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The Cal Poly chapter of the Wheelchair Foundation has raised $22,000. The money will go toward shipping 200 wheelchairs to help the disabled.

The chapter since it began in 2001, has been involved with the foundation and watched various videos on the foundation’s Web site. The video clips show citizens in countries crawling on the ground or rolling on small boards with skateboard wheels in order to get from place to place. After viewing the conditions in other countries, they wanted to help drive the effort to raise money for wheelchairs.

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After the benefit, the students were still short of their goal so they decided to hold a screening of “Top Gun.” The screening brought in about $180 and was an experience since many students had never seen the movie on the big screen, said Wheelchair Foundation member Shawn Pillar.

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longer segregated by law, they are still not equal in opportunity and excellence," Bush said. "Justice requires more than a place in a school. Justice requires that every student by race is inherently unequal and unconstitutional. The Brown v. Board of Education ruling — named for a challenge in Topeka but encompassing five different cases — helped energize the civil rights movement, although resistance delayed desegregation for years.

Bush's speech comes at a time when, through a recent campaign swing and television ads, he tries to restore attention to his original domestic priority: improving education. Bush wants to focus on progress in race relations and what still must be accomplished.

It was Bush's father, who as president in 1992, signed the law that turned Monre Elementary into a national landmark. Now the younger Bush was in Kansas, a state he won comfortably in 2000, and one he had not previously visited as president.

In 2000, blacks supported Al Gore over Bush by a 9-1 margin. The president was accompanied to Topeka by Education Secretary Rod Paige, his appointee and the first black person to hold the Cabinet post.

Bush, who opposes affirmative action programs for minorities, is unlikely to win over many black voters, said David Bositis, a political scientist at the joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a think tank focused on black issues. "The negative feelings in generality — the war in Iraq, a whole variety of issues — carry over into education," Bositis said. "Even if there were parts of No Child Left Behind that are potentially very positive educational reforms, it doesn't matter anymore, because I think the attitude among many African-Americans is it's time for Bush to go back to Crawford, Texas."

Bush and Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts have been running close nationally on the question of who would do a better job on education. Bush is widely credited for helping the Republican Party claim ground in public education, with a focus on getting top teachers in all core classes and holding schools accountable for record increases in federal spending.

Kerry attended a different Brown ceremony in Topeka on Monday, contending that schools remain "separate and unequal" and warning that some were trying to reverse the gains made in civil rights, including affirmative action.

Millions of children get a second-class education because they are poor, he said. "We have certainly not met the promise of Brown when, in too many parts of our country, our school systems are not separate but equal, but separate and unequal," Kerry said on the steps of the Kansas Statehouse.

Unlike most of Bush's fund raisers, his appearance in the home of an Atlanta supporter Monday night was closed to the news media. Bush campaign officials have told backers that the campaign's policy of barring journalists from private homes is one advantage of holding them there instead of the usual hotel ballrooms where Bush raises money.

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SACRAMENTO — Although he has criticized past budgets that did little to cut the state's spending imbalance, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's own proposal for next year relies too much on loans, accounting gimmicks and one-time solutions, according to a bipartisan analysis released Monday.

By withdrawing a number of big spending cuts he promised in January, the governor has missed an opportunity to attack the state's spending problem and instead would once again push the tough choices into the future, said Legislative Analyst Elizabeth Hill.

H.D. Palmer, spokesman for the administration's finance department, said Schwarzenegger's budget doesn't include several plans that will generate large amounts of future savings. They include an ongoing review of the state bureaucracy to reduce waste and duplication, a plan to overhaul the state's public health program for the poor and expected savings from the recently adopted reform of the workers' compensation system.

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SACRAMENTO — Officials from a California company that supplied more than a third of the heavy firefighting air tankers grounded by the governor Monday said it is unfairly being lumped in with other contractors who have landed in the crosshairs of a new Washington search for cost-cutting.

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Sadid Ahmed, an official who was responsible for the change.

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The Transportation Security Administration is trying to come up with the right number at 445 commercial airports as the busy summer travel season approaches. U.S. air carriers expect 65 million passengers each summer month. That's 12 percent more passengers per month compared to last summer.

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Vinyl funks up Sweet Springs

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MUSTANG DAILY

People craving melodic sounds that can only emerge from a stage crammed with adept musicians had their tastes satiated in Los Osos last Friday at Sweet Springs Saloon. Vinyl's obvious purpose — to instigate dance-floor movement — was successfully met by the demonstration of creative expansion upon a range of musical genres.

