Body vs. Mind
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The campus closes library doors before the lights go out at the Rec Center. Does this infer a skewed sense of priority?

Carrie McGourty
MUSTANG DAILY

It is a common question why Cal Poly, one of the most academically rigorous universities on the West Coast, closes its library doors to students long before ending hours at the gym.

In fact, the gym is open for almost 20 hours longer than the main library throughout the week, and May is a prime example. "We'll be studying for finals and we'll be kicked out of the library," said education masters candidate Michelle Broom, the public relations and marketing coordinator for ASI.

The number of hours at the gym that the students are determined based on student needs and demands," Broom said. "Then we assess how long it can be open based on how long they can afford to operate it."

Between 4,000 to 5,000 people use the Rec Center every day, said Catherine Cramp, ASI Recreational Sports assistant director.

This includes anything from student needs and demands," Broom said. "Then we assess how long it can be open based on how long they can afford to operate it."

Cinco de Mayo fiestas lacking

The Hispanic Student Business Association will feature horchata and nachos on Dexter Lawn today.

Stacey Anderson
MUSTANG DAILY

Cinco de Mayo will come and go quietly this year in San Luis Obispo. No celebratory events are planned for Cal Poly or the surrounding community, to the surprise and disappointment of many.

Today, a handful of organizations will dot Dexter Lawn to promote awareness of the day and sell margs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Hispanic Student Business Association table will feature horchata and nachos and the Chicano Commencement Committee will offer tortas. Sigma Omega Nu will provide paper bags and tissue for their interactive plug workshop.

"It might not be anything big," said La Comisión Estudiantil president Kenai Ablas. "It was organized very last-minute and it's the first year we've tried to do this. Hopefully it will be bigger next year, because it'll be nice to get more attention for the day. For now, though, it'll be pretty small. Traditions have to start sometime."

No activities were arranged through Associated Students Inc. or the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce; both events calendars are conspicuously devoid of any holiday mention. Movimiento Estudiantil Xicano de Aztlan (MEXA) secretary Daisy Casares is not surprised.

"There could be much more awareness here of Cinco de Mayo," Casares said. "It's another opportunity for people to learn about Mexican culture and other cultures, but is a much bigger deal in the United States than in Mexico. It's not even our real day of independence like people think."

Mexico's actual holiday of independence is Sept. 16, which celebrates their declaration against Spain in 1810. Cinco de Mayo marks the day 4,000 Mexican soldiers defeated the French and traitor Mexican army of 8,000 at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. The battle broke after French soldiers under Emperor Napoleon invaded Mexico.

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accounts for 25 percent of the quarterly $38.42 AM fee. "It's funded much differ­ently than a student-mandated fee," Broom said. "It would be won­derful if they could do that with the library as well."

The library has an operating bud­get of $85 million a year, most of which is appropriated by state fund­ing, Davis said. The hours available at the library were determined by a survey administered to students. The results of the survey and an examination of how many students utilize the facil­ity at certain times determined the library open hours.

"If there are only a handful of stu­dents at 1 a.m., then the library doesn't justify maintaining those hours," Davis said. "If there's more staff than users, it's not cost effective."

The daily cost of personnel to maintain the library is $14,000, Davis said.

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and people suffering with severe anxiety don't know that there's help available," said Axelroth. Voluntaries from the Student Health Advisory Council will set up a booth and will offer pamphlets and a one-page, self-test questionnaire. Mental Health Services will offer free and confidential counseling to determine test results throughout the day.

The survey will help psycholog­ists determine if students suffer from symptoms such as panic dis­order, social anxiety disorder, post­traumatic stress disorder, general­ized anxiety disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder and major depression.

"Anxiety is pushing us to deal with the future," Axelroth said. "Therapy helps you deal with today."

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They learn plenty more than that. The course focuses on sci­ence, animal health, international trade and nutrition and cattle feed­ing.

The class is a natural at a univer­sity established in 1881 as a land­grant school. The link between food and human health has stirred public interest before, said Faustman. In 1993, E. coli bacteria was found in hamburgers sold by Jack in the Box restaurants in Washington state. In the late 1980s, there was concern about the use of the chemical Alar on apples. But he said milk cow is differ­ent, provoking a greater public response. "This, I think, is of spe­cial interest," he said.

Faustman said his course was inspired by a book, "The Pathogenic Protein," by Philip Yam, an editor at Scientific American.

Faustman invited Yam to lecture in early March on issues he researched for his book — and the author himself was able to at­tain a few issues himself.

Students, he said, "presented things I never even thought of..."
**State Briefs**

CORONA — Southern California’s first wildfires of the season burned homes and brushlands and forced thousands of people to evacuate on Tuesday, portending what could be an especially dangerous and costly summer.

