Elections kick off

Blake & Tyler

While students run from the heat to air-conditioned classrooms, Blake Bolton sits on Dexter lawn campaigning for Associated Students Inc. president.

Industrial technology junior Bolton wants everyone to know he's going to stand up for students' rights, make it easier to start a club on campus and help the community and campus solve their differences.

"We want to abolish the 'Us vs. Them' mentality," Bolton said.

Political diversity is one of the few things Bolton and his running mate, architectural engineering junior Tyler Middlestadt, have in common. Bolton, an active member of the Cal Poly College Republicans, ASI Lobby Corp., Campus Crusade for Christ and the Orfalea College of Business, Bolton said after both were elected to the ASI Board of Directors through their respective colleges. Middlestadt, a member of the Progressive Student Alliance, College of Architecture and Environmental Design Student Council and a founder of the Cal Poly chapter of the California Student Sustainability Coalition, is also co-founder of Soul Speak, "a group that promotes the awareness of social justice and world issues through the art of spoken word," he said.

"We're a very diverse ticket," Bolton said.

Garrett & Alan

Like a neon sign in the dark, fluorescent yellow T-shirts direct students to "Garrett and Alan." Garrett Perez and Alan Ellis hope the color draws attention to their write-in campaign for the ASI presidential elections. To win though, they are banking on experience and accessibility.

"With so much at stake next year because of the budget cuts, we need people that have been involved," ASI presidential contender Perez said.

Perez currently is the ASI Board of Directors representative for the Orfalea College of Business and is on the ASI Executive Staff as director of statewide affairs.

"ASI is going to be facing around $70,000 of budget cuts," Perez said. "We need to make wise business decisions with ASI, which is on the balloting." He said they are perfect for the position.

"I'm talking because I don't have that experience," his running mate Tylor Middlestadt, an active member of the class of 2004, said.

"I don't want to start a club on campus. I want to work with the ASI Board of Directors through their respective colleges." Middlestadt said they are perfect for the position.

Both Perez and Ellis emphasized the importance they are putting on staying involved with students.

"Our platform first and foremost is to be accessible," Perez said.

They plan to meet with students in an open forum for residence halls and each college every quarter as well as at a table in the University Union during open hour a couple of times a month.

"Write-in the right choice" is the slogan "Garrett and Alan" supporters wear around campus blazoned across the neon yellow shirts.

"We're a very diverse ticket," Garrett Perez and Alan Ellis believe it is true. They say their experience in ASI makes them the right choice.

-- Crystal Phend

Rory & Eric

On May 5 and 6, there will only be two names on the ballot running for ASI president and vice president. That fact might incline presidential-hopeful Rory Scerri-Marion and running mate Eric Ra to get a little overconfident.

But that's a luxury these two don't have.

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-- Jamie Brady

Write-ins have high hopes

Two teams running for ASI president are banking on students to pencil in their names as "write-in" candidates.

The Associated Student Inc. presidential elections are shaping up as usual flaky signs. Two hopeful candidate teams will not be included on the ballot. Due to switching vice presidents after the scheduled deadline, two hopeful candidate teams will not be included on the ballot. Instead, they will rely on students to pencil in their names as "write-in" candidates. Candidates Blake Bolton and his running mate Tylor Middlestadt, along with Garrett Perez and his running mate Alan Ellis have formally registered with ASI and Student Life and Leadership and both groups will be able to participate in events including next Tuesday's candidate's debate.

On the other hand, the only candidate who appears on the official ASI candidate statements flyer are Rory Scerri-Marion and his running mate Eric Ra. Cuesta, Hancock reps visit campus

Cal Poly's solution to the lack of classes this summer quarter is to encourage students to attend local community colleges.

Representatives from Allan Hancock and Cuesta College will visit during UU Hour today, May 11 and May 20 to answer questions that students have about registering and attending a community college.

"We wanted to coordinate options," Rebecca Alarcio, director of public affairs at Hancock said of the community college and Cal Poly coming together to help students get the classes.

Alarcio said Allan Hancock wants to reach out to students who wouldn't be able to get all of the classes they need because Allan Hancock offers major classes to Cal Poly students.

Allan Hancock and Cuesta College worked directly with Cal Poly to coordinate lower-division classes that would be transferable, as well as distance education classes that are done online. They produced a link on their Web sites that connect to Cal Poly to be able to see those classes.

Alarcio said that they have already had many visitors on the Web site. By last week 2,100 people had downloaded the class list, 1,000 people had looked at the distance learning classes and 411 people had signed up to the school.

Many students don't realize they have to apply to community colleges before they can register for classes; however, the application is extremely easy compared to any four-year college application.

Julie Smith, one of Cuesta's academic counselors, said she receives many calls a day about registering for classes for community colleges. It is a much easier process.

How likely are you to write in a presidential candidate's name?
"I don't have money to spend on it really, and I wouldn't want people to waste money on it either."

"It's better to interact with people," Ra said. "We don't just go and say 'Hey, vote for us,' you know. We like to talk to people."

ASI

There are about 9 years ago. At that time, candidates ran individually, unlike the current system where two candidates run on a ticket together.

Write-in candidates are not required to gather the signatures or pay the fees required by regular candidates. In turn, they do not get their names printed on the ballot and are not included in ASI election literature.

Exact spelling of the candidate's names will not be required. As long as officials reviewing the ballots can determine who the student intended to vote for, the vote will count. Of course, to maintain the sanity of the vote counters, correct spelling is recommended.

Blake Bolton and Tylor Middlestadt hope the initial BT will be enough if students bubble in "Other" and write BT, Blake, and/or Tylor on the designated line.

