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Cal Poly defends censorship charge
By Caroline Lindahl
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly has been thrust into the media spotlight recently because of accusations from news pundits and academics alike that the university punished a student for posting a controversial flier last year.

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Halitosis. Clinical definition: the state or condition of having bad breath. Practical definition: social faux pas, kissing repellent, often resulting in isolation and fear.

Everyone has bad breath sometimes. Like most other unpleasant body smells—for example, underarm odor and sweaty feet—halitosis is a result of microbial metabolism. About 85 to 95 percent of the odor comes from colonies of bacteria living on the back of the tongue, according to the British Dental Association. The bacteria help keep our mouths healthy most of the time.

However, the bacteria especially like to digest protein and, when they digest it, they can produce chemicals like those found in rotten eggs, feces, corpses, decaying meat or gym socks, according to an article in Scientific American Magazine. It’s no wonder your friends go running when you take a huge bite of that garlic onion cheeseburger.

“I don’t let my boyfriend kiss me when he’s been eating nasty things like onions,” philosophy senior Liz Osborn said. “If you’re going to eat something that makes your breath smell bad, make sure you’re both (you and your significant other) eating it.”

The digestion of stinky food is one explanation for bad breath, but it’s not solely to blame. The mouth uses saliva to wash away bacteria and their unpleasant byproducts, so any activity or condition that limits the flow of this liquid also promotes foul-smelling breath. Open-mouth breathing, fasting, stress, prolonged talking, smoking and exercise all dry out the mouth.

Plus, when otherwise healthy people follow poor hygiene habits they exacerbate the problem. If teeth aren’t brushed or flossed thoroughly, particles of food lodge between them, make it hard for the saliva to clean out bacterial waste.

What’s more, some forms of mouth odor are tied to medicinal side effects and underlying problems, and cannot be fixed with a few breath mints and a swig of Listerine. Menstruation and some drugs can contribute to bad breath and, though less common, halitosis can be associated with decaying gums and, at the extreme, life-threatening problems.

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If you do suffer from bad breath, the American Dental Association offers some tips that go beyond daily brushing and flossing. Visit the dentist regularly, drink plenty of fluids and keep coffee drinking to a minimum. If the problem still isn’t fixed, try chewing sugar-free gum for a minute or two at a time, especially when your mouth feels dry. Brushing your tongue with mouthwash, not regular toothpaste, can also help remove bacterial waste.

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National Briefs

Bush resists being drawn into California recall campaign

WASHINGTON — President Bush refused to take sides Wednesday in the recall election of California Gov. Gray Davis and said the decision is for Californians to make.

"I view it as an interested political observer would view it. We don't have recalls in Texas, thank you," Bush, the former Texas governor, said at a White House Rose Garden news conference.

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Members of the nine-member presidency were announced Tuesday. "They will serve as council president for August. He will be followed by Ahmad Chalabi, a Shiite and leader of the Iraqi National Congress."

Heavy fighting rages in Liberia's capital despite rebel declaration of cease-fire

MONROVIA, Liberia — Heavy fighting raged in Liberia's besieged capital Wednesday despite rebel declarations of a cease-fire, with President Charles Taylor's troops battling rebels trying to advance on his downtown stronghold.

Mortar shells crashed into neighbor­ hoods of tin-roof shacks overnight, killing at least one person and wounding eight adults and a dozen children on the government-controlled side of the capital, aid workers said.

Taylor's forces fired volleys of rocket-propelled grenades at the rebel-held port area.

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Arts and Entertainment

Budget Café – The name says it all

By Cathy Ayers

Students looking for an alternative to a Denny’s for breakfast or lunch or an inexpensive and greasy hangover brunch could try dining at Sun Lain Chop suey Budget Café.

Located in an inconspicuous unit at 3121 South Higuera St., the restau­rant resembles a stereotypical truck stop, with its brown vinyl upholstery and dim lighting. But don’t let the decor deter you. For $5 to $10 per meal one can eat a substantial meal.

Although the food is far from dining at its finest, it is a small step up from chains like IHOP and Denny’s with comparable, student friendly prices.

Cable show turns ordinary men from drab to fab

By Luke Darling

I always seem to find the same type of television show on nearly every sta­tion’s makeover shows. These reality transformation programs are filling cable channels with hair stylists, interior designers and fashion experts whose goal is to turn average American peo­ple into international supermodels.