The fires burned through a total of more than 15,000 acres of grass and low-lying scrub parched by blistering spring heat that led the state to declare an earlier-than-usual start to the fire season on Monday. At least nine cottages and two mobile homes were reported destroyed.

Nearly a dozen firefighters among the thousands on the job in Southern California were treated for injuries, including heat stroke and dehydration. At least two people were burned in a fire in the Los Padres National Forest were treated for smoke inhalation and cuts and bruises. The two biggest fires burned in Riverside County, an inland region east of Los Angeles. Fires also burned in San Diego County and up the coast in Santa Barbara County.

LOS ANGELES — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s attorney Tuesday asked a judge to throw out a libel lawsuit filed by a woman who, on the day before the recall election, went on TV and accused the action film star of groping her on a movie set.

Superior Court Judge Robert L. Hess took under submission two motions to dismiss Rhonda Miller’s suit.

The lawsuit stems from Schwarzenegger’s campaign intentionally defaming her after she alleged the Hollywood star lifted her shirt and grabbed on film set. Miller, 55, made the allegations on Oct. 6, the day before voters were to go the ballot to decide whether to recall Gray Davis.

**BAKERSFIELD** — After 20 years in prison, an inmate whose child molestation conviction was overturned after most of his alleged victims recanted was released from custody Tuesday, his 61st birthday.

“Oh my! I don’t know. This is wonderful. It’s just amazing,” John Stoll said after taking a bow and thanking his attorney.

Stoll walked free hours after Kern County prosecutors told Judge Lee P. Felice they would not seek to retry him inside a building the size of a small-town civic center.

**National Briefs**

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld condemned abuses of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. soldiers as “totally unacceptable and un-American” on Tuesday as the Army disclosed that the deaths of 10 prisoners and the abuse of 10 more in Iraq and Afghanistan were under criminal investigation.

Among the new revelations, one week after the publication of devastating details of Iraqis suffering physical and sexual abuse at the hands of U.S. soldiers.

**World Briefs**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The new commander of U.S.-run prisons in Iraq said Tuesday he would cut in half the number of Iraqis in the notorious Abu Ghraib prison and quash some interrogation techniques considered humiliating, such as hooding prisoners.

The announcement came as Iraqis freed from coalition jails — emboldened by photographs of abused prisoners — stepped forward with new allegations of beatings, sleep deprivation and hours spent hooded and kneeling before interrogators.

**KABUL, Afghanistan** — Afghanistan joined the U.S. military in criticizing Pakistan’s offer of amnesty for al Qaeda and Taliban fighters holed up along the border, saying going “soft” on terrorism will undermine the battle against insurgents threatening landmark Afghan elections.

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**UNITED NATIONS** — The United States walked out of a U.N. meeting Tuesday to protest its decision minutes later to give Sudan a third term on the Human Rights Commission, the world body’s human rights watchdog.

U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice called the vote an “absurdity” and accused Sudan of massive human rights violations and “ethnic cleansing” in its western Darfur region before getting up from his chair and walking out of the Economic and Social Council chamber.

As he was leaving, Sudan’s deputy U.N. ambassador Omar Bashir Mans launched into a heated response, accusing American forces of engaging in degrading treatment of Iraqi prisoners and committing “atrocities” against innocent Iraqi civilians.

The United States’ seat in the chamber was empty, and no American diplomat was there to hear it.
Consumers turn away from farmed fish

Jeff Barnard

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, Ore. — Sitting on the deck of last week's catch, Dixson Fisheries' salmon fisherman Loren Dixon had to think back to when his career was a baby to remember a time when prices for his catch were this good.

"Hannah was 17 now, and it was the year she was born," he said.

Since those high prices in the late 1980s, West Coast salmon fishermen have struggled. A strong El Niño in 1994 depleted food in the ocean, the reducing salmon landings. Salmon farms in Chile, Norway, and Canada filled the gap, driving down prices as they cranked up production.

But in the past two years, campaigns have promoted the health, taste and environmental benefits of ocean-caught salmon. Fishermen have developed programs to produce a better fish through careful handling. Scientific studies have found higher levels of PCB contamination in farmed salmon. And new laws are highlighting the origin of salmon for consumers. The convergence of all those factors has pushed wild salmon prices back up.

"I used to think I was the only one that was promoting salmon," Dixon said. "Now everybody's in on it."

\$5.50 a pound Oregon fish buyers were paying last week for large chinook, the West Coast's commercial species, would have been the equivalent of \$3.33 in 1987. That's the year Dixon got $4.50 for one boatload in San Francisco.

"It means I actually expect to do reasonably well this year," said Gold Beach fisherman Scott Boise, who has a fish market where he was retailing chinook files for $9.60 a pound.

Wholesale prices this week dropped to about \$3.50 a pound as the California and Washington fisheries hit the water and weather improved, but observers expect them to stay strong all summer.