Vinyl's visits to the area are too few and far between as far as their fans are concerned. "They get two sets in the air in the kick-up your heel scale," concert attendant Bailey Smith said. "I liked the blend of Santa Cruzian acid jazz mixed with the Latin influence."

Often called a "jamband" Vinyl put together an eclectic combination of sounds. The seven-member band employs at the least an organ, saxophone, percussion, trumpet, and guitar and ban. Their focused and somewhat tuned stage presence signals the band's preference to let the music do the talking.

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They have been around for more than eight years and have performed at the High Sierra Music Festival, Reggae on the River and Mountain Aire. They have shared the stage with notable musicians like Phil Lesh and Les Claypool. Unfortunately, their agenda doesn't show them back in the area through at least the end of July and there is little hope of a surprise show before then, since they appear to be booked every weekend until then.

Vinyl's live shows are rhythms with usual bombardment of newly-turned 21-year-olds. The bar operates without the amusing pretense that has become trendy in many San Luis Obispo establishments. While some call it a dive, others appreciate its reputation for treating performers well and its family-style atmosphere.

About 170 people threw down the $10 cover for the show, which also included local band Hip Deep, who usually attract a loyal following of their own, as openers.

On Friday, the Los Osos establishment complimented by Vinyl's appeal attracted a large number of mid-20 to mid-30 year olds happily tuned into good music. Women dominated the dance floor. While there was sufficient room to groove, the close proximity of dance-floor neighbors made it clear that the band's magnetism has not lost any momentum.

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Death By Stereo brings crowd to life at SLO Brew concert

Justin Popov
MUSTANG DAILY

For such a small town, San Luis Obispo does a good job of attracting some of the biggest punk and hardcore acts. Last week, SLO Brewing Co. played host to one of the best live shows around, Death By Stereo.

The opening band of the night was Versailles, which I unfortunately missed. Next up were locals Velvet Dawn, who took the stage to deaftuning high-pitched screams of a group of fans. Musically, Velvet Dawn played generic "nerdcore" in the vain of Aveya or Bleeding Through. The singer/scrambler, done up in his best goth outfit, gave a very dramatic performance; he pretended to stab himself in the stomach with the mic multiple times and finished the set with a simulated slicing of his throat.

The vocals, typical of the genre, came across as less than sincere and left much to be desired. His screaming was mediocre at best, and the singing worse.

Next on stage were local favorites New Tomorrows. Although musically the band is certainly not breaking any ground, they put on a fun, high-energy show that the crowd loved.

The five piece had a brand new guitarist who learned the entire set in just two days. Lead singer Brandon Wood had a great time interacting with the energetic crowd, many of whom knew the songs and helped scream into the mic. A zealous photographer nervously weaved his way around the musicians, capturing every moment of the set.

Death By Stereo next made a solemn entrance to the dark stage, the only light coming from the drummer's glowing white kick drums. Cathedral-like chanting poured from the PA, introducing the song "Let Down and Alone," from the band's latest release, which repeated Heidi's, "We are alone," just as the bass drum came in the place went crazy and assumed that way until the show ended.

Lead singer Ettren Schulz has a voice that really stands out. Death By Stereo blends metal and hardcore better than just about any band out there. In spite of the sometimes-corny punkish lyrics, the combination is captivating and full of life.

Schulz's vocals are combined with powerful drumming and impressive guitar work to form a band that truly breaks down genre barriers. DBS could tour with just about any band and feel at home. The set list included most of the highlights from the band's three major releases, concentrating on the most recent, "Into the Valley of Death."

As usual, Schulz unleashed a lyrical assault on everything from patriotism to child-molesting Catholic priests, every word passionately echoed by the crowd. DBS has one of the most energetic and exciting live shows around, as the band feeds off the crowd and the crowd returns the enthusiasm right back. Energy was high until the show came to an end with an encore rendition of "Sing Along With The Patriotic Punks."

This performance was infinitely better than their last Central Coast performance, when they opened for Bad Religion at the Cal Poly Rec Center. The combination of smaller crowds and lack of security and barricades keeping the crowds away from the stage made this show memorable.
'Pledged' gives unbalanced view of sorority life

Tarrah Graves

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Pillow fights, drinking contests, drug problems and boob ranking. Yes, you read correctly; boob ranking.

Alexandra Robbins, author of "Pledged: The Secret Life of Sororities," went undercover to find out if the stereotypes surrounding sororities are true.

