SWE takes top honors

Erica Drummond

Cal Poly's Society of Women Engineers took home five awards from the SWE National Conference on Oct. 16.

The Cal Poly SWE chapter was awarded first place in the Outstanding Student Section for the third year in a row, an unprecedented accomplishment. The chapter also received national collegiate awards for membership programs, multicultural programs, career guidance and project engineering.

"This is fantastic evidence of how outstanding the students in SWE are," said Helene Finger, a Cal Poly engineering instructor and SWE faculty adviser. "It's nice to get confirmation by getting recognition from the outside."

Cal Poly is a part of more than 300 SWE sections in the country. Last year Cal Poly had chapters and 102 members, making it the biggest student section in the United States.

"We offer so many programs through the club," Finger said. "So people from non-engineering majors are joining and even 20 percent of our membership is male."

Last year the Cal Poly SWE chapter gave $4,000 in scholarships to students within the program.

At the Milwaukee, Wis., Conference, the club won Best Multicultural Program, Best Membership Program, Career Guidance Audio Visual Award and second place in the Tech Team competition.

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Front: Joanna Ignacio, Tracy Leavens, Heather Heiman, Helene Finger and Jackie Severson. Back: Kelly Seiler, Andrea Shem, Jennifer Harris, Malia Francisco, Kristin Salinas, Jennifer Overguard and Betsey Sale.

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Election Day rush

Nancy Benac

WASHINGTON — Early voters are casting ballots at a record pace in Arizona's biggest county. They've exhausted absentee ballots in some towns in Maine. They're far outpacing 2000 in Florida hot spots.

With 32 states now offering some form of early voting, an AP/ Ipsos poll taken last weekend found 11 percent of voters across the United States already had cast ballots, and another 11 percent intended to beat the Election Day rush as well. Coast to coast, including highly contested states such as Iowa, Florida, Arizona and Nevada, anecdotal evidence points to increased interest in early voting, a trend that both parties are tracking day by day and county by county as they try to turn it to their advantage.

In Florida's Leon County, for example, the focus of intense litigation during the recount dispute of four years ago, nearly 31,000 people had cast absentee ballots by Tuesday, compared with a little more than 10,000 absentee cast throughout the 2000 race. As well, 8,000 people in the county have taken advantage of in-person early voting, an option that wasn't available four years ago.

In Washington state, another battleground, 60 to 65 percent of the total vote is expected to come in early, in some cases simply because voters want to be left alone.

"Less of folks have made up their minds, and they figure that if they send in their ballots, the campaign will stop pestering them," said Snohomish County Auditor Bob Tewell.

An ABC News poll released Tuesday, found that among people who had already voted, 51 percent said they backed Bush and 47 percent Kerry, a difference that was within the margin of sampling error.

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Football faces rival UC Davis

See what's on our readers' minds

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better,” said Charlie Baker, captain of the Democrats' early-vote operation. “We are seeing, in a number of states, significantly higher vote-by-mail and early-voting numbers than historically has been the case and that has to be a good thing for the Democrats.”

While interest in this year's tight presidential race is clearly a factor driving the vigorous early voting, other forces are at work, too.

After all the disputed ballots of 2000, voters seem particularly concerned about making sure their choices are properly tallied. In New Jersey's Somerset County, for example, elections administrator Janice Hoffman reports, “I see more people walking their ballots in, actually physically in, than in past years.”

Taskforce

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the quarter, members meet in sub-committees to further explore issues they are specifically interested in.

“This is not something one person can do but one person can take a stand and speak up,” said Denise Campbell, associate vice president of student affairs and a taskforce member.

Women's safety in regards to sexual assault is one of the issues they are currently exploring.

The taskforce would like to introduce “safe zones” to encourage women to come forward if they have been sexually assaulted. Victims would be able to share their experiences with designated campus community members.

The taskforce plans on sponsoring speakers on safety and gender issues.

Another activity the taskforce will promote are workshops for faculty addressing classroom climate. A number of students have spoken to Axelroth and her colleagues about the challenges they face in some classes because of their gender.

Computer engineering senior Jennifer Overgaag is a student representative on the taskforce. She said, “I want to get students and faculty on the same page.”