"If you want to do it, we're going to do it just work on what the students need," Scerri-Marion said.

So the pair is running on a "no platform" platform. That means making themselves available to the student body and taking on their causes.

"Our main goal is to bring back a student art gallery in the eSU system, he mainly wants to fulfill the promises or stop making promises."

Another concern of the team is making the Cal Poly name more nationally recognized.

"It is an obstacle to be overcome, but it has been done in ASI Cal Poly history, and it will be done again," vice president candidate Alan Ellis said. "Right now our main goal is just to talk to people."

Summer

Community colleges also have smaller class sizes, so students will get more student-teacher communication. Some of the professors at Cuesta College double as Cal Poly professors.

Allan Hancock's summer registration begins May 3 and summer classes start June 21 at its campuses in Santa Maria, Lompoc and Solvang. Students can apply to the school and register for classes at Allan Hancock college's Web site at www.hancockcollege.edu.

Cuesta College summer registration starts May 10 and classes begin in its Santa Maria, Lompoc and North County campuses on June 14. Students can apply and register for classes at its Web site at www.cuestasd.edu.

Now students have more opportunities to get the classes they need to graduate even if it's not on the Cal Poly campus.

"But they still have specific issues they plan to address if elected, such as holding the administration accountable for fee increases."

"Since my freshman year, every quarter fee go up," Scerri-Marion said. "We either want to see them start going up more classes and more faculty or stop charging us more money."

"While Scerri-Marion's position does not account for the fact that many fee increases result from cuts to the CSU system, he mainly wants to make the financial processes more transparent to students."

"Sure, the state is in an economic recession and we're not getting enough funds," he said. "But if we are paying more, and they're promising us certain things, they either need to fulfil the promises or stop making promises."

"It's our turn to lead and they have the power to change the entire campus," Scerri-Marion and Ra want to bring back a student art gallery in the UU and theme-oriented dances for the entire campus.

"I think it's a change of heart, and it's a reminder that the board is listening to the student body and taking on their causes.

"I think that the university is too aesthetic when it comes to promoting accomplishments."

Not all of their goals stem from critiques of the administration. If elected, Scerri-Marion and Ra want to bring back a student art gallery in the UU and theme-oriented dances for the entire campus.

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**State Briefs**

PASADENA — NASA's Spirit rover completed Wednesday its longest drive yet on Mars while traveling the "express route" to a cluster of hills that scientists hope the robot will reach by mid-July.

Spirit drove 292 feet, setting a one-day distance record for the rover. A recent software upgrade has allowed the rover to travel three times the daily distance it could previously.

That has sped it along as it traverses toward the hills, which still lie 1.1 miles away. Spirit has traveled about nine-tenths of a mile since landing in January.

WESTLAKE VILLAGE — Pleasant Holidays travel mogul Ed Hogan is opening a 22-acre horse rescue ranch in California's fall wildfires.

Hogan, chairman of Westlake Village-based Pleasant Holidays, a tourism company specializing in tours to Hawaii.

The horse rescue ranch will be built on undeveloped land off Potrero Road near the Santa Monica Mountains. It will be operated through the Hogan Family Foundation.

SAN FRANCISCO — Residents will soon be able to get more information off the Internet about high-risk sex offenders living in San Francisco.

The Board of Supervisors approved a resolution Tuesday asking the San Francisco Police Department to add a link in its Web site that contains pictures of the offenders and their general locations in the city.

The police department expects to comply with the request in a matter of weeks.

San Francisco is home to about 740 serious sex offenders, said Supervisor Tony Hall, meaning they have been convicted of sex offenses that show they need to be cared for, and two, seeing the delight of the young children who are going to learn about the Holocaust and punish perpetrators of hate crimes.

UNITED NATIONS — The Security Council unanimously approved a resolution Wednesday requiring all 191 U.N. states to pass a tough law to stop lavorable agents from obtaining such weapons.

The move is in response to the growing Iraqi insurgency and the lengthening list of U.S. casualties.

Maj. Gen. John Sutler, the operations chief for U.S. Central Command, told reporters at the Pentagon that when new Army and Marine Corps commanders arrived in Iraq in recent weeks, they saw a deteriorated security situation and decided more armor was needed for combat.

**World Briefs**

MADRID, Spain — A Moroccan fugitive sought in connection with the March 11 train bombings in Madrid was indicted Wednesday on charges of helping to plan the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States — the first suspect linked to both attacks.

Abou Aziz, 36, helped organize a meeting in northeast Spain in July 2001 that key plotters in the U.S. attacks, including suicide pilot Mohamed Atta, used to finalize details. Judge Baltasar Garzon said in the indictment.

FALLUJAH, Iraq — U.S. warplanes pounded Fallujah with 500-pound laser-guided bombs Wednesday and Marines battled insurgents near a U.S. marine station and in neighborhoods that had seemed to be quieting.

American forces decided to delay potentially dangerous patrols into the besieged city.

The violence, carried on live television with images of fiery destruction, came as the United States was under increasing international pressure to prevent a revival of the bloodshed seen in the city of Baghdad during the first two weeks of April.

**National Briefs**

**WASHINGTON** — Al Gore, drawing from his 2000 campaign accounts, said Wednesday he will donate more than $6 million to five Democratic Party groups and help John Kerry fight President Bush's "outrageous and misleading" re-election bid.

The former vice president pledged to donate $4 million to the Democratic National Committee. The party's Senate and House committees each will get $1 million, and the party from Gore's home state of Tennessee would receive $250,000.

WASHINGTON — A new bill on terrorism gives the government power to seize Americans and hold them without charges for as long as it takes to ensure they are not a danger to the nation, the Bush administration told the Supreme Court on Wednesday.