And thanks to Robbins, men everywhere can stop dreaming about what goes on inside sorority houses and instead, simply go to the bookstore, read her book and find out more.

But Robbins, who appears regularly on TV shows such as "Oprah," "60 Minutes" and "Today," found researching for her book to be anything but simple.

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When she first had the idea for the book, she began by observing one chapter of a major national sorority, only to be told by the sorority's adviser that, as a journalist, she was not permitted to continue her research.

Later Robbins called the sorority's national office and the National Panhellenic Conference in 1992 to oversee the national sororities, only to get the same response.

Apparently, following the recent airing of MTV's "Sorority Life," which followed a California sorority through their pledge process, many sororities were watching their secret handshakes, rituals and long-standing traditions of several prominent national sororities.

While Robbins claims, "In order to provide a balanced view of sororities, I selected good-hearted women who were members of—not sororities not known on campus as extreme stereotypes," she also included in the book's introduction that, "I would not presume that the experiences of these four sisters alone could accurately represent a sorority system of millions."

However, while Robbins insists her research wasn't based on stereotypes, she sure seemed to do her fair share of supporting them.

Much of the book's beginning chapters are spent on differentiating between the sororities she discusses in her book: Beta Pi and Alpha Rho.

Beta PIs were known to wear "tank, jeans and flip-flops," while Alpha Rhos donned "short shorts, tight tees and platform shoes." A common thread Robbins used to link all sororities was the abundance of designer clothes and accessories ranging from Diesel, Prada and Juicy Couture to Michael Kors, Gucci and Tiffany.

For supposedly attempting to portray her "new friends" in an accurate light, Robbins did not do a very good job of including many positive experiences these young women had in association with their sororities.

I find it hard to believe that these four women all coincidently had predominately negative experiences. It is much more likely that, when writing her book, Robbins instead chose to focus only on what would cause a stir among readers of her book—rather than including a balanced and accurate portrayal of what she actually observed from these four women.

After all, stories about "down-there" piercings and eating disorders are not more juicy than tales of sisterhood and bonding.

"I would focus on the friendships—sororities give (women) a sense of family when they're away from home, constant people to go to when everything around them is new, and for many, sororities give people a lot of leadership experience," said a Cal Poly junior and current member of Alpha Phi who wished to remain anonymous due to sorority standards. "Robbins has never actually been in a sorority. She has not gone through the whole experience from the beginning, so it is not fair for her to try and tell people what sorority life is really all about."

Also, in a time where nothing is held sacred, it is no wonder that Robbins didn't hesitate to include in her book specifics on secret "members-only" meetings and certain rituals these sororities' founders started and have been passed on through the years.

"It's important to keep some aspects of sorority secrets," the Alpha Phi sister said. "That is a part of what makes our sorority special—there are certain things that only other sisters should know."

While some may agree that Robbins' exposing sorority secrets is not completely ethical, others are not surprised she included them in her book.

In "Pledged," Robbins includes stories about the four women she observed, stories other sorority women (current members and alumnae) told her in interviews and historical information she learned through research, which does provide for an entertaining, while not completely accurate, read.

The most entertaining parts of the book were the quotes Robbins took from various sorority handbooks, including them at the beginning of each chapter.

One quote from "Rush: A Girl's Guide to Sorority Success, 1985" reads, "Don't wear faded or shabby clothes or clothes that have been perspired in. Be prepared to change clothes in the middle of the day if it's hot outside."

Another is, "A smile is a sorority (woman's) most important accessory...in fact, actives put Vaseline on their teeth (just like beauty contestants) to make smiling easier. Rushers go home at the end of the day with sore muscles from smiling. But it's worth it...Some (women) should practice smiling in front of a mirror before rush."

Book Review

By Alexandra Robbins

Hyperion Books

"Pledged: The Secret Life of Sororities"

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The hypocrisy of the Bush administration

Commentary

When a politician says one thing and does another, it's usually not met with much outrage. Americans have become apathetic and accustomed to the two-faced nature of government. This could be due in part to the media and fake media stunts part of their daily job. They get away with it. Previously, I've simply brushed off reprehensible acts of the government as just that: something the corrupted government had done. However, it struck me the other day that if everyone brushes off misconduct, the world continues in chaos. Hence, I mount my objection here and now.

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Ride 'em cowboy: Rodeo a way of life

Cal Poly is a hotbed of talent, including many professional riders, who dedicate entire year to sport.