Higher prices have made some middlemen balky, but strong demand has bought them around, said Scott Adams, production manager for Hallmark Fisheries in Clinton.

"I call a guy up and he'll say, 'I'm not buying fish at that price.' An hour later he calls back and asks if I have any fish left," Adams said. "It's amazing. It goes to show you people want to eat certain things."

Fish marketing consultant Howard Johnson of H.J. Johnson & Associates has tracked a slight increase in farmed salmon prices, but noted that wild prices are up much more. He added that the bulk of salmon for consumers was all wild salmon at this year's International Boston Seafood Show, where Legal Sea Foods, a Boston-based chain of 26 restaurants, announced a new line of wild Alaskan salmon dishes.

"Anyone can serve farmed salmon. Farmed salmon is the ubiquitous jug wine of California," said Roger Berkowitz, president of Legal Sea Foods. "Wild salmon are the boutique varietals — the Chardonnays, the fume blanes. A lot of people's plates were whet with generic salmon, and now they want something better. I'm in the fish business and I've got to provide that to them."

Fishermen still grumble about prices, but not too loudly. Two years ago, chinook dipped below \$1 a pound due to the glut of farmed salmon, which account for 60 percent of the world supply.

"We have now in what we consider an informed public that wants our product," said Daryl Bogardus, slipper of the Pikes, tied up across the dock from Dixon's Dragoneet. "Instead of taking a back seat to farmed fish, we're getting the price we should."

Lawsuit says state shirking role in pesticide reductions

Don Thompson

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO — State environmental officials have shirked their responsibility to cut the use of pesticides that contribute to smog, environmental groups claimed in a federal lawsuit Tuesday.

The suit by a coalition of community-based environmental justice groups says the state is failing to meet a 10-year-old goal of reducing the smog-causing emissions from pesticides to 20 percent below their 1990 levels by 2005.

"In the San Joaquin Valley, pesticides are the largest source of unregulated smog-forming pollution. Californians' lungs are not subsides for agriculture," Teresa DeAnda, president of the Committee for the Betterment of Earlhart, said in announcing the suit.

Volatile organic compounds, which come from pesticides, paints, gasoline and solvents, mix with nitrogen oxide primarily from vehicles and power plants to form ground-level ozone, also called smog. Pesticides make up less than 5 percent of those emissions in the San Joaquin Valley and less than 2 percent statewide, said Glenn Brink, spokesman for the Department of Pesticide Regulation. But he and California Environmental Protection Agency spokeswoman Michele St. Martin said it is a priority for the administration to improve air quality regardless of the pollution source.

The suit accuses the EPA and the department, along with the Air Resources Board, of violating the federal Clean Air Act and endangering public health. Air board spokesman Jerry Martin declined comment.

The regulators have not adopted regulations to cut emissions of smog-causing volatile organic compounds from pesticides despite the failure of regional air basins to meet interim voluntary goals as required in 1994, the suit contends. The Department of Pesticide Regulation's voluntary program required Sacramento, San Joaquin Valley, Ventura, South Coast and Southeast Desert air basins to reduce emissions by 8 percent by 1996, 12 percent from 1999 and 16 percent by 2002.

But emissions have increased, particularly in the San Joaquin Valley, Ventura County and in the Southeast Desert air basin of Los Angeles, the suit says.
Gay marriage bill will probably die this year

Erica Werner
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A California gay marriage bill that won historic committee passage last month probably won't go any further this year, state Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez said Tuesday.

"I think we have to pick our battles, and it's probably not a fight we engage in this year," the Los Angeles Democrat told reporters during a trip to Washington to meet with lawmakers.

"But certainly I think during my tenure I would like to see people get the respect that they deserve regardless of who they love," said Nunez, who supports the bill.

The measure passed the Assembly Judiciary Committee last month, marking the first formal vote in support of gay marriage by a legislative body in the United States.

The legislation, authored by Assemblyman Mark Leno, a San Francisco Democrat, would amend the state family code to define marriage as between "two persons" instead of between a man and a woman. It passed the committee 8-3 with all Democrats in favor and all Republicans opposed.

The bill is set for a hearing before the Appropriations Committee later this month.

Leno said he was still working for votes but acknowledged it was an uphill battle.

"Should it not happen this year I will be back the first of next year with a new bill because I am wholly committed to ending this discriminatory practice," he said.

The Judiciary Committee vote came a month after the California Supreme Court ordered San Francisco officials to stop issuing marriage licenses to gay couples, which they'd been doing under orders from that city's mayor.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican, didn't take a position on the bill, but said in March during an appearance on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno" that same-sex marriages would be "fine with me" if the courts or the voters change state law and make them legal.