Lawyers for two men detailed by the government argued in reply that fighting terrorism cannot mean a president has unchecked authority to snatch U.S. citizens and hold them without a chance to plead their case.

RICHMOND, Va. — Without a word of dissent, Virginia legislators did what once seemed unthinkable: increased the nation's lowest cigarette tax in the state where colonists first raised tobacco as an American cash crop nearly 400 years ago.

The Senate and the House of Delegates, both controlled by Republicans, passed a $1.3 billion tax package Tuesday night that increases the current tax from 2.5 cents a pack to 20 cents this year and to 30 cents in 2005. Democratic Gov. Mark R. Warner had sought higher cigarette taxes and other tax increases to balance the state's budget.

WASHINGTON — In a sign that the Iraq conflict is deepening, a senior officer said Wednesday that Army and Marine Corps units have begun receiving more tanks and other heavy armor.

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**ASI STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

**Elections:**

Wednesday, May 5

Thursday, May 6

7 a.m.-8 p.m.

Polling Places:

- Ag Bridge
- Education Building Lobby (Bldg 2)
- Fisher Science/Science North Plaza
- Kennedy Library (Bldg 5)
- Crop Science Plaza
- University Union (Bldg 65)

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— nor the need to deploy the Sept. 11 weapons have been patrolling since California National Guard is stand­
ing down Friday from the Golden Gate Bridge, where guards wearing camouflage and carrying assault weapons have been patrolling since Sept. 11, 2001.

The decision, approved by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, was not based on cost — $5.2 million a year for a disguise and carrying assault weapons have developed a more perma­nent security system including patrols by the California Highway Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Park Police and Golden Gate National Recreation Area rangers. These other agencies will assume responsi­bility...
Panel recommends paper backup ballots

Jim Wasserman
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SACRAMENTO — Ten counties that use thousands of touch-screen voting machines will be able to use them this fall but only if they provide alternative paper ballots in each precinct, a state advisory committee recommended Wednesday.

The committee had considered banning touch-screen voting in the 10 counties, but agreed 7-0 on a compromise that allows county registrars of voters to use paperless electronic voting machines with numerous conditions.

Among them: extra security measures to minimize possibilities of hacking, no wireless or Internet connections on machines and no last-minute software changes.

"A year ago I brushed off concerns about security as paranoia," said Deputy Secretary of State Marc Carrel, a committee member. "Now I have a different opinion."

The vote also bans other counties in California from introducing new electronic voting equipment in November, unless it contains a verified paper trail of votes cast on the machine. That recommendation quickly irked disability rights activists who have sued in federal court to make touch-screen machines accessible to the disabled.

"What it's going to come down to is a court is going to decide," said Jim Dickson, vice president of the California Association of People with Disabilities. "I have confidence the court believes making voting accessible is the right thing to do."

Wednesday's action represented the newest twist in the dramatic planned transformation of how Americans vote after the disputed 2000 presidential election.

Though problems with Florida's "hanging chads" prompted $3.9 billion in federal spending to modernize voting, many feel computer voting without paper backup could be equally dangerous in another tight presidential election.

Secretary of State Kevin Shelley has the final say on the panel's recommendation and is expected to decide by Friday. The 10 affected counties include Alameda, Merced, Napa, Orange, Plumas, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Clara, Shasta and Tehama.

If he decides against a blanket statewide ban, the Legislature is also considering two bills to ban touch-screen voting this November.

The committee's action follows its recommendation last week to ban the use of 15,000 Diebold Elections Systems touch-screen machines in San Diego, Solano, San Joaquin and Kern counties. The panel cited security concerns, malfunctions in the March election and Diebold's last-minute changes to its machines just before the election.

Shelley will also rule on that recommendation by Friday.

Diebold maintains that a state investigation into its voting systems and corporate performance in Florida "unfairly" singled out the company with "incorrect assumptions and conclusions." In a report this week rebutting the panel's decision, Diebold officials argued it was wrong to ban thousands of machines that "demonstrated 100 percent accuracy" in the March 2 election.

The 14 counties that use touch-screen machines represent 6.5 million California voters, 45 percent of the state's total. Nationally, counties have installed more than 100,000 machines.
Regulators vow to push clean engine rules

Tim Molloy

LOS ANGELES — Clean air regulators vowed Wednesday to keep pushing for stringent anti-smog requirements for public vehicle fleets, despite a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that they may have overstepped their authority by setting rules in Southern California.

In an 8-1 ruling, the court said regulators did not have the right to impose rules on private fleets requiring engines that use clean fuel and produce low emissions. It said a lower court would rule on whether the regulations could be applied to public fleets.

The rules were imposed in 2000 by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, which regulates air quality in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside and Orange counties.

The restrictions apply to private fleets of vehicles such as buses, waste haulers, airport shuttles and taxi cabs. More than 5,500 clean-fuel, heavy-duty vehicles and more than 3,400 low-emissions passenger vehicles have replaced old vehicles since the rules took effect.

The U.S. District Court in Los Angeles will rule on the public fleets issue. The AQMD hopes it will allow the district to regulate state-owned or contracted vehicles along with vehicles such as airport shuttles and taxis licensed by public agencies.

"We are not going to stop fighting. We are going to fight for the health of Southern Californians," said Gail Ruderer Feuer, an attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council and other environmental groups that intervened in the lawsuit.

Justice Antonin Scalia, writing for the court, said the emission rules appear to be blocked by the federal Clean Air Act.

"If one state or political subdivision may enact such rules, then so may any other; and the end result would undo Congress' s carefully calibrated regulatory scheme," he wrote.

