackson (below) at the Mid-State Fair.

For more concerts and events taking place this summer, check out [www.mustangdaily.calpoly.edu](http://www.mustangdaily.calpoly.edu)
In Review

New ‘Weird Al’ opus better suited for true fans

By Michael Marquez  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

"Weird Al" Yankovic’s latest release, "Poodle Hat," comes after a four-year break from his 1999 release "Running With Scissors." "Scissors" is hailed as Yankovic’s strongest album with such hits as "Pretty Fly For A Rabbi," "My Baby’s In Love With Eddie Vedder" and "It’s All About The Pentiums."

Personally, I thought "Scissors" was the worst album I’d ever listened to way back in those high school days, but after listening to "Poodle Hat," this album takes the cake as one of the worst albums of all time. I was left disappointed from the initial song to the last song on the album. I kept a straight face through the entire album and there was nothing laugh-out-loud funny.

"Poodle Hat" is the same as every other Yankovic album, with half of the album consisting of parodies of MTV pop hits and half consisting of original songs.

Among the original songs, not one is worth listening to, but the worst of the worst are "Wanna B Ur Lovr" and "Why Does This Always Happen To Me?"

"Wanna B Ur Lovr" is done in a Prince style sexy voice and comes off really cheesy. Basically, it’s just a bunch of really bad pick-up lines, as well as some off the wall comments. The song has no substance.

"Why Does This Always Happen To Me?" is Yankovic's tongue-in-cheek rant about natural disasters and fiery car crashes. He complains about a news bulletin that interrupts "The Simpsons" television show to broadcast a report on an earthquake that killed 30,000 people in Peru and a car crash that killed a friend who still owed him $5. The song is lame and not funny at all.

Yankovic’s strength isn’t coming up with original material, but doing parodies of current pop hits. The parodies consist of such MTV artists as Eminem, Nelly, Avril Lavigne, Backstreet Boys and Billy Joel, as well as a polka medley that includes songs by Papa Roach, System Of A Down, The Vines, The Hives, The White Stripes, The Strokes, Disturbed, Rage Against The Machine, Limp Bizkit, Strand, Kid Rock, P.O.D. and Eminem.

The song "Couch Potato" is based on Eminem’s "Lose Yourself" and was meant to be released as a single. No real laugh out loud moments or anything, but some catchy lines. The song is about a culture obsessed with television and sitting on couch all day watching television. Yankovic has done TV songs much better in the past, and one almost exactly the same in "Can’t Watch This."

"Trash Day" is a parody of Nelly’s "Hot In Herre" and is probably one of his worst songs ever. I almost couldn’t get through the whole track. All attempts to listen to that song again have failed, as I just can’t get through it without skipping it. Bad joke to begin with and it’s just not pulled off at all.

"A Complicated Song" is a parody of Avril Lavigne’s "Complicated" and is the best parody on the album. I wasn’t expecting much out of this song, but it surprised me. None of the verses really went along with each other, but the melody held up over the entire song. The second verse of this song is the best on the album.

Weird Al’s albums are designed for the middle school scene and possibly all the way down as far away from this album as possible. Hardcore fans of Yankovic will probably enjoy the album anyway, but others will probably hope that it’s another four years until they have to hear from him again.
A columnist's farewell: Going out with a bang

W ell, summer has arrived. The hills behind your dorms are covered with green, the women on campus are wearing files of clothes (try the way, please accept my heart-felt thank you for that) and also, this is my last column for the year. While I am sure this concept has put a smile on your faces, I assure you, it won't last. Over the course of this year I found that while some of you really like me, a legion of you really hate me, and you're not shy about that at all.

This year your humble columnist has received countless letters to the editor concerning his columns. While a few were letters of praise, many were letters of contempt. While a few were thought out and well structured, many were blatant personal attacks from either side of the political spectrum. To that category, my journalistic integrity prevented me from responding and crushing your frail little egos like Star Jones having sex with Clay Aiken. Unfortunately for you, I am not a political science major. You responded to me, now's my chance to respond to you.

That's why the people who decide when and the president being commander in chief. Sorry; I don't speak German. I don't have to. We would. But hey, if you want to live in a country where the military calls the shots, I hear贵州省 to Latin America and Africa are really cheap these days; I'm sure your dissent will be welcome there.

One person who didn't like me actually compared my support for Bush to a German supporter. "I salute Holbus. HEIL HOLBUS!" Excuse me? Speeches Sie Deutschen? I'm surprised you don't have a Nazi flag hanging on your wall, too. You see, 50 years ago Americans rose up, killed a personification of evil and saved the world. Just like we did again this March.

