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...the more likely someone is going
to be killed, and no one wants that."

Larry Smyth

Cedar Creek manager

"When there's a big event, we're
more real. It's for everyone."

By Katie Schiller

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Challenging the Status Quo, a conference that focuses on multiculturalism, the environment and women's issues, will be held today from 6 to 11 p.m. in Vista Grande restaurant and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Business Rotunda.

With sessions on topics from gay marriage to pomagayo to diversity, the conference, subtitled "Leadership that Builds a Culture of Community," will encourage dialogue between college students and professionals in their fields.

"We want to facilitate discussion within the community of pressing social issues, focusing on social action," said Katie Cox, conference coordinator and psychology senior.

Challenging the Status Quo will feature keynote speaker David Reichard, an assistant professor at CSI, Monterey Bay, who will discuss what today's students can learn from student's struggles in the 20th century.

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"This university exists as a bubble," said Mary Atchley, coordinator of gender and sexuality programs. "It

students can register to vote in Chumash Auditorium on Monday.

By Ashley Wolf

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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"We tell students to meet their needs first, to take care of something, get to know each

The "Rock the Poly Vote" event is being hosted by Omicron Gamma and Cal Poly's Political Science Club and gives the public a chance to ask questions of the contenders.

The three-hour event will be divided into two sections. The first panel will consist of the eight state assembly candidates, while the sec­
ond will have various individuals running for office along with repre­
sentatives from the national con­
tenders for the democratic nomina­
tion.

Omicron Gamma President Brianna Swartz decided to plan the event because of the benefits it will bring to the community.

"It was a reaction to people we had known who felt like you learn about politics but you never really get to interact in it," she said.

"We felt like this way we could address the candidates themselves. People would have a first-hand way of talk­
ing to the candidates and meeting them, which would make it a much more real process for everyone.

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Her sentiments were echoed by

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nowiday Thursday night party scene,
until several years ago, when police
took university officials to schedule
more classes and tests. For Friday, Swindle said. Now students
rather than just plan Thursday nights.
Resident of Myrtle Beach, S.C., a
popular spring break destination among college co-eds, know what they're getting into. If they move to the area, said Faith Gibney, cap-
tain of the town's police depart-
ment.
"We are a tourist town. That's our bread and butter," Gibney said. "I couldn't live here. It's hard to even work here sometimes."
The town of 16,000 welcomes an
average of 14 million visitors each
year. It has an advantage over San
Luis Obispo. Gibney said, because the
majority of partiers stay within an
area separate from residential zones. This "Family Entertainment district," composed of hotels, parks, restaur-
tants and shops — but no homes — is a key aspect in keeping both visi-
tors and residents happy, Gibney said.
The spring-breakers who choose
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ers come year after year.
"We have repeat customers. They
know the rules," she said. "We let
them know what we expect and
what they can expect from us." In
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WASHINGTON — A Senate agreement requiring child safety locks on U.S. handguns gives Democrats encouragement Thursday that reopening an abortion rights debate might also become part of a package to protect gun makers and sellers from gun crime lawsuits.

The GOP-controlled Senate voted 70-27 to require all handguns sold in the United States to have child safety locks, adding the measure to the legislation providing the gun industry immunity from suits when a legally sold gun is subsequently used in a crime.

Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer of California and Herb Kohl of Wisconsin argued that requiring child safety locks on newly purchased handguns would help reduce the number of children accidentally killed by handguns in the home.

WASHINGTON — The House voted Thursday to subject assailants who injure or kill a pregnant woman and her fetus to two separate crimes. The bill, also designed to_cat and California's law, would for the first time under federal law provide victim's rights to a fetus. California already has such a law, and that's how prosecutors have been able to charge Scott Peterson with two counts of murder in the deaths of his wife, Laci, and their unborn son, Conner.

The bill, championed by conservative groups, drew opposition from others concerned that conferring new rights on the fetus would undermine abortion rights.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — An Air Force pilot died on a night training mission when his A-10 Warthog jet aircraft crashed after takeoff from Eielson Air Force Base out of Fairbanks, base officials said.

The jet, a twin-engine ground-attack aircraft that became famous as a tank-killer in the Persian Gulf War, crashed about 8:30 p.m., about three miles from the base, Master Sgt. John Norgren said. Witnesses said they saw a bright flash and heard the concussion.

LAKESIDE, Colo. — The state attorney general said Thursday he is investigating whether authorities tried to cover up what they knew about the Columbine High killers before their murderous attack.