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"Can South Coast as a matter of state and federal law tell the city how to spend their money? I don't believe they can," he said.

Mandel said the court ruling was a victory for consumers and clean air. Engines mandated by the regulations were no cleaner than the diesel-burning engines they replaced, he added.

The AQMD, however, said heavy-duty diesel fuel engines, including those targeted by the regulations, are responsible for 70 percent of the total cancer risk from air pollution in California.

The AQMD could have expanded the rules to private fleets if the court had ruled in its favor. The agency might still seek a waiver from the Environmental Protection Agency granting the state, and in turn the district, permission to regulate private fleets.

The San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals had upheld the AQMD rules, but the decision was voided by the Supreme Court decision.

The court ruling was a win for oil companies and diesel engine manufacturers that claimed the local pollution rules conflicted with national standards.

However, the ruling will have little immediate effect because only a few of the vehicles currently being regulated are in private fleets, AQMD spokesman Sam Atwood said.

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Scientists: warming temperatures take toll on species

Jaymes Song
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Whale Skate Island in the Northwest Hawaiian islands was a tiny dot of land in the vast Pacific, about 10 to 15 acres in size. It was covered with vegetation, nesting seabirds, Hawaiian monk seals and turtles laying eggs. It no longer exists.

"That island in the course of 20 years has completely disappeared" with rising sea levels, said Beth Mint, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wildlife biologist for the Pacific Remote Island Refuge. "It washed away."

And with it went habitat for the seabirds, seals and turtles, who had found other islands or die, in one of the more dramatic illustrations of how global warming may be affecting species and their habitat.

Warming temperatures are melting away feeding grounds from polar bears, wiping out a small animal population in the western United States and choking the world's precious coral reefs, some scientists suggest.

Millions of other species are at risk of succumbing to the elevated temperatures, or being forced to search for cooler environments, they say.

"There are a lot of threats to biodiversity on a local scale, but global climate change is a very broad threat that's affecting ecosystems all around the world," said Lara Hansen, chief scientist, World Wildlife Fund. "It's happening at rates that defy evolution and adaptation." Hansen testified last month before the Senate Commerce Committee for the climate change program at the Washington, D.C.-based World Wildlife Fund. "It's happening at rates that defy evolution and adaptation."

Hansen testified last month before the Senate Commerce Committee on the impacts of climate change, and said climate change "is arguably the greatest threat to the world's biodiversity."

"These numbers being impacted rival or exceed the only other major thing that we know that is this broad, and that's habitat destruction," she said in an interview.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said the average global temperature has risen by 0.6 degrees Celsius over the past century. The group of 2,500 scientists is sponsored by the United Nations and the World Meteorological Organization.

Considering many species are already living at their thermal maximum, even the slightest temperature increase is significant, Hansen said.

The mountain-dwelling American pika — a distant relative of the rabbit — may become the first known North American mammal to fall victim to warming, she said.

Pikas, which resemble hamsters, live in cool and moist areas of Washington state, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California, New Mexico and British Columbia.

A study published in the Journal of Mammalogy last year said climate change may have contributed to the extinction of the pika populations in the Great Basins over the past several decades.

Erik Beever, lead author of the study, said pikas have vanished in two more locations since the study was published. Now, pikas have vanished in nine of 25 sites where they were previously documented.

"That suggests to me that these losses are happening relatively quickly," he said. "I suspect these other populations are pretty vulnerable in the future."

"I say to the U.S. Geological Survey's Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center in Missoula, Mont.," said while there is evidence showing that climate change "seems to be a strong driver," of the pika disappearance, "other potential factors include changing habitat area, proximity to roads and presence of livestock grazing."

In the Arctic, polar bears are losing their sea ice, limiting their seal-hunting range, Hansen said. Since the ice season is also becoming shorter, polar bears are having longer periods of fasting, she said.

"As a result, we see them in worse condition," she said. "They are small- er and have less reproductive success."

Coral, a living creature of the sea, is among those affected by slightly warmer water temperatures. Warmer water can cause coral bleaching, or the death of the organism. The colorful tissue of the coral is stripped away, leaving behind the bone-white skeleton.

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release their personal struggles. Story by Stacey Anderson. Photo by Brian Kent.

Homeless artists use their craft as a way to reflect on life, generate understanding and

through all eyes
Day Center allows homeless clients a Space to Create, escape

"Being homeless shattered a whole block of a lot about the illusion of family and taking care of myself," said artist Linda Hansen, who has been homeless since January 2003. "It took a chunk from me, but art keeps me sane. It keeps me grounded and gives me an outlet."

The paintings birthed through Space to Create, all rooted in scale and scope, offer generous insight into the emotional conflict of homelessness. Generally optimistic, they counteract that homelessness is not hopelessness and the stigma attached to their case is unfathomably flat.

"There’s no real pattern as to people who come through here," said Prado Day Center employee Darlene Mims. "Some have jobs but no home, to some have families, some are just down on their luck, some have serious mental disorders."

Space to Create is run by Cal Poly student Heidi Schaus, an art and design senior, and Sharon Potter, a political science senior. Both are long-time volunteers at the Prado Day Center and are optimistic about the program’s impact on patterns.

"The course gives them a chance to express themselves and get some recognition," Schaus said. "Some are really talented, and others just want to show who they are. It’s a nonjudgmental atmosphere and for some people, it really works well; they can come in and we’ll be able to tell what mood they’re in by what they paint."

The paintings chosen for Space to Create’s community showing drew a crowd at last Thursday’s Farmers’ Market. Following a week-long stint toward the same goal as the sadly unpopular flat.