LEGISLATURE
The attack of the mighty COACHELLA

One Mustang Daily reporter takes on the monster desert music festival — and survives to tell the story BY STAGEY ANDERSON

Never start a road trip by questioning the existence of God. Within just a handful of miles traveled, the innocent road trip of Cal Poly students Kimi Kieft, James delos Reyes, Sahoko Yui, Omid Haghighat and one Mustang Daily reporter had already exploded into a fervent religious debate and an assortment of problems that would steadily snowball. The anticipated five-hour drive to Indio and its long-awaited Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival was dotted with wrong turns, lost frappuccinos, unintentional drives through seedy Los Angeles neighborhoods and the individual realizations that two pairs of tickets had been left in bedrooms 200 miles away (names omitted to protect the embarrassed). Did God hate us? Or did God hate our pilgrimage toward Radiohead?

No matter — Coachella’s weekend celebration of alternative culture was worth every bemoaned mile. The weekend festival, a literal and figurative oasis in the deserts of Southern California, shone with the enthusiasm of 88 diverse musical acts, 17 avant-garde art exhibitions, seven independent films and a sold-out congregation of 120,000 appreciative, peaceful enthusiasts. It was Woodstock without the mud and a modern museum without the snobbery, the only kind of event that could serve as the Pixies’ swan song, prompt Thom Yorke and Co. to break their own rules, encourage Robert Smith to lead The Cure into a playful six-song encore and make The Crystal Method confess to tour hooky to one sand-covered Daily reporter.

The nagging downsides of the cultural mecca; triple-digit ticket prices for both days, a lack of shade, irritating water prices ($2 a bottle) and all-day broiling heat of 100-plus degrees that doubled the need for each costly swig of liquid. But for two days in Eden, who wouldn’t loosen the purse strings?

Saturday

“Enjoy the sun, enjoy the day, enjoy everything about it — but most of all, enjoy rock ‘n’ roll!” encouraged violinist Eric Gorfain of the Section Quartet during their opening set. The group inaugurated the main stage with their classical interpretations of popular rock, bringing their riotous violins, cellos and violas to hits by Radiohead, Queens of the Stone Age and The Darkness. The veteran arrangers and backers to Wilco, David Bowie and Christina Aguilera (be honest — for “Beautiful,” were you sniffling for her or for their ascending strings?) were the only act to perform for both days of Coachella and couldn’t have been more pleased.

“The atmosphere here is great,” Gorfain said. “It’s very inviting, very warm backstage. We’re honored to be here both days. This is a music crowd, and it’s fun to play for them.”

Other bright spots in the blistering afternoon included: And You Will Know Us by the Trail of Dead’s introduction of new material; Death Cab for Cutie’s charming sing-along balladry and round denouncement of sweat-proof sunscreen; and Sahara Hotnights’ incendiary hour of righteous punk. Last-minute addition Beck caused a traffic jam; his rabid audience was forced to pack into the festival’s smallest tent and strain to hear his subdued acoustic set.

Dusk found the Pixies on the last stop of their reunion tour glory and in front of a swaying, roaring mass of disciples. Singer Frank Black growled through “Bone Machine,” a stark contrast to the glowing smile of bassist Kim Deal. The distortion tricks

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of guitarist Joey Santiago led gracefully into the gorgeous "Gigantic" and a lush, enveloping version of the Cure's classic "Love is All Around." Joey's bluesy guitar work and the band's blend of baroque pop and post-punk were a treat for the ears.

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COURTESY PHOTOS

A video screen isolated the Pixies' Frank Black (above), while even the trash cans at the festival (right) had personality.

Macintosh laptop. For the turning their tent into Indio's only electronic club. Strobe lights show, one with a near-palpable audio vibe. The Flaming Lips dusted off their old act of fuzzy animal costumes, brightly smiling balloons and costumed theatricality. Exuberant lead singer Wayne Coyne led a hilarious sing-along chorus of "Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots" with his new friend, an incredibly ugly nun puppet. When The Cure took the stage, singer Robert Smith seemed slightly bewildered, but chanted all his Lovesong torture into a glowing, convincing takes on the band's most popular songs. Fans f r a i c t i o n Street" and "Pictures of You" kept the crowd soaring past the expected end time, and their new single "End of the World" won rave applause. Smith led the band into six encores and nodded to smiles that matched his own, patted his bandmates on the back and waved goodbye to the sea of delighted fans and the beautiful oasis that was Coachella.

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Cinco de Mayo more than just a party

Historic occasion often lost in American culture amidst Corona, tequila and pinatas

Nicole Angeloni

MUSICAL DAY

In many cultures around the world, there are diverse celebrations that focus on traditions from gaining independence to memorializing influential people.

With Cinco de Mayo, the Mexican culture commemorates a special day in its history.

John Washington III, an electronics media junior, and Landon Tejada, president of Nu Alpha Kappa and senior agricultural systems management, “We do celebrate it in our fraternity, but it’s not a huge deal because we’re not all Mexican.”