To join the taskforce, contact Elle Axelroth at 756-2511.

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*a front page story published Monday Oct. 25 incorrectly stated that the Polcom club has a yearly video game convention. The Polcom club has a yearly gaming convention that consists of role playing games, board games, card games and miniature wargaming, but no video games are involved.

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SANTA ANA — A Riverside company has admitted dumping polluted water into a sewer that discharged into the Pacific Ocean by way of the Santa Ana River and agreed to pay a fine in a plea bargain, authorities said Thursday.

Triple H Food Processors Inc. and company Vice President Richard Joseph Harris admitted violating the Clean Water Act by knowingly discharging acidic wastewater into the Riverside sewer system, the U.S. attorney's office said.

SACRAMENTO — A star witness in a March Senate hearing who ran into problems within the state prison system, has settled his whistleblower lawsuit against the Department of Corrections for $500,000.

Richard Knupp testified that he first drew attention to the department's skyrocketing overtime and sick leave costs, a key factor in massive routine budget overruns there.

He soon was diverted to a series of dead-end jobs, including one where for 15 months the $72,000-a-year employee said he occupied himself mainly by reading more than 200 books in an attempt at self-improvement.

SAN FRANCISCO — The employment records of Roman Catholic priests accused of sexual misconduct expanded an earlier FBI investigation into whether Halliburton overcharged taxpayers for fuel in Iraq, and it elevates to a criminal matter the election-year question of whether the Bush administration showed favoritism to Dick Cheney's former company.

WASHINGTON — The order modifies a ruling the Catholic priests accused of sexual molestation. The records are important because they could reveal what actions dioceses took against priests accused of sexual molestation.

WASHING TO N — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld suggested Thursday that the removal of 377 tons of explosives from an Iraqi munitions base probably took place before U.S. forces arrived, saying any large effort to loot the material afterward would have been detected.

"We would have seen anything like that," he said in one of two radio interviews he gave Thursday at the Pentagon.

"The idea it was suddenly looted and moved out, all of these tons of equipment, I think is at least debatable," he said.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

RAMALLAH, West Bank — An ailing Yasir Arafat — too weak to stand, unable to hold down food and sleeping most of Thursday — agreed to leave his West Bank compound for the first time in more than two years and fly to Paris for urgent medical treatment. The 75-year-old Palestinian leader's planned departure Friday, a decade after he arrived in the West Bank with the promise of statehood, could mark the end of an era. Arafat, who boarded power and declined to go on a new tour, leaves behind a people in disarray.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents slaughtered 11 Iraqi soldiers, beheading one, then shooting the others execution-style, and declared on an Islamic militant Web site Thursday that Iraqi fighters will avenge "the blood of women and children killed in U.S. strikes on the guerrilla stronghold of Fallujah. The wave of foreigner kidnappings claimed another victim — a Polish woman in her 60s who is married to an Iraqi. Her captors demanded that Poland withdraw its 2,400 soldiers and that the U.S.-led coalition free all Iraqi women at Abu Ghirab prison.

UNITED NATIONS — For the 13th straight year, the U.N. General Assembly overwhelmingly urged the United States to end its more than four decade trade embargo against Cuba, rejecting Washington's argument that Fidel Castro is "a tyrant" who denies basic human rights to Cubans.

The Cuban-sponsored resolution calling for the embargo to be repealed "as soon as possible" was approved by a vote of 179-4 with one abstention, very similar to last year's vote of 179-2 with two abstentions.

A polar bear at the San Diego Zoo plays with a toy jack-o'-lantern Thursday.

NEW YORK — A polar bear at the San Diego Zoo got into the holiday spirit on Thursday by playing with a large plastic pumpkin.

Kalikok, an enthusiastic 735-pound sub-adult male, amused himself for several hours by tacking, hugging and pouncing on the large plastic jack-o'-lantern.

Kalikok is the largest of four bears at the zoo's Polar Bear Plunge. The two-acre exhibit features 130,000 gallons of water cooled to 58 degrees Fahrenheit complete with an underwater viewing room. The bears also have a sandbox where they can dig or take a nap.
Dan Cohen
CORNELL DAILY SUN

So the Clash is back. Yes, shortly after front-man Joe Strummer's untimely death, the pioneers of punk rock have returned with the re-release of their magnum opus, "London Calling." This celebrates the 25th anniversary of its conception.