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LINDA HANSEN
Arts

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"There's no such thing as a perfect life," said Hansen, who recently lost 80 percent of her vision to a debilitating eye condition. "Things happen. Anything we can get to make our lives better, we have to take. Art should be anywhere and everywhere, just like understanding."
Comedians bring laughs to Chumash tonight

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Laughter is the best medicine, and tonight, Associated Students, Inc. presents three comedians who’ll have students forgetting about their homework.

Troy Thindill, who recently got his own sitcom on the UPN network, will share the stage with “Female Entertainer of the Year” Alexandra McHale and headliner Bobby Lee in Chumash Auditorium.

For Bobby Lee, it pays to be weird or, at least, unrelenting. When Pauly Shore came for a surprise visit six months later in 1995, Lee got his big break.

"That’s my best audience," she said. "I love working at colleges, so it’s suited her nicely. Voted Student Favorite 1993-99." McHale said her heart was in it.

Despite doing between 80 and 100 shows a year and loving every minute of it, McHale said her heart is still in acting.

"My ultimate goal is to do a sitcom," she said, naming Ellen DeGeneres and Roseanne Barr as two female comedians who got their own shows on prime-time networks.

So for Bobby Lee’s acting career, opening a Dark Land is exactly what he needs. "It wasn’t like, ‘Em I have been doing Shakespeare and drama roles and felt like I wanted a break from that,’” she said. "I did stand-up on a whim.”

It’s suited her nicely. Voted Campus Activities Today Magazine’s “Female Entertainer of the Year” two years in a row by college students, McHale has been touring colleges for the last three years.

"That’s my best audience," she said. "I love working at colleges, so that keeps me really, really busy.”

More than two decades after releasing their debut album “Group Sex,” Southern California hard-core legends The Circle Jerks made their first Central Coast appearance Tuesday night at SLO Brewing Co.

Sharing the stage with the always-entertaining “sailor rock” six piece Throwing Muses and Outlie, a new project fronted by guitarist Luke Pabich of Good Riddance fame, The Circle Jerks played to a large crowd, a group consisting mainly of fans born after the band’s first release.

The band released “Group Sex” in 1980, helping to push punk in a faster and angrier direction and establish organized sceries across the country with help from bands like Reno’s 7 Seconds and Minor Threat.

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Booty calls: The unspoken rite

Commentary

The history of sexual lore is rife with examples of mystical and mysterious artifacts. These artifacts embodied magical Hebrew books, the lost-creating powers, sexually intoxicating to all who come into their presence. And while it's easy to see how the ancient peoples could fall prey to such forces as love potions, pixie dust and magic sex charms, we moderns have very little excuse for believing in such sexual hogwash.

It may come as a big surprise to you, Cal Poly, that the greatest sexual fertility spell is right at your feet — and well in modern industrial societies, it is also vibrant and healthy on this campus. It could even be your classroom, right at this exact moment, as you read this column.

Ladies and gentlemen, allow me to present: the booty call. Every person on this campus, working my way from A to Z. Everybody gets at least a text message — stalking — calling, texting or, in my case, an announced window tapping — once undertakes a booty call becomes a life-encompassing mission. An old roommate who we’ll call JT (because that’s his real name) was a college boy who sends my phone list, working my way from A to Z. Everybody gets at least a text message — stalking — calling, texting or, in my case, an announced window tapping — once undertakes a booty call becomes a life-encompassing mission. An old roommate who we’ll call JT (because that’s his real name) was a college boy who sends

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Now that Sexual Assault Awareness Week has ended, I find myself wondering why women have yet to completely “take back the night.” A while ago, a female companion and I were accosted by a large group wielding sexual suggestions as he waddled by. Though I myself never felt particularly threatened by the group’s size, weight and clearly intoxicated man, I can well imagine how terrifying the experience could be had been approached, say, a lindy 108-BL girl and made the same comments.

In my conception of masculinity, such behavior is contemptible in the extreme. A man who treats random women the way that individual did is not a man; he is something else. This attitude springs from two deep-seated beliefs. First, that men need to have a conceptually masculined masculinity that they can appeal to and that can define their relationships toward women; second, that sex implies far more than a physical act and should be treated as such. Society tends to approach gender and sex in far different ways, ultimately harmful to both men and women.

Much of the recent work in gender theory has tried to demystify fixed notions of gender. In terms of tolerance and understanding, this is positive, but little attention is paid to conform to one of a few rigid standards of what constitutes a “man” or “woman.” But, in this age of gender roles cannot be forgotten. Men generally, not just universally, behave differently than women. Women will be boys, but more than one feminist has written that the difficulties in getting sex to play with any toy that isn’t a tool, a toy or a truck.

Regardless of the claims of academic gender roles, women will create gender roles. Since such roles cannot be successfully dismissed, they should be shaped and tempered. After all, while a sensitive and somewhat feminine man might beg the line that gender is wholly a matter of structural construction, your average drunk won’t. We need a conception, or conceptions, of masculinity that will impress upon the drunks and go as well as the sensitive college student.

That individual stumbling around at night filled with alcohol and sexual frustration needs to understand that any verbal or physical act toward a woman diminishes his manhood as well as his humanity. Perhaps it’s a topic for another column...

Despite the efforts of the women’s movement, the issue of women’s treatment remains a topical problem, with seemingly endless debate. In the early 1990s, the movement’s goals included an expansion of women’s rights, including reproductive rights, and an end to violence against women. The movement also sought to address gender inequality, economic disparities, and political empowerment. While significant progress has been made, many issues remain unresolved, and the movement continues to work towards a more equitable and just society.