Spanish professor Kevin Fagan, who is the resident director of the Mexico Abroad program, has experienced the celebrations on both sides of the border. He lived in Mexico for eight years.

“Mexico has had constant foreign military invasions linked to economic exploitations,” he said. “It’s considered more of a military holiday in Mexico because it was a military victory. Although, it is celebrated a lot more in the United States than in Mexico.”

Fagan attributes the United States celebrations of Cinco de Mayo to a way to pay tribute to the culture.

“The Mexican tradition is very family, music and folklore oriented,” he said. “If we can value Mexican traditions here in the United States, it adds a richness to American culture. It’s a great way for people that immigrated here to preserve their heritage, but still be recognized as Americans.”

Martinez agrees. 

“Cinco de Mayo has to be understood as a way for Mexicans in America to celebrate their culture,” he said. “It’s a very symbolic celebration.”

Kelly Pratt

THE DAILY LEADER (STATE UNIVERSITY)

University students are using the hip-hop vote to get young people to vote in Baton Rouge, La., and New Orleans.

Washington and Franklin volunteer for the non-profit organization Hip-Hop Summit Action Network. HSAN is dedicated to using the crossover influence of hip-hop music to serve as a stimulant for education throughout the well-being of at-risk youth throughout the United States.

HSAN is a non-profit, non-partisan national coalition of hip-hop artists, entertainment industry leaders, education advocates, civil rights proponents and youth leaders united in the belief that hip-hop is enormously influential for social change to fight the war on poverty and injustice.

“We don’t care who you vote for, just so you vote,” Franklin said.

Washington said the main objective of the network is “getting 18- to 30-year-olds that listen to hip-hop to vote.”

“Our goal is to get 100,000 youth registered to vote before the New Orleans Hip-Hop Summit on June 17,” Washington said.

Benjamin Chaves, the president and CEO of HSAN, said the New Orleans summit will have the largest number of artists and registered voters.

At the moment, the New Orleans Arena is booked, holding 19,000 seats. It’s the one place in the United States where the age group is 100% hip-hop.

Some big names attending the summit are Russell Simmons, Sean “P Diddy” Combs, Damon Dash and Jermaine Dupri.

The status of the hip-hop vote shows that young voters between 18 and 30 represent only 25 percent of the voting-age population. People between 18 and 24 have the lowest voting rate with only 36 percent.

Washington and Franklin primarily find these young people at parties where there is a big hip-hop influence. They also go to churches and high schools in East Baton Rouge to talk to people ages 17 and up.

“Young people vote, the more they (politicians) have to recognize us as a voice,” Franklin said. “The more people vote, the more they (politicians) have to recognize us as a voice.”

Bryan Bason, a volunteer and a general studies student, said the summit is a good way to show how hip-hop crosses all racial, ethnic and social boundaries.

“It’s the voice of today’s generation,” Bason said.

Anyone interested in helping the HSAN can log on to ban.org to become a volunteer.

Non-profit group shows hip-hop culture to urge students to vote

Steve Christ

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"The Soul of a Man"

NORMAN, Okla. — When the selling point of a record is so painfully blatant that it’s synonymous with the whole project, it’s hard to focus on much beyond that.

“D12 World,” though, manages to somehow surpass the “Featuring Eminem” label and gives the other five members of D12 plenty of room to shine. Also, the sheer volume of members alone allows the record to refrain from being monotonous, a problem which plagues the majority of today’s one-note rappers.

It’s pretty much obvious what to expect from “D12 World.” Lots of quick — sometimes witty, sometimes not so witty — banter between the members and just enough slurry bean to keep things flowing.

Throughout the whole record, there’s an odd dichotomy between what the listener is and isn’t supposed to take seriously. The angry, semi-essential and seemingly heartfelt “How Come” is the polar opposite of the joking “My Band,” which creates a few authentic issues, but beyond that, there really isn’t a whole lot to complain about.

“My Band,” the album’s lead single, takes on a new kind of humor for Eminem and his crew and is one of the more entertaining things he’s done in a long time, complete with a fine boy-band breakdown.

Sure, the boy bands are now extinct and aren’t especially viable targets anymore, but it’s good to have a hard little reminder of how truly terrible they were.

On the mid-tempo “FE Be Dumm3n,” it seems as if it’s possible to actually smell the copious amounts of weed being smoked in the studio, which is suggested by the track’s lazy, shorted delivery.

The record is executed with more of a smile than a sneer, which makes it easier to digest and accept. Otherwise, it would have been somehow contrived and half-assed, but with the carefree attitude that flows through most of the album, it’s respectable and makes for an enjoyable listen.

"D12 World” gets beyond Eminem

Chris Steffen

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ASI President and Vice President earn approximately $13,000 and $9,000 per year, respectively.