Between the original album, the previously unheard and unrehearsed "Vanilla Tapes" and the DVD which follows the making of the album, it's easy to see that this three-disc epic is long overdue. At a loss for words, nothing in the past quarter-century has come close to touching their bonafide tribute to middle-class politics and glorious rock and roll.

"London Calling" is a liberating 19-track epic that manages to capture adolescence, definitive punk rock and the past, present and future of every movement from reggae to modern rock.

"The Vanilla Tapes" have minimal production quality and some songs show only small resemblances to the final product on the actual album. Yet, hearing the loose rhythms makes it easy to notice that this is how the Clash wanted to be heard, as striving youngsters and the modest gods of average citizens.

What the Tapes manage to do is expand one's appreciation for the band. The disc captures exactly where they were as a band in the late 1970s, pushing forward after their self-titled debut in 1977. Either songs, such as "Where You Gonna Go (Soweto)," find the four Brits in a much more relaxed zone than they never really delve into in the album itself.

Such range was never fully realized with track selections and musical rewrite. Granted, nothing's missing from "London Calling," but when you hear the previously unknown gold that is "The Vanilla Tapes," one starts to wonder if there was anything the Clash couldn't do.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wondering what prompted Measure Q to the ballot
Measure Q is on the upcoming ballot and I wouldn't have known about it were it not for the Oct. 21 issue of the Mustang Daily.

This measure bans all genetically engineered organisms. Period. This includes mice with ears, corn with ears, tomatoes, bacteria, viruses, everything. While Section 3 states that genetically engineered crops be grown in closed, laboratory environments, under penalty of confiscation, and private property from genetic agriculture, environment, economy and private property from genetic pollution by genetically engineered organisms...

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Upholding our national identity means questioning. It was interesting to see the blizzard of letters in the OP/ED section Tuesday morning.

One left me with some questions. The letter by justin caurans states, "It's our job as citizens to stand behind the president," and adds at the end that we must do as "to preserve our national identity and freedom.

Now, I may be missing something, but I fail to see how questioning the president's actions jeopardizes our freedom and our national identity. Our national identity is shaped by our history, good and bad, and carried in the hearts and minds of every citizen everywhere and cannot be removed except by eradicating both those things.

Since that history involves both citizens daring to rebel against their king, and the ideal of democracy and government deriving in power from the consent of the governed, it's pretty fair to say that our national identity includes a good amount of questioning authority. Furthermore, since we the public are the source of all governmental power, to stop questioning authority would be ceding away our own, and would threaten our freedom far more than any foreign dictator ever could.

In the end, the president decided that this was necessary to preserve our nation. I decided that he was incorrect, and since I and all other voters are the real decision makers of the country, I have both the right and the duty to uphold our national identity, and our freedom by saying so.

Erik Dawley
Architectural engineering senior

Don't vote just to appease your parents or pastor

Lately, there has been a lot of talk about politics and religion and I am terribly confused. It seems to me that Christians are overwhelmingly voting for Bush and aligning the Republican Party with Christian morality and the Democratic Party with heretical wickedness. Has this view come from revolution or out of ignorance?

Saddily, I contest that this alliance predominately stems from ignorance within the Christian community.

Christians, it is important to note that this election is not so black and white. There are many values on both sides that are compatible with God. Don't just vote to appease your parents or because your pastor interpreted your political view into a sermon. Instead, seek what you are most passionate about in all the issues and have freedom in your vote! God cares about poverty, the environment, peace, human rights, human life, and terrorism — and you should too. You can be a pro-life progressive or a tree-hugging conservative and God will still be glorified. Read the red letters in your Bible and pray for whom to vote for. Brothers and sisters, make your vote count by remembering one thing: Jesus is not a Republican or a Democrat.

Mark Taylor
Architectural engineering senior

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GLORY TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to express my opinion about Measure Q. I don't think it's a good idea to ban genetically engineered crops from being grown in California. I think it's important to have a variety of crops in order to ensure a healthy diet for people.