The latest show to join the makeover ranks is a little more daring and original than the rest. Queer Eye for the Straight Guy is the newest makeover show in the TV guide and airs on Bravo every Tuesday at 10 p.m.

The twist to this show is it is seen by men with expert knowledge in the realms of grooming, food and wine, culture, interior design and fashion to change a straight man’s entire being, so that women will find him more appeal­ing.

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The “Fab 5” give the snail guy not just a new wardrobe but a total life makeover. One would think the out­come would be a straight guy that now leads the life of a hip, handsome, stylish and upwardly mobile gay man.

However, the new and improved man is a female eye catching machine, a gentle­man that no lady at the club or bar would ignore.

Queer Eye starts out with an intro that seems more suitable for a superhero super­hero show. The expert stylists and designers wield hair dryers, paint­brushes and Gucci handbags like they were out to fight crime on the streets rather than mullers, poor dressing habits and beer belli­ses. And with the moniker of the “Fab 5” you start to wonder if they really do have superhuman powers in styling, fashion, food and culture.

Throughout the show the experts change a guy from average man into a poster boy for Men’s Health magazine or Calvin Klein. While the main goal is to change a person’s life, the show is filled with sexual innuendos. Fashion expert Carson Kressley said, numerous sexually hidden comments and contin­uously touts the straight male sexuality.

“If at any time today you want to just make out with me, Tom, just let me know,” Kressley said in one episode.

With a show that glorifies the flam­boyant gay men person and the idea culture or if people still find it socially unacceptable.

“I feel people may have a lot of bias­es about the show before they even see the program because of the title,” Robinson said. “A lot of people will not accept the show because they will think the makeover artists will be changing the sexual orientation, as well as their fashion faults.”

If Queer Eye can gain ratings and popularity, it could be a sign of future success for Bravo’s newest program entitled Boy Meets Boy. This reality show is essentially a gay version of the Bachelor and For love or Money.

Robinson’s biggest complaint about the comedic makeover show is that people should not create a false sense of reality of how a gay man acts or looks like. However, Robinson insists that Queer Eye does not suggest that he dislikes the show. In fact, he watches the popular new pro­gram every week.

“I hope people realize that not all gay men dress the same way and that a lot of them can’t draw and are not experts in fashion or interior design,” Robinson said.

Summer flings 101

By Stephanie Ikel

If you are unattached and ambitious, this is your season to shine. With sum­mer here, the race is on to find a fling. It is almost like this season has been created for the sole purpose of getting it on.

Think about it, the summer fling and the summer season are a lot alike. They are both hot and sweaty, require minimal clothing and once it’s over, you buy a new fall wardrobe and move on.

Here are a few tips to getting the most out of your summer fling. First pick someone worthy. This is key because you will be spending a lot of time with this person and not just anyone will do. So scan your little black book, get suggestions from friends and keep a lookout at the local pool.

Although fireworks are synonymous with the month of July, there is no rea­son they can’t last all summer long. So make sure when you are around this per­son, spark flies. Irresistibility is also key. But, irresistible in the sense you know things will flick. By the time school starts. Let’s face it, tastes change. So, it is important to get the last out of your system because once summer ends the fling might morph into a relationship. Yikes!

Once you land a mate, go out. I mean, go outside. It is summer so make the temperature outside mirror your love life. Heat things up with a hike up Bishop Peak or hurl your date into a kayak at Morro Bay. Once your adrena­line gets pumping the next logical step would be...well you get the idea.

Remember, summer can get slow so find someone to help the time pass.
Celebrities are the most widely known people in the world. I understand the pressure the public eye puts on them, but when you are in the top 1 percent of the most prolific publics on the planet, at least one person out of six billion is willing to buy your tooth.

There is the famous line, "So you wanna be famous?" To me that implies, "Be ready for the crap that comes with it.

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I can understand the argument that it cheapens his memory, offends his descendants or turns us all into a bunch of freaks. I have been an object of online hate, perhaps worse. I have been ignored, put aside, when two people get married they make a mutual agreement. We should only worry about marriage as a legal agreement, and let the individual couples, gays or straights, decide the level of affection they want to observe. For some maybe it's Elvis' ruby slippers, Jimmys leather jacket or Michael Jackson's glove. For some poor Heartbreak Hotel obsesses, Elvis' tooth may be the capstone to their shrine.