*Lobby Corps is working hard to make the next fee referendum more informational for students and less biased.

*Are you interested in electing next year’s University Union Advisory Board Chair? The election is open to all students and will be held Tuesday, May 25 at 4 p.m. in building 52 E-27.

*ASI Student Government meetings are open to the public. Please come and give us your input.

ASI Board of Directors meets May 12 at 5 p.m. in UU 220. UUAB meets May 18 at 4 p.m. in UU 216.

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Innocuous rituals should not be banned

Commentary

Oxford University is often thought to have only distinguished, grade-A students who make a habit of attending after-school seminars and break the language barrier whenever they have a few extra minutes. But when it comes to the end of finals week, they apparently let loose with the best of the best, jumping off bridges into the River Cherwell and pelting each other with eggs. As one might imagine, this creates a bit of a quandary for university officials. Recently, officials have proposed sanctions, including fines of $50 to $120, on students who throw food or flour, or who simply hang around by the river and watch others doing these items "with the intention of using them" could be punished, university officials said.

Fad to half way around the world in San Luis Obispo.

The scenario: It's the beginning of Rush Week, and all of the eager pledges of Cal Poly fraternities and sororities wear their pins with pride, huddle up with their designated social cluster and prepare themselves to endure whatever it takes to become "official." This is just the behavior of Oxford students. They're both rituals in which people behave out of the ordinary.

Commentary

For the past 56 years a war has existed in the Middle East, with occasional intervals of violent outbreaks notably in 1948, 1967 and 1973 — although, for the most part, there has been an underlying current of distrust that has hovered to the forefront by terrorism. The war has centered on the existence of Israel and there is no foreseeable end to the conflict.

To begin understanding the issues, we must know that the entire Middle East is a vastly complex economical, social and political region not easily labeled or comprehended. There is enough historical evidence to unequivocally state that the region is still experiencing the reverberations of European, especially British, colonialism from nearly a century ago.

The Israelis and Palestinians lay claim to the same territory as necessary for their national narratives. However, the very concept of nationalism only emerged in the aftermath of the French Revolution, and the claim does not necessarily exclude the other. Jews and Arabs lived side by side in relative autonomy under the Ottoman Empire's millet system, disregarding the notion they have never and will never be able to live in peace. The 1978 Camp David Accords further proved that peace is the main goal of both the Arabs and Israelis.

From 1939 to 1948, two grave injustices occurred affecting the Middle East. The first was the Jewish Holocaust, which probably tipped the feelings of the European Jewish community into believing complete ascension would never be accepted. The second was the acquisition of Arab land required to establish Israel and the resulting, and as yet unresolved, Palestinian refugee issue.

After nearly half a century of animosity, the Israelis and Palestinians negotiated the Oslo Accords, handing over a measure of self-rule to the Palestinians over certain zones of the occupied territories. However, the Palestinian Authority brought in horrifically corrupt leaders from Tunis who had never lived under the occupation and therefore could not know how best to address the needs of the people. During the 1990s, some of the worst violations of human rights occurred under their rule, severely demoralizing all Palestinians within the West Bank and Gaza. Furthermore, this widespread resentment laid the entire groundwork for the 2000 al-Aqsa intifada to occur.

According to www.cnn.com, "the overall toll since the September 2000 start of the Palestinian intifada, or uprising, has been brought to 3,253, including 2,954 Palestinians and 899 Israelis." How many more deaths must occur before a viable alternative leadership emerges for the Palestinians? Yasser Arafat has already proven himself unable or unwilling to effectively lead or simply demeans any semblance of a state, his past terrorist ties aside. However, the loser, you're just a little more dirty.

Letters to the Editor

Jobs are outsourced for good reasons

In a letter ("Bush is cutting pay with new overtime laws" April 26), Matthew Holden says, "I am so confused by the rationale behind Bush's (labor) policy that I've stopped trying to understand." How very liberal of him to have such a policy.

Holden says Bush is reforming "dated" labor laws, with the use of cute little quotes to try to say that the labor laws are anything but. Please. While competing countries continue to develop and get leaner manufacturing, Americans get fatter and wonder why we can't keep up. With baggage such as workers' compensation, high minimum wage, inconvenience and overtime laws, it's a wonder we haven't collapsed yet.

He also makes a big deal out of the decision that pay will be given to, get this, our employees who are working whom anywhere? What kind of crazy policy would it be if our bosses got to decide when they want their employees to work? Give me a break.

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"You're not a loser, you're just a little more dirty."
It's a thriller under the big top

Commentary

As thousands of Cal Poly students marched to support Sin­cerel and protest the debuchy that is Wildflower, these two investigate, undercover on campus, a group of young, respectable journalists (or citizen) should ever go.