With eyes like an eagle, John has somehow been able to sit through the mounds of news and break it down into realistic terms ... I applaud John's use of ethnic stereotypes ... Like John, I am against liberal hypocrisy and being PC. I am also against the irrational hatred of my country and the people of my country. You really like me, a legion of you really hate me, and you're not shy about that at all.

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Letters to the editor

Time to bring back banana board?

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Ideal of marriage is unchanging

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Homosexual marriage violates one of these rules.

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Government’s Iraqi weapons claims misleading

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"I never associated Applebee's with being a friend of the Arayan brotherhood."
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Rebecca Hazen

"It is not necessary to wear a new leather coat. It is not necessary to use cosmetic products tested on animals the way that we do?"

Many students are concerned with protecting the rights of animals. But when it comes to protecting animal rights, the issue is really closer to our own criminal justice system.

Animals cannot go to court. They cannot sit in the stand at a trial. They cannot testify to what they have witnessed. But we, as humans, can make a decision to treat our fellow animals as we would ourselves.

The reason that we treat animals poorly is because we do not see them as equals. We see them as tools or resources. We see them as objects, not as beings with rights.

But what if we were to treat animals as we would treat humans? Would we be any different in our decisions? Would we be any more compassionate?

I believe that we would be. We would be more likely to consider the rights of animals, just as we do for human rights. We would be more likely to protect them, just as we do for human protection.

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Colleges nationwide debate constitutionality of speech codes

By Jennifer Bear

"Students have a tiny fraction of the free speech rights enjoyed by the larger society."

Greg Luckianoff
Director of FIRE's legal and public advocacy

We're back to the juggling act, and members of the speech and ensuring that campus balance between protecting free commentary, such as university students from potentially hateful language has focused on inflammatory

Free speech versus protecting students from verbal harassment has become a difficult issue. Luckianoff said FIRE's goal in filing lawsuits against universities in every federal appellate circuit is to rid the country of college student conduct policies, e-mail policies, sexual harassment policies, diversity statements and all other policies that the organization believes amount to no more than speech codes.

"It doesn't have to be called a speech code to be a speech code," Luckianoff said.

He added that FIRE has been flooded with student complaints about abuses of their First Amendment rights, and rather than addressing the issue on a case by case basis, FIRE decided to go after the problem systematically. Luckianoff said FIRE's goal in filing lawsuits against universities in every federal appellate circuit is to rid the country of college student conduct policies, e-mail policies, sexual harassment policies, diversity statements and all other policies that the organization believes amount to no more than speech codes.

"If you know where you are, you can use that to look at the orientation of the spacecraft," said aerospace engineering professor Jordi Puig-Suari. Schaffner's advice for the competition and PolySat project director. The project is comprised of a core group of about 20 people, but Schaffner said CFI saw CFI from start to finish. He was the satellite's project manager, ticked off the overall electrical design, often putting in 25 to 30 hours per week during the project's two-plus year development.

His active role in bringing the CFI to life "is the main reason he won the award," says Puig-Suari.

"What set me apart was the unique approach," Schaffner said. "I wasn't just discussing research that had already been done. I wasn't just tagging along on a larger research team. I was actually in the front lines, trying to develop the project and put a lot of original ideas into the design."

CFI is a cube that measures about 4 inches on a side and weighs about 2 pounds. What other universities had done when designing a CubeSat was look at a satellite "the size of a school bus" and try to shrink that design to fit inside a CubeSat size box, Schaffner said.

"We realized early on that it didn't make sense to take that approach," he said. "Instead we designed it from the ground up, understanding that our problem was different from the problem that conventional satellite designers face."

Although he's the heart and soul of the CFI project, Schaffner initially worked on a satellite at Cuesta College. In fact, he started working with PolySat before he started at Cal Poly.

"We liked his work so much that we actually kind of stole him from Cuesta and put him to work with our electronics team over here," Puig-Suari said.

Puig-Suari sent Schaffner, Cal Poly also sent Murillo and Ashlee Seward to Stanislaus. Murillo, a graduate student in dairy products technology and food science lectures, presented his study of the microbial ecology in milk powder manufacture. He said his research was important because it's a direct application to the food industry in that he is learning ways to improve the quality of milk powder, making it safer for such food products as pancake mix, desserts, chips and infant formulas.

Steward, meanwhile, took part in the humanities and letters section of the competition. The English senior conducted her research on gender stereotypes in advertising.