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SLO Century Project — summer cleaning or chaotic construction

By Andrea Cobelli

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"By and large, public transit is much better in Europe than in California. But we have money for cars," he said. "I'm not against cars, but we need more mass transit."

Siembieda views the situation in Brazil as directly applicable to California, as rampant population growth seems inevitable. He appreciates del Rio's enthusiasm for a subject rarely explored in the United States. "There's a lesson to be learned from Brazilian urban form that we should hardly explore in California moves forward to accommodate 10 million people in the next 20 years," he said.

"Censorship runs in direct opposition to the very purpose of academic institution like Cal Poly," he said on Hannity and Colmes. "I don't think we should be mandating students to live in the triples or quads," said Julianna Clark, administrative support assistant at Housing and Residential Life. "We've had about 60 volunteers, and at this point, I really don't believe we're going to be mandating students to live in the triples or quads," said Juliana Clark, administrative support assistant at the Housing and Residential Life office. Housing and Residential Life asked students to triple and quadruple up because fewer they received cancellations than expected. The triple rooms are 13-by-16 feet and are located in North Mountain. Each student has a dresser, desk, chair and telephone number. Triple rooms will share a two-stall, two-shower bathroom with six other students in regular rooms. North Mountain said to be residence hall transfer students, but now house an approximately equal number of freshmen and transfer students, said Marlene Guerrero, administrative support assistant at Housing and Residential Life. The quad rooms are 16x19.25 feet and are located in converted study lounges on the first floor of each tower in Yosemite Hall. Students share two phone lines and a table and chairs, and one wall has a clothing hanging bar. Students in this situation share a two-stall, two-shower bathroom with 12 other students in regular rooms.

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Cal Poly golfer and speech communication senior Aaron Dexheimer is realizing this after turning professional after last season.

"I decided to turn pro because it's something I always knew I wanted to do," he said. Dexheimer, who has two more classes to take before he graduates in the fall, said it's difficult right now, but he's doing better.

"It takes a lot of work," he said. "You've got to practice hard everyday to make it out there.

Dexheimer's first professional event was a part of The Canadian Tour in May at the Michelob Guadalajara Classic. After another tournament in Canada, Dexheimer will return home to San Diego before leaving to play in the National Golf Association's Hooters Tour.

Cal Poly golfer Aaron Dexheimer will compete in the National Golf Association's Hooter's Tour. The Professional Golf Association tournaments, players must have a sponsor exemption or go to a qualifying school to play, Dexheimer said.

Dexheimer received a sponsor exemption after playing golf at Cal Poly for the last two years. Head golf coach Scott Cartwright said Dexheimer has the longest drive of the golf ball in the nation and a great future in professional golf.

"He's all about the game," Cartwright said. "He may get hot- tempered when he's playing, but that's just because he wants to do so good.

Business administration senior Tristan Gardner said his teammate has the right attitude to succeed.

"When you step out there you need to have the attitude that you're going to win," Gardner said. "Aaron definitely has that confidence every time he's out there.

Dexheimer said he warns fellow golfers who share the similar dream of turning professional, "Going in and out of airports, living out of a suitcase and being away from home can be exhausting," Dexheimer said.

Though Dexheimer is starting from the bottom, he wants to make his way to the top, he is determined to succeed.

"I took all last week off, and used this event for training because it is short­ er than the other courses," he said. "I just wanted to beat my time from last year.

The 15.3-mile bike course took place on Orcutt Road, and the 3.1-mile run­ ning portion took place on the Railroad Recreational Trail and up city streets.

Teresa Lara, coordinator of the event, said the running course was modified from previous years. In addition to short­ ening the length from 3.7 miles, Lara said the transition area from the bike course was also modified to allow traffic to flow more smoothly.

"I think this year's running course is more scenic than that of years past," Lara said.

About 10 to 15 sponsors who donated products, services, and money made the event possible, Lara said. Additionally, entry fees from the competitors also con­ tributed to services at the event.

Chris Strehula, 18, from Arroyo Grande finished the event first, with a time of 1:02:14. Close behind him, with a time of 1:02:26 was David Sullivan, 29, from San Luis Obispo.