Letters to the Editor

Holbus’ insults are not convincing

I really hope John Holbus doesn’t think that I think of him as much as he writes in his column (“Columnist: Late Night Talk radio is not to be feared,” Apr. 27). He’s not going to get anywhere by insulting others and expressing his “ungodly arrogance.” First, I’m sick of his comments about我自己. Regardless of his opinions of myself, it’s just immutable to stereotype and call them names. If he wants to represent conserva­tives, then that’s his problem and better,

I’m going to think of them. Not a very good strategy for recruitment. Second, he writes a conservative column — a means of expressing his political orientation and philosophies. Why can’t liberals express theirs? Talk radio, and all other media for that matter, should be represented by both sides. Of course he doesn’t like the liberal ideas. We can all choose what we listen to, and many of us like hearing different points of view.

Finally, does he really think racism and bigotry don’t exist in America? Sure, some people treat it to the extreme, but denying and ignoring it is far worse. I suggest Holbus use something more in his humor column than a tired joke from his diary.

Emily Logan is a journalism and music sophomore.

Gonzo edition was

laugh-out-loud funny

Awesome, awesome job on the Gonzo edition of the paper. I laughed out loud on numerous occasions. Lauren Crisp is an environmental engineering student.
Anti-smoking ads still needed

Commentary

Even after the lawsuits and the price hikes, the commercials starring adult smokers and the sex and the ter-

nus in youth smoking, can thank the Ohio Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Foundation. The program, which was aimed at counselors on the effects of smoking, seems to be working. You are going on! If minors in Minnesota are smoking because there's no prevention edu-

cation, then there must be some other telling them it's OK to smoke, right? Who could that possibly be?

On March 30, Brown and Williamson Tobacco Corp., makers of Kool cigarettes, said they stopped a marketing campaign after Maine Attorney General Steven Rowe requested an immediate halt. The marketing campaign used images of youthful rappers, DJs and dancers to target young African-Americans to smoke. Though Brown and Williamson denied the accusations, they pulled the ads without any hes-

tation. Brown and Williamson's ad cam-
paign that was aimed at youth was started before the study, Minnesota cut on spending programs like these by 45 percent. In a similar study conducted in Ohio, there was a 45 percent decrease in that number. Ohio, which was ranked fifth in the nation in smoking — addiction, lung disease, cancer, emphysema, etc. — and no one should ignore the fact California state legislators passed a budget in 2003 that helped the tobacco companies. The legisla-
tors failed to pass a cigarette tax (even with the proceeds from a money- making benefit), cut funding on prevention programs and mortgaged the money we, as a state, received from tobacco companies and routed it to pay for our deficit rather than the tobacco programs. It was intended for.

It's doubtful anyone denies the need for smoking prevention. Many people start smoking to escape from some other type of drug habit. California needs to protect its chil-
dren, and we, the voters and taxpay-
ers, need to make sure this happens. Jiu Jun is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Those having sex need to take responsibility

Limiting abortion is not govern-
ment telling a woman when she can have children. In having sex, you are choosing to have children; that is the reason sex exists (well, one of them at least). That's like drinking and getting up at the same time. If you drown irresponsibly, it's your own fault. In choosing to have sex, you are choosing to have (at least partially) children; it is not their fault and once conceived you have a responsibility to them. But that doesn't mean you have to "love them" when a "fetus" become a child. I propose that is the instant of conception. If it is not, then at some point in time it must become one and to decide when would you make God (or at least president). But if it is not a person at the time of conception, then you (not being God) could not make it so; hence it would be par-
tially a baby (this is slightly weak, but the full argument is limited by space). If it is not until birth, then is a baby (even though it could survive) just as a fetus has not passed through a birth canal?

The truth is that a "living being" is measured by it's potential, not by its immediate performance; otherwise, all infants could be tossed into a dump-
ter because they immediately con-
tribute nothing to society. If you don't want to get pregnant, don't have sex. But if you do, you have a responsibility to that child (that means you too, mom). You get to make your choice the night of, the morning after. See, you do have freedom of choice.

Will Brown is a mechanical engineering major at Cal Poly — the man behind the mystery. He introduced you as a great "open" presi-
dent. It struck me as in^nic and hyp-
mical that outlined his concerns for the university presidents in environmental science and all the wonderful things Cal Poly is doing to help.

Baker is committed to sustainability?

On April 23 I had the pleasure of watching a presentation from David Orr, renowned environmentalist and author from Oberlin College. To my surprise, I also was able to see — for the first time in my five years at Cal Poly — the man behind the mystery, President Warren Baker. He opened the conversation with a brief speech that outlined his concerns for the environment and all the wonderful things Cal Poly is doing to help. The occasion for this presentation was Baker's signing of the Talleres Declaration which outlines the role of parliamentarians in environmental management and sustainable develop-
ment. It struck me as ironic and hyp-

mical that Baker was signing the declaration and this served as a great occasion for back-patting and "atta-boys." What actions are you going to take to support your words?

Your name on a sheet of paper means nothing without the actions to support it. Friday night Dean Jones introduced you as a "great" open presi-
dent willing to make time to listen to faculty and students. If this is true, please answer my questions.

I have seen very little action to support our new-found dedication to the environment. With this said, I have a few questions for Baker:

1. You stated in your opening speech your concern for the depletion of fossil fuel resources. Is this what you think about during your quiet moments of self-reflection while commuting to Cal Poly from your home overlooking the golf course in Avila?

2. You and the provost who spoke about your support for sustainable construction must have been aware that there was such a fight to make the new dorms that were to be built before the budget crisis sustainable? If we are truly dedicated to sustainable con-
struction there would be no need for a fight for the first place.