We chose to migrate south early south early to avoid the morning and stand among the masses outside the M c B e l l a c k o n arrangement on Saturday in Cal Poly, Maria. We wished to witness first-hand the "healing of the world," that "just beat in" and the movement of the "mourned" that one would expect to encounter at such a venue.

The last time the King of Pop was in town was Kansas City in 1982 and chaos infiltrated the streets. We didn't want to miss on this action this time. We promised ourselves that no matter what or where, we'd be there to protest, sup­port or merely witness the fiasco that is the Michael Jackson child molestation trial.

We didn't go because we're big fans or because we're those protesters. We went simply because we wanted to see a circus. And a cir­cus it was what we got. Local M J sup­porters dressed in black socks complete with white socks and black shoes. One or two people even sported the oh-so-sope jacket from the "Thriller" video (you know, the one with black stripes). The out­numbered number of radicals held their ground amongst the Jackson loyalists with their "We support the vic­tim" signs.

Included in this throng of radical fans were people who traveled from places way too far outside of California. One M J fanatic (who has been a devoted supporter for three whole years!) came from Arizona, while another came from Massachusetts. Massachusetts? Yes, a half-hour drive from San Luis Obispo was long. All 3 of the fans to support a man who they idolize, yet in reality know nothing about beyond his music.

Except for one woman, she ran into Michael at the Santa Maria Mall a while back but didn't recognize him under the guise of his surgical mask (her husband even asked if he was just a random gay guy wearing a very similar costume at a Michael "Halloween"). Once she finally real­ized it was the King (not Elvis!), she asked for an autograph, and he politely delivered.

He impacted her life, and she was there to show her support. Luckily for us she was highly in­formative, much like the way-too­knowledgeable security guard that Chris Farley (R.I.P) played in "Wayne's World." She told us how to get to the other side of the road where we could get a clearer view of Michael, so we thanked her kind­ly and went on our way.

Across the street, the only thing missing was a big striped tent and a couple of trapeze artists. Many mediaNous scoured around, trying to get the perfect soundbite, while a key­board player had a "flying" party per­formed "Free Michael!" T-shirt (10 bucks!). We could make them with a ＄20 bill. Sharpie impressionists were aligned and the heavens above were opening, everyone turned to Michael. On the wall of our car, we reflected on the event with an odd sense of delight. On one hand, it was a very successful "fanatic" that we are part of a kind of sad society where we can get a huge kick in the court of public opinion. On the other hand, it was heartening to see the devotion, since this man had touched them (in places and ways they did not know). But before we lost ourselves in deep reflection, a woman and her daughters pulled up beside us in a minivan. The mom rolled down her window and asked us if we knew if Michael gave out tick­ets to the ranch? Do you know where we can get them?

We could only shake our heads and keep walking. Once the minis­ivan was out of sight, we burst into laughter at how sad and pathetic some people are.

But the oddest thing of all was that we bumped "Beat It" the whole way home. We may not think it is a very good song, but I bet the Neverland Ranch, but come on, that guitar riff is classic.

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Kerry-McCain: good idea

Commentary

Sometimes, it's what you don't see that generates headlines. Such was the case when WSYX the Columbus ABC affiliate, did not broadcast Friday's episode of "Nightline, " a program that ker­ry-McCain: good idea

Letters to the Editor

Cal Poly is choosing the wrong priorities

While it's hard to argue that we need new and renovated facilities ("Pop 35 goes Virgate April 30, I would argue that it is a case of poor­ly-orchestrated priorities). It is always good to public relations, of course, to build new buildings, something the public can see, smell, walk through and touch.

What they can't see is those buildings will invariably include under-equipped classrooms, unprofessionalistic faculty and equipment cut. What they can't see is the whole campaign ignores innocent quarter.

Even if they can't see in many stud­ents not getting required courses.

In a zeal to build more "things, " the people of California have not only incurred more debt, but assured them­selves of having to pay higher taxes to finance this debt (or even worse, the specier of passing more bonds to pay for this bond debt). And, unless other taxes are raised or new ones enacted, this scenario will ensure that the high­er education budget becomes even worse.

Our campus administration also apparently has decided to borrow about ＄1.5 million to build an analytical computer system, something that will not directly bene­fit instruction. Couple that with about 10 percent of the faculty not being re­hired for next year, and with budget train wreck waiting to happen again (read huge tuition increase, not much to show for the ＄1.5 million in student­ ranking opposing viewpoints as better or worse, we might instead strive for a place in the middle that can be considered best.

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Get out and vote

This is just a reminder to get out there and vote in the November elec­tion. The upcoming presidential elec­tion could be very close every bit as close as 2000 — and your vote will matter. Make your voice heard.