I believe that genetically engineered crops can be beneficial to society. They can help to increase crop yields and improve the nutritional value of food. I think that it's important to continue research in this area so that we can fully understand the potential benefits of genetically engineered crops.

I hope that people will understand the importance of genetically engineered crops and support research in this field. I think that it's important for us to have a variety of crops in order to ensure a healthy diet for people.

Emily Wong
Managing editor

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
from the Mustang Daily staff
It's a Mustang vs. Aggie showdown

Friday, October 29, 2004

So much at stake in one game: A chance at an undefeated season, a Great West title and an opportunity to beat the rival.

Graham Womack

Football players and coaches love to say every game is a big deal, but Saturday's Horseshoe Classic between Cal Poly and UC Davis could be up there in billing.

Tradition dictates that only Mustang teams that beat the rival Aggies get their team picture up in the locker room. Additionally, a win Saturday could guarantee an undefeated season, playoffs and a conference title — three of the Mustangs' remaining goals as a hugely successful 2004 campaign reaches the home stretch.

"This is one of the biggest games we're going to play all season," receiver Jason Fiolmes said. "We got two out of our three goals that are about to fall this week ... We have to win.

Cal Poly comes in 7-0 and ranked fifth in Division I-AA in The Sports Network and ESPN/USA Today polls. The Mustangs are 3-0 in the Great West Conference and can clinch at least a share of the title by beating the Aggies. Davis is 5-2 and just a game behind Cal Poly in conference, at 2-1.

A large part of the Mustangs' success lies in their stifling defense.

"It was definitely frustrating," wide receiver Darrell Jones said. "A few times we couldn't get the plays going. We just gotta start with the basics — get the ball up, catch the ball, get the handoff, then we can get the plays going. Then, that's when we'll start scoring touchdowns."

This will be essential this weekend. Biggs had his Aggies have struggled to put two halves together lately, including Saturday when they fell 19-15 to Southern Utah. Davis is also a respected defensive outfit.

"If we don't bring our 'A game we won't be able to compete,"' Holmes said.

With three weeks remaining in the season, it's beginning to look like a distinct possibility that this could be the most successful Mustangs team since 1997. Even the conference title, though, isn't a sure thing.

"Everybody just needs to stay healthy," Jones said as gale-force winds and driving rain ripped through the sky Tuesday morning. "This weather's getting everything coming through. So everybody just needs to stay warm, stay healthy and keep playing our game."

The rivalry with Davis dates back to Division II days and beyond, clear back to 1939. Though the Mustangs won an 18-14 thriller at Tooney Field last year, Davis holds an advantage, though Cal Holy is 2-1 Saturday. UC Davis has a 14-13-2 lead in the all-time series between the teams. It's a personal rivalry for many players between the teams who know one another.

Our guys will hear more about what happens this season than maybe any other Saturday in the rest of the year," coach Rich Ellerson said.

Garnett in particular maintains a grudge for not being recruited as quarterback by Biggs. Garnett is one of many Mustangs who wants this team's picture to go up.

"When I leave here, I want to see my picture in that locker room," Garnett said. "My picture's not up, I haven't played Davis yet. So I want to make sure when I leave all the future Cal Poly players come in and say, 'Oh that was the quarterback that year when they beat Davis.'"

Andrea Aquatic Center to be dedicated in the name of a Mustang Hall of Famer

Saturday, UC Davis has a 14-13-2 advantage, though Cal Poly is 2-1 in the Rich Ellerson era. The odd thing about this series is that the visiting team has won the last four times.

The series began in 1939 with UC Davis posting a 28-0 shutout at Davis. Cal Poly returned the favor in 1940 with a 27-0 victory in San Luis Obispo.

The two teams have met every year since 1973.

Twelve of the games have been decided by seven points or less and either team has won two ties — 21-21 in 1988 and 32-32 in 1992, both games at Davis.

The Mustangs and Aggies were in the same conference in 1984, the American West Conference — before the Mustangs moved to I-AA in 1994 and UC Davis was forced to become an NCAA Division II independent. This year Cal Poly and UC Davis once again are in the same conference — the Great West.

Saturday's game in Mustang Stadium kicks off at 6 p.m.