3. It was evident that you were very proud of this new found commitment to the environment. "At this point, the university was judged as a great occasion for back-patting and "atta-boys." What actions are you going to take to support your words?

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Nikki Ladd is an architecture senior.

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William Hung's success reinforces Asian stereotypes

Commentary

From the moment he uttered those gruff words after his "American Idol" audition, William Hung has been an overnight sensation.

After Simon Cowell asked Hung what he wanted the sharp-tongued judge to say, Hung simply replied, "I already gave my best, and I have no regrets at all."

The 20-something electrical engineering major at University of California, Berkeley has garnered himself on national television, a recording contract, music video and much more. That's just the beginning. Girls are worshipping him, and companies are flocking to him.

Frankly, I find Hung to be an embarrassment and a perpetuation of Asian-American stereotypes. Hung reinforces the generalizations of Asian-American males as geeky, awkward and atypical.

It's no wonder to people to mess making fun of him — he's the classic Asian-American stereotype. During his "American Idol" audition, he wore a blue sweat shirt with a pocket protector and mismatched pants. He was the braggart. Hung portrays.

We're not the cookie-cutter model minority who studies engi-
neering, math or science. Rather, we're just like everyone else — we make mistakes, can be violent and fail horribly at difficult subject.

We can also sing, dance and act quite well. Take a look at Michelle Branch, Kristin Kreuk and Ang Lee. The success of these Asian-American men in Hollywood are just the beginning. And the Chinaman character gave reasons for why Chinese people shouldn't have rights or be granted citizenship.

"I'm always recognized and given due credit to the real, talent-
ed Asian Americans, not Hung. Aside from Asians in music or tele-
vision, what about the authors and the community activists who really push for equality and unity?"

It's bad enough that there's a stereotype that Asian males are tagged by image of Bruce Lee image or the Chinaman. In the 1850s, many shows included at least one yellowface act, and the Chinaman character gave reasons for why Chinese people shouldn't have rights or be granted citizenship.

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Bryant to enter plea May 10

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EAGLE, Colo. — The judge in the Kobe Bryant case said Wednesday the NBA star will formally enter a plea to charges of sexual assault at a three-day hearing that starts May 10.

State District Judge Terry Ruckriegle granted a prosecution request to have a plea entered and said he would like to do it Wednesday. But he said he needed to give the media time to file a request to have a camera in the courtroom for the procedure.

The Los Angeles Lakers star hasn’t spoken in open court since August, when he answered “No, sir!” to a simple question from the judge handling his preliminary hearing. Bryant, 25, is accused of raping a 19-year-old employee at a Vail-area resort last June. Bryant, who has said the two had consensual sex, would face four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation if he is convicted of felony sexual assault.

He was expected to leave for California in time to play in the Lakers’ playoff game against Houston late Wednesday.

The hearing was set as a three-day pretrial hearing wound down without resolution of two key issues: Whether the accuser’s sexual history can be used against her at trial and a defense request to dismiss evidence that includes a hospital exam of the NBA star.

More than 2 1/2 days of the hearing were held behind closed doors, with sheriff’s investigators, a nurse and others hooping into the courtroom to testify.

There was speculation that Ruckriegle would wrap up arguments on the sexual history issue. But more witnesses are expected to testify next month about the accuser’s sexual activities.

The issue is important because the defense contends that injuries found on the woman during a hospital exam could have been caused by other sexual partners surrounding the time of her encounter with Bryant.

Prosecutors say the details are irrelevant in determining whether the woman was raped.

Ruckriegle has already barred defense access to the woman’s medical records, except for those from her sexual assault exam. Experts, however, say the defense will probably call witnesses to testify about her purported suicide attempts and prescription drug use.

The judge did rule Wednesday that hearings on the relevancy of the woman’s medical and mental health history, and any evidence of alcohol or drug use, will be closed. He rejected suggested alternatives from media groups, including open-court discussions without specific details.

“The evidence does contain information which is prejudicial and inflammatory, the disclosure of which presents a substantial probability of harm to the fairness of these proceedings and the overriding interest (of the woman’s privacy),” Ruckriegle wrote.

Meanwhile, two detectives who spoke with the NBA star shortly after the alleged attack testified Wednesday, along with an expert in audio technology and Mike Ortiz, a member of Bryant’s security team.

The defense says sheriff’s investigators Dan Loya and Doug Winters improperly questioned Bryant and blocked the execution of a court order to gather evidence last July. Loya also taped Bryant’s statements with a miniature recorder in his shirt pocket.

The defense wants Ruckriegle to toss out the secretly recorded statements, a T-shirt stained with the woman’s blood and the results of an examination performed on Bryant at a Glenwood Springs hospital.

Jockeys hint at Kentucky Derby boycott if barred from wearing ads

Beth Harris
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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Two jockeys said Wednesday they might not ride in the Kentucky Derby if a federal judge bars them from wearing advertising patches during the race.

The jockeys have filed a First Amendment challenge to a state law that ban jockeys from wearing advertising, promotional or cartoon symbols. A second lawsuit filed by jockeys argues they should be allowed to wear a patch with the name of their union, the Jockeys’ Guild.

The jockeys want U.S. District Judge John Heyburn to block the state law. The judge said he would decide the case Thursday.

Jockey John Velazquez is set to ride Pollard’s Vision in Saturday’s race and Jose Santos will be aboard Limehouse. Both men are part of the advertising lawsuit.

“Basically, the threat is that we will be escorted out of the racetrack,” Velazquez said on ESPN’s “Cold Pizza.” “If we will be escorted out of the racetrack, there will be no Kentucky Derby, put it that way.”