She originally began the project in their athletes. (Recreational drug use) is going to be policed is through your teammates, and what's going on there in terms of leadership. That will be the true test, not the parents, not the coach."
FDA issues ephedra warning

Sports

Performance-enhancing drugs

> Food and Drug Administration now requires warning labels in wake of Orioles pitcher’s death

By Erin Saylor

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Labels indicating risks of heart attacks, seizures or death will now be required for all products containing the herbal supplement ephedra, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has announced.

The decision follows the death of Baltimore Orioles prospective pitcher Steve Bechler on Feb. 17 that was linked to the use of a supplement containing ephedra. Major League Baseball decided this week to ban ephedra use in its minor league divisions in light of its death.

The National Football League, the International Olympic Committee and the National Collegiate Athletics Association already prohibit the use of ephedra.

"We want to caution all Americans — particularly athletes and those who engage in strenuous activities — about using dietary supplements that contain ephedra," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson in a written statement. "There continues to be serious questions about the risks surrounding this particular dietary supplement.

Ephedra as an herbal supplement is often found in many over-the-counter products designed to help lose weight, enhance sports performance and increase energy.

The FDA said there was an increased risk for users of ephedra who are under the age of 18, exercise frequently or use caffeine or other stimulants. They added that health problems were not only limited to those who had extended use of ephedra — indicating it could cause problems with first-time users.

A recent study released by RAND Corp., a government-funded think tank, shows that using ephedra can lead to higher risks of heart palpitations, tremors and insomnia. The FDA said the RAND report also finds only limited evidence of the health benefits of the herbal supplement.

A study released last week reviewed more than 15,000 adverse events reports involving ephedra, including two deaths, four heart attacks, nine strokes, one seizure and five psychiatric cases, said American Medical Association Trustee Ron Davis in a written statement.

The warning label will "lay the legal groundwork needed for further regulatory restrictions," FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan said in a written statement.

Under the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994, the FDA does not review dietary supplements for safety and efficacy before they go on the market. But they reserve the power to take the drug off the market if it proves a significant risk.

The FDA regulates synthetic ephedrine found in some prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs such as nasal decongestants. It is the same substance as the active ingredient in ephedra, but the FDA said synthetic ephedrine has proven benefits and carries mandatory warning labels and has not been shown to have the same severe side effects as the ephedra herbal supplement.

The warning label says: "May cause death. Use only with medical supervision."

Hiking

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water. It is also a good idea to know what poison oak looks like before setting out to help avoid it on the trail.

Reservoir Canyon Natural Reserve

Take Highway 101 North to Reservoir Canyon Road. The trail entrance is at the end of the road on the right-hand side. This trail is really flat and perfect for the beginning hiker. For the average hiker, the trail takes an hour round trip. While hiking you may come across a reservoir that the city once used. It was abandoned years ago, Bennett said. Another attraction is a 10-foot waterfall at the beginning of the trail. This is Bennett’s favorite trail to hike on.

It is more secluded and not as popular as the other trails," he said. "It is more quiet and you get to enjoy nature with less human disturbances.

Cerro San Luis Natural Reserve

The only public access to this trail is at 101 South and exit at Marsh Street. Take the first left onto Foothill Road. From there you will see the parking lot and trail head.

Never heard of Cerro San Luis before? That might be because people usually call it the Madonna Peak at Marsh Street. Take the first left on 101 South and exit at Highland Drive. The entrance will be at the top of Highland Drive. Many people mistakenly take the exit at the top," Bennett said. "On a really clear day you can see Pismo Beach and Morro Bay."

Bishop Peak Natural Reserve

Get there by taking Foothill Boulevard to Patricia Drive. The entrance is on the left just past Patricia Court. Another way to take Santa Rosa Street and make a left on Highland Drive. The entrance will be at the top of Highland Drive. Many people mistakenly take the exit at the top.

“You can see most of the city from the top. On a really clear day you can see Pismo Beach and Morro Bay."

Joe Bennett, forestry senior

On Bishop Peak

This trail is not as steep as Bishop Peak, making it a good choice for inexperienced hikers.

The 45-minute loop known as the Lemon Grove Loop takes hikers just below the letter "M" on the mountainside. If you look for them, hikers may see the remaining trees from an old lemon grove. Bennett said. Out of all three trails mentioned in this article, the Lemon Grove Loop is the only trail that allows bike access.

Since this trail doesn’t take hikers very high up, it provides a unique view. You are looking across at the city, not down at it. It is a pretty cool view.

Bishop Peak Natural Reserve

Is you can see every­thing from the top, the top can even see my house," Osofsky said. "It’s good to go in early spring because it’s not too hot and it really green. I’ve also heard it’s good at sunrise and sunset."