Attorney General Ken Salazar said his investigation isn't complete and that it has grown since he was asked to look into contacts between the killers and investigators beginning in 1997, two years before the attack.

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BEIJING — North Korea on Thursday proposed a comprehensive halt to its nuclear activities but described Washington's attitude as "hostile." The president's party initially said he died in the crash, which happened from auruption to murder.

First, the jet — a former Cabinet minister said Thursday, triggering yet another postwar crisis for Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Blair refused to confirm or deny the accusation and branded his former internationalexdevelopment secretary, Clare Short, "deeply irresponsible" for commenting on sensitive security issues.

For Blair, the allegation is another potentially damaging backlash of the Iraq invasion, following controversies over Britain's prewar intelligence dossiers, the death of a weapons scientist, the coalition's failure to find weapons of mass destruction and the collapse of a court case on alleged U.S.-British bagging of the United Nations.

CAP-HAITIEN, Haiti — Rebels began moving toward Haiti's capital of Port-au-Prince on Thursday and are awaiting the order to attack, a guerrilla leader told The Associated Press.

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A student yawning through a brutal 7 a.m. class. The next class does not start for a couple of hours, so maybe the student can catch up on some light reading. The walk to the library does not start for a couple of hours, so maybe the student seems longer than usual, in the wee hours of the morning, but of course one does not have to get into any relationships— for your own protection, it makes the rejection less likely to happen. The most attractive feature of the library is its "golden" policy: silence. Reserve a seat at any of the tables. The library can be depended on to have the useful and mind-stimulating information on inflation, she is fast asleep. Staying up late reading can take a toll on sleeping habits, and students to take a quick mid-day snooze. The Principles of Economics, chapter five, page 156. It's more of an annoyance, "Bamburgier said. "They can say literally anything to me, and it won't affect me." The principles of inflation are... zzzz. "You can learn from the rejection," Slem said. "You can say literally anything to me, and it won't affect me." The best places to sleep are ones without anyone around, Slem added. "The Math Lounge because it is almost always deserted. That's really the only thing that matters. Parking on campus is a nuisance. That is nothing new. Since a student has to go through hell to get a parking spot, it might as well be used to the fullest extent. Sleeping in a car has its perks, since a student does not have to give up the spot, and can do off listening to some smooth jazz or classical music on the radio."

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**Top 5 Places to take a nap on campus**

1. Library
2. Dexter Lawn
3. UU - Second floor
4. Department Lounges and Reading Rooms
5. Car

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Chocolate wishes and sweet dreams

By Ashlee Bodenhamer
MCALISTER DAILY STAFF WRITER

There are two types of people in this world those who inhale their food and those who savor it. It may be OK to chow down a chapter sticks, or carrots, but chocolate, should be relished slowly and thoughtfully.

Mindless devouring of food, especially chocolate, is a factor in America's obesity epidemic, food science professor Tom Neuhaus said.

"We don't pay attention to our food," Neuhaus said. "We smply inhale it, as my dog does."

When it comes to chocolate, the higher quality the product, the more likely people are to think about what they are eating, and the less it will consume.

"Savoring is eating while attending to the hand, paying attention to it," Neuhaus said.

Neuhaus heads up Cal Poly Chocolates, a student-traffic business which pairs chocolate with unexpected ingredients such as apricots, hazelnuts, fortune cookies and Trix cereal.

"Your chocolates are made to be eaten in small quantities — one ounce — and eaten slowly," Neuhaus said.

When shopping for chocolates, consider the product for bloom, "a grainy film that appears when the chocolate has partially or wholly melted and then resolidified," Neuhaus said.

Also, check the ingredients for cocoa — which is the one essential element of chocolate. The higher up cocoa is listed, the more chocolate-intensive the confection will be. Tollhouse, for example, list cocoa as the fifth ingredient. Beware that candy labeled "chocolate-flavored" or "chocolate," such as Sixlets, and M&M's knock-off are not the real thing.

Chocolates with products, familiar to pronounce ingredients are best. Street cleat of chocolates containing partially hydrogenated oils, added to extend the shelf life of foods. These oils contain trans fats, which can lead to heart disease and cancer.

See's Candies Chocolates are made of "butter, sugar, cream — all the fattening, good stuff," said Martha Mantel, manager of See's on Madonna Road.

Despite its caloric guilt, chocolate is rich in potassium and magnesium, stimulate "feel good" endorphins in the brain, and is believed to be an aphrodisiac.