If the two men don’t ride, substitute jockeys could be assigned to their mounts. It was not clear if other jockeys also would boycott.

Attorneys for the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority, the state agency that enforces the rules, say they worry that letting jockeys wear ads could lead to corruption. They also argue that the presence of ads or other patches could hamper racing officials’ ability to determine a winner in a tight finish, or whether a foul was committed.

Other states, such as New York, California and Florida, permit jockeys to wear ads and the guild patch. Todd Pletcher, trainer of both Limehouse and Pollard’s Vision, questioned whether Churchill Downs or the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority would have the right to escort jockeys off the track for having ads on their pants.

“I don’t know if that’s legal or not,” he said. “Whether or not the jockey would actually refuse to ride in the Kentucky Derby, I don’t know that, either. I’m sure that if some of these guys chose not to ride, there would be other guys that would choose to ride.”

“The bottom line is I’m not concerned about it,” he added.

Pletcher said jockeys should be allowed to wear advertising if the owner of the horse they’re riding gives approval.

Fourteen jockeys were fined $5,000 for wearing the guild patch during last year’s Derby. They appealed the fine to a state court; that case is pending.
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Big West's best: Bertoni wins Golfer of the Year

Sophomore comes out on top as top male finishes near bottom of field

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Cal Poly's Travis Bertoni fini-
ished sixth overall at the 2004 Big West Men's Golf Championship at the Tijeras Creek Golf Club on Tuesday and was selected Big West Golfer of the Year.

The Cal Poly men's golf team finished 22 strokes behind tournament winner Long Beach State, placing seventh and shooting 886 overall.

Bertoni's strong finish to the season helped him win the award. The sophomore had a pair of wins and a second-place finish in his last three tournaments.

"I started off bad," Bertoni said. "I didn't play as well as I wanted to, but I brought it back up to reasonable at the end. ... I would have liked to have played better." In addition to being named the Big West Golfer of the Year, Bertoni was selected for this year's first team all-conference. For the sophomore, his short game was the difference maker.

"I've been practicing a lot on my short game," Bertoni said. "Now I really changes through." The Mustangs finished seventh as a team, a let-down from last year's second-place finish.

"We did OK — we were a little defensible at the end .... I would have expected to have finished higher," national coach Tony Henley said.

Despite Cal Poly's average performance in the tournament, King said another year of experience will make all the difference next season.

"We have seven freshmen this year," King said. "It's a rebuilding year. I think we'll be pretty good next year."

Bertoni was one of five strokes behind Long Beach State's Todd Saukkola and UC Irvine's Vinicio Poncino, who tied for first overall in the tournament; Saukkola eventually won in a playoff. Long Beach State also won the conference title in a playoff with UC Riverside.

King placed 18th with a total of 219 for the tournament. Close behind King was freshman Brycen Wagner, who placed 19th at 222, tying with UC Santa Barbara's Greg Wells and Joey Ramos.

Forty player Loose Blair had a score of 79 with a total of 233 and placed 35th. Freshman Chris Kirk finished in 46th place with a score of 77 and a total of 241.

Bertoni will compete in the NCAA Regional Championships on May 17 and 18 in Beal, Ore.

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Kentucky Derby

Zito lives for the Run for the Roses

Richard Rosenblatt

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LOUISVILLE, Ky — Nick Zito's world revolves around showing up for the Kentucky Derby.

The trainer has said it twice — but not lately. He raised the last two Derbies, and there was a brief time a few weeks ago when it looked like he might be out of luck again.

"We've been shooting through your body. It started in sorrow. I never knew them. Pat, a man who had given up millions of dollars in a potential NFL contract to join the Army Rangers in 2002, was killed last Tuesday in combat.

Kevin, a man who made an equal sacrifice serving alongside his brother in Afghanistan, was once a Cal Poly student and baseball standout.

What other alumni would you rather proceed at a university? What's better for a college than claiming a man like Kevin? Zito played baseball at Cal Poly for two years. He left in 2001 as a Big West All-Conferece selection to pursue the major leagues. He got as far as the Cleveland minor-league system before he took a leap of humility, honor and nobility.

A man, who like his brother, gave up potential greatness and money to become an Army Ranger — and was sent to the heart of the fire.

"Just the other day I was thinking, 'This isn't madness.' It's put danger in a new context.

"Just the other day I was thinking during the game," Mustang baseball administrative assistant Dick Morrow said. "The national anthem means a little more now that I've known Kevin. It hits close."

"I didn't do it for the story he'd become, and in fact, he'd probably refuse to read this article. The brothers were not even happy with ESPN's decision to award them the 2003 Arthur Ashe Courage Award. Since they made their decision, they have refused to do media interviews.

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"'Thanks for being a Mustang,' I said," Morrow said. "Kevin replied "Thanks for letting me be one.""

So much a competitor, Morrow once commented to him after he had made a couple of spectacular fielding plays during practice, "You keep fielding at second base like that, and you'll be the second best all-time baseman at Cal Poly," Morrow said, who was a former Mustang second baseman.

And Morrow wasn't surprised when Kevin made his decision to do something other than entertaining people like me. I've made my references to sports in the context of war before — but never again. We've coaches general, players soldiers and the court a battlefield. But never again. We've athletes fight, and they're given technical fouls and fine. In war you fight until your opponent stops breathing. Athletes aren't the true men.

Kevin brought the body of his brother to the states from Afghanistan on Monday.

Put him on your wall. Model sports in the context of war before sophomore and Mustang Daily sports in the context of war before sophomore and Mustang Daily.

Dad Watson is a journalism sophomore and Mustang Daily columnist.