So whether you are hiking for relaxation, inspiration or contemplation, the trails of San Luis Obispo will lead you in the right direction.
Walking out of her fourth yoga class of the week and sporting soccer shorts and a Cal Poly women's class of the week and sporting soccer and flexibility, which worked and now know how to push harder on peg kinesiology junior Liz Meija as tations is it has this kind of new-age as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Randall Randall lacrosse field. toward improving her game on the Mustang Daily Staff Writer of a golf course might feel like a old senior on the women's golf team, Ranch Golf Course when he sur­ swings before work at the Hunter Zaccy King, a 20-year-old junior on ter how beautiful a golf course might in a golf cart and relaxing on the fifth By Olga Berdial married in August came as no big surprise: They met Catelynne for safety reasons. Mainly respect other hikers and respect nature, Bennett said. "We both understand the commit­ menment it takes to play at the level that 1 feel, but I was a lot of fun." Since the two would practice and spend so much time together, eventu­ ally other teammates noticed the blossoming romance, Costello said. "I remember not knowing if I should ask, but when I finally did it was really cute because they started opening up about it," Costello said. In fact, between practicing, working, and going to school, the couple managed to spend time with each other every day, they said. "We found that we would talk for hours at a time, right after night, and eventually the relationship grew," King said. Once the two were officially a couple, their relationship moved rather fast, said business junior Alex Brug, King's roommate. "It's really helped my surfing," he said. "Zack's pretty quiet, and Staci's a little more outgoing," Cartwright said. "It's been good for both of them. It's a very exciting time for them." Cartwright agreed that the pair is a perfect match. "They get along like they're mar­ ried already," Costello said. "Their personalities perfectly compliment each other." "If you're the right person, and you're ready for that commitment, then you want to get married as soon as possible," Brug said. Davison and King might be anxi­ ous to be the first golf pair to wed. "I think it's the first golf marriage," Costello said. "It would be funny to see if there's more down the road." Davison and King are preparing to get married in August. Both are plan­ ning on returning to Cal Poly and graduating in the spring of 2004.

Cal Poly's Staci Davison and Zachary King

Mustang golfers found love on the links

By Olga Berdial
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

On a sunny fall afternoon, sitting in a golf cart and relaxing on the fifth tee of a golf course might feel like a picture-perfect moment. Yet no mat­ ter how beautiful a golf course might be, it's probably not where most women dream of being proposed to. But for Staci Davison, a 21-year- old senior on the women's golf team, an offer of marriage on the green was just par for the course. Davison and her then-boyfriend Zachary King, a 20-year-old junior on the men's golf team, were taking a few swings before work at the Hunter Ranch Golf Course when he surpris­ ed her with a ring.

"We were talking, and I had my head turned," said Davison, a child development major. "I turned my head back and Zack was there with the ring and said, "Staci, will you marry me?" and I said, "Yes, of course."

For friends of the couple, which has known each other for more than three years, the locale of the proposal came as no big surprise: They met while practicing their golf swings with former women's team member Ami Marie Costello, and the trio played golf together often, King said.

As Davison and King began to know each other better, however, they wanted more time for them­ selves, said Costello, now a profes­ sional golfer.

"Zack, Zack and I all started prac­ ticing together, but eventually they started practicing more by them­ selves," Costello said.

For King, a recreation administra­ tion major, the relationship just natu­ rally progressed from a friendship. "We hung out after practices whenever we could and even cooked each other dinner," King said. "It was a lot of fun."

During the couple's relationship, which has known each other for more than three years, the locale of the proposal came as no big surprise: They met while practicing their golf swings with former women's team member Ami Marie Costello, and the trio played golf together often, King said.

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By Andrea Svoboda
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Take a hike!
No really. San Luis Obispo has numerous trails for people of all hik­ ing abilities. Forestry senior Joe Bennett is a forester for the City of San Luis Obispo. He does trail maintenance and also supervises community service and volunteer workdays. Bennett also patrolled all the city parks and open spaces.

"It's good to go in early spring because it's not too hot and it's really green. I've also heard it's good at sunrise and sunset."

Rachel Oosfisky, mechanical engineering senior

On Bishop Peak

For an enjoyable hike it is impor­ tant to remember to use trail eti­ quette for safety reasons. Mainly respect other hikers and respect nature, Bennett said.

Trail etiquette, according to Bennett, is as follows:
1. Stay on the designated trail; do not shortcut.
2. Keep all dogs on a leash.
3. Please pick up after your dog.
4. Do not trespass on private lands.
5. Do not harass wildlife or live­ stock.

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