Mantel shared Neuhaus' sentiment about savoring rich chocolates.

"You've got to slice 'em up thin real to enjoy them," she said. "It's not eating a candy bar."

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California has seen better days financially. Income rates are down and job losses are on the rise. Many are forced to work long hours in homes and government offices. A quick fix to the economic downturn is legalized gambling.

The idea does sound sexy, with shimmering signs and bright lights illuminating West-coast cities. Turfies would flock to the Golden State and the money would roll in.

As tempting as this sounds, there are drawbacks. Harvey N. Chinn, the state director of the National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling, said the churches are against legalized gambling for three reasons: economics, quality of life and public opinion. They believe casinos create more problems than the tax dollars they bring in.

There are other states that oppose legal gambling in California. For instance, Las Vegas and Atlantic City's legal gamblingversion of MC Hammer France and Medina in the United States, would likely hate the competition. Though California does allow some legal gambling, it is not the same as having a full-fledged Las Vegas-style casino.

The people who support this proposition are the gamblers and resort owners. Restaurants have closed in recent years. Atlantic City, the largest gambling city in the United States, was ruined by the gambling industry. Hundreds of buildings have been torn down, stores have vanished and a number of restaurants have closed in recent years. Atlantic City's Mander cannot be involved when considering the introduction of this economy to California.

Fully-legalized gambling is a luxury and an evil that California will never see. Chinn said casinos weaken a consumer's purchasing power by taking a fraction of dollars in the market. Pachios should be used for necessary food, clothing and shelter rather than a few colored chips. Casino gambling in California would not stimulate the economy, it would just unevenly redistribute wealth.

Rebekah Levin is a psychology junior.

No flip-flops in the rain

Editor,

Why do some people wear flip-flops every day? At the height of Wednesday's monsoon, I saw a student walking up Perimeter road in flip-flops. I asked myself, did this guy not look the window before leaving for class today? And about what those peoples whose flip-flops have permanent black marks on the tops? You know who you are. Is it that hard to take a little Tidex to them every once in a while? Don't make me wrong. I do wear flip-flops occasionally, but have enough sense to put on some sneakers once in a while.

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Mustangs snap losing streak

By Kendra Hodges

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Two of Cal Poly's finest women's basketball alumni aren't yet ready to leave the court.

After graduating in 2002 from Cal Poly, Odessa Jenkins and Kristy Baker stayed to be assistant coaches for Cal Poly's women's basketball team. To their surprise, the women are bringing the team to new heights.

"Kristy and Odessa are very special people," head coach Faith Mimnaugh said. "They really changed the face of Poly's women's basketball. Their strengths and attributes have been felt." They continue to bring the team to a higher level with their coaching abilities.

Mimnaugh said she's delighted that their timelines permitted both women to continue in coaching. Baker and Jenkins always saw themselves coaching on some level, but were not expecting to stay on at Cal Poly.

"I was not initially planning on staying, but I was suited to it," Baker said, who is following in her father's footsteps. "It is the perfect career path for me. I love it."

After graduating from Newcastle High School in Australia, Baker spent four years working, traveling and playing basketball before being recruited by Mimnaugh in 1998.

The 5-foot-6 guard is a three-time All Big West recipient and holds school records in a game (12 against Fresno Pacific on Dec. 12, 1998) and minutes played in a season (941). Being thousands of miles from her native country is a struggle, but she is happy to stay as long as the team is headed in the right direction, she said.

Jenkins, a 6-foot-1 center, was recruited from Rijnhuizen High School in 1998 on a scholarship that she changed herself.

"Without the scholarship, I wouldn't have had the opportunity to go to a university on my own," Jenkins said. Jenkins was the first person on both sides of her family to graduate from college.

"For me, going to college was about more than playing basketball and having a good time, it was about getting an education," she said.

The 5-foot, 4-inch point guard finished her college basketball career as the team's leading scorer in 2002-2003. "I take coaching very seriously," Jenkins said. "As long as I keep elevating as a coach I'm going to stay.

The coaches not only utilize their basketball knowledge everyday but also the skills they obtained in the classroom. Jenkins was a sociology major, while Baker earned a degree in psychology.

"We are not only developing the players as athletes and students but as people," Baker said. "I love the idea of giving back to the sport that has given so much to me. Coaching combines the two things I love: people and basketball."

The team is currently tied for fourth in the Big West Conference. "We have never been in a situation where we are at currently," Jenkins said. "We are a dynamic team and having our best season so far."