For people who are not yet regis­tered to vote, there is still plenty of time and it's easy to do! You don't even need to leave home. You can register online (the website offers information on the can­cellation of fees, and a link to online regis­tration at www.congress.org). And if you are able to vote in person on election day, you may be able to get an absentee ballot and vote by mail. If you are in the military, you can have a ballot sent to you at your new address; if you don't, you fill it out and mail it back. Try to get it in to them by a few days before the election.

Around election time, a routine becomes difficult to sift the facts from the claims. FactCheck.org is a non-profit, non­ partisan voter-advocacy project spon­sored by the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania funded primarily by an endowment from the Annenberg Foundation. It "receives no direct support from business corporations, labor unions, political parties, lobbying organ­izations or individuals."

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A Cal Poly triathlete leads the pack at the beginning of the Wildflower Triathlon.

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Nadea Mina
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Cal Poly volunteers gave the
Mustang triathlon team motiva-
tion to finish third at Wildflower
in 100-degree weather on Sunday.
The Cal Poly triathlon team had a combined time of 15 hours, 4 minutes, 18 seconds for both
their women's and men's teams.
Collegiate teams participated in the
Olympic distance course, which consisted of a .93-mile
swim, a 24.2-mile bike ride and a
6.2-mile run. The University of
Montana finished first and Cal
took second.
Scoring is based on the total
time of the team's top three racers.
Dewey Lucero was the first Cal
Poly triathlete to cross the finish
line; he was ninth overall (2:12:35).
Freshman Kevin Kinney finished 14th (2:18:10)
and freshman Anthony Young placed 16th (2:19:50).
University of Hawaii's Matt Seymour won
the collegiate division (2:04:30).
Mount run cross-country and trail
and swim in high school, so
he had experience before
Wildflower.
"I didn't really come to race; I
came to have fun since this was
my first Wildflower," Yount said.
"In between the second and third
mile I walked and savored the lit-
tle shade. But all the Cal Poly stu-
dents who were cheering for me
just gave me more motivation to
keep going." The top three women
were freshman Kerri Parker, who
placed 11th (2:43:46); Katie Conklin,
who finished 12th (2:43:50)
and Angela Rossi, who placed 19th
(2:46:15); Sunny Gilbert from
Colorado finished first (2:24:58).
"Every Cal Poly student should
compete in Wildflower before
they graduate," triathlon team
president and senior James Gagel
said. "I have nothing negative to
say about the race. What amazes me
is unbelievable. It is one of the rea-
sions I decided I wanted to be
president this year. It is the biggest
Olympic distance course that we have.
Anyone can join the triathlon
team and no one needs to have
any prior training.
The triathlon season is coming
to an end, but there are many
courses for students to explore
during the summer. Gagel said
the Escape from Alcatraz triathlon is
one of the biggest competitions
for the summer. Participants start
their 1.5-mile swim by jumping
off a boat near Alcatraz Island
in San Francisco and swimming back
to the pier.

Giants turning around their season

Janie McCauley
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SAN FRANCISCO — Just a few
days ago, San Francisco's season
seemed on the brink of being lost.
The Giants faced a seven-run
deficit only a few hours after one of
their key offseason acquisitions had
to defend himself from teammates'
accusations he was a "cancer" in the
clubhouse.
One big rally, sparked by the most
likely of candidates, gave Barry
Bonds the help he so desperately
need for him to be able to
win.
Still, the Giants are batting only
.262 with 133 strikeouts. They also
have hit into a major league-leading
35 double plays.
Bonds is batting .463 with 10
home runs, 44 walks and has a .704
on-base percentage. The slugger is
thrird on the career home run list
with 668 behind Babe Ruth (714)
and Hank Aaron (755).
He needs help, and most of the
Giants say they're ready to put per-
sonal differences aside in order to
be successful.
On Friday, a newspaper quoted	hree anonymous pitchers criticiz­ing
the work ethic of catcher A.J.
Pierzynski. They also accused him
of bad-mouthing Giants' hitters to
opponents while behind the plate.
The Giants cleared the air with a
team meeting, and Pierzynski spoke
to the pitchers who rippet him.
"Is the blood bad over? Yeah,"
Pierzynski said. "I take pride in my
team. I want my teammates to
respect me."
After all that, San Francisco scored
327 runs in three wins on Florida,
and did it with no homovers from
Bonds. The Giants lost to the wild­
from the start of last season

to the pier.

Baseball (4) vs. Cal State Fullerton (9)
Cal Poly — second straight series
Softball (2) vs. Cal State Northridge (1)
Troy Hicks — seven hits for the Flyin Hawks
W 11-0 (last place) @ Big Three Meet
Rappele Wagner — school record in high jump
M 176 (2nd place) @ Big Three Meet
Paul Edwards — qualified for NCAA's in 200
Baseball (2) @ Cal State Fullerton (27)
Tajet, Banglad — solo HRs

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