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While most athletes have equipment like mitts, balls, gloves and bats, these athletes have saddles, ropes and hopefully a really good grip. Instead of shoulder pads and cleats, they wear chaps and cowboy hats.

These athletes compete for the Cal Poly rodeo team, which is made up of 10 athletes. Their season lasts from the time school starts in September until it ends in June.

“We have a longer season and we work just as hard as any football player, if not harder,” said Cal Poly rodeo team captain Linsey Rosser.

Rosser said he likes competing because of the adrenaline rush, the excitement, and how it gets her heart pumping, she said. Cal Poly graduate student Jesse Segura likes competing because of the people and travel.

Rodeo competitions are mainly focused in the western United States such as California, Oregon, Wyoming and Colorado. Rodeos are more popular on the West Coast that the east coast. California alone has between 40 to 50 rodeos a year.

Segura is not eligible to compete in college because he has already completed his four years of eligibility. However, he competes professionally.

Becoming a professional rodeo athlete is a status eligible to those athletes who are older than 18.

Four of the three women on the Cal Poly team compete professionally and four of the six men are professional as well, Rosser said.

Segura do it for the simple reason that, “it makes you a tougher person.”

Rodeo has been around since the 1800’s and has come a long way. It is now covered on ESPN and thousands of people attend rodeo competitions that take place all over the country.

While some athletes grew up playing basketball and football, some Cal Poly rodeo team members grew up around a different sport.

“It’s a lot more mental than other sports and you have to be in shape. This is a competition with yourself and an animal. It is more complicated because of that variable,” Rosser said.

Just like many other sports, these athletes grew up in a rodeo environment. Many parents start their children in Little League or Pop Warner football, but both Segura and Rosser grew up around rodeo competitions.

Segura has participated in competitions since he can remember.

He grew up watching his whole family participate. It has always been something he enjoyed doing, he said.

Rosser’s family is actively involved in rodeo production, and before she could compete she would help take the animals to the competition, she said.

While so many athletes decide to compete in a sport for their own reasons, rodeo competitions such as

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Personal trainers teach you how to do things correctly,” Clark said. “Most people do OK when it comes to cardio, but when it comes to lifting free weights there are misconceptions of what is correct. The proper way of doing things changes, and what people learned in high school isn’t necessarily correct today.”

The Rec Center personal trainers have a strict protocol to follow. They are nationally trained every two years to keep up on new information in the fitness industry. Despite this fact, students still think going to a personal trainer is a waste of time.

“I’m not saying that I would never try having a personal trainer,” computer engineering senior Ryan Gleim said. “I’ve just always figured that I knew enough about fitness, and I don’t want someone following me around the gym.”

Not only do people believe that they don’t need a personal trainer, but they believe that they can’t afford it, Clark said. The Rec Center offers six-hour sessions for $100 for students. Clark said at some of the other gym and clubs around town people can pay anywhere from $50 to $100 per one-hour session.

“I see personal trainers as a luxury,” vocal music junior Nicole Lyshorn said. “Personal trainers help to keep up your motivation and also teach you the benefits of certain exercises and a work-out plan. When I used to have a personal trainer, they taught me the benefits of warming up and stretching and the combination of cardio and weights in a work-out routine.”

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Baseball sweeps CSUN

Sophomore first baseman Bret Berglund hit an inside-the-park home run in the 10th inning and Frank McLaughlin pitched five brilliant innings in relief to lead Cal Poly to a 3-2 victory over Cal State Northridge in a Big West Conference baseball game Sunday at Matador Field.

Cal Poly swept the three-game series from the Matadors for the second straight year and has won 10 of the last 12 meetings against Cal State Northridge. Cal Poly’s last six wins over the Matadors are by a total of seven runs, including five one-run decisions.

With one out in the 10th, Berglund hit the ball deep to right-center field. A diving try by Johnny Coit was unsuccessful and Berglund was able to beat the cutoff throw to the plate and slide under the tag of Matador catcher Adam Fleener.

Corry Taillon and Sam Herbert followed with singles, but both were stranded on base.

Matador Nick Mahin singled with two outs in the bottom of the 10th, but Frank McLaughlin induced Mark McCauley to fly out to right field to end the game and pick up his second win.

McLaughlin, out the entire 2003 season due to shoulder surgery, allowed one unearned run and five hits in five innings.

With the win, Cal Poly improved to 36-22-1 for the season, one win short of the school Division I record established by the 1997 squad, and 8-10 in the Big West. Cal State Northridge fell to 16-37-2 and 2-16 in the Big West with its seventh straight loss.