Energy drinks mixed with alcohol may be harmful

Kim Moreau
Ten Research
Baton Rouge, La. — Health researchers have said combining energy drinks with alcohol can create an excess of calories that drinkers cannot process, thus making the consumer gain weight. Red Bull contains 80 milligrams of caffeine and 110 calories, while B-to-the-E contains 54 milligrams of caffeine and 203 calories with an alcohol by volume content of 6.6 percent.

But the patterns are finding a new way to make the party last — mixing energy drinks with alcohol. And now some companies are getting in on the caffeinated craze with prepackaged alcoholic energy drinks.

“People really want the energy drinks are usually the people who are very health conscious and don’t drink alcohol,” Lillian De Jonge, dietician of nutrition, said.

LOCAL POLITICS

Mayoral candidates have concerns

Ji Jun
 Mustang Daily
San Luis Obispo mayoral candidates, Matt Mackey and David Booker are concerned about Mayor Gary Servato’s plans to promote growth by creating a marketplace.

Mackey, a Cal Poly political science junior, received more than 19 percent of the vote.

“I would like him to reconsider his pro-growth ideology, especially regarding retail-commercial growth,” Mackey said.

Booker, who garnered more than 28 percent of the vote, believes that a significant amount of people were looking for change in the election.

“The marketplace issue is still the issue,” Booker said. “It’s a poorly conceived project.”

With the Democrats, Mackey and Booker, splitting 48 percent of the vote, Booker said Romero has no mandate and should consider the issue further.

“People are concerned about retail and more clean industry so people can stay here and live here,” Booker said.

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Gay marriage display harshly criticized

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A project displayed on Dexter Lawn, created by a design theory class, LA 320, came under intense criticism for its message against same-sex marriage.

The display featured wooden cutouts of a man marrying a woman, a woman waiting to marry another woman and a man waiting to marry a dog. A board next to the display asks, “Where would you draw the line?”

“Yesterday morning I walked to class and as I’m walking up to class I saw the display and the work was good but it was offensive — it was disgusting,” psychology graduate student Conrad Mendosa said.

“I’m not human sexually, but I never wanted to sleep with a dog. Putting that up there is wrong.”

In response to the controversy generated by the display, an open forum was set up in which the students responsible explained their intent.

“This project was not based on hate, but ignorance, but instead, we wanted to create a springboard for discussion on both sides of the same-sex marital issue,” said a spokesperson for the group, who did not want to be identified.

The creators said that the intent of their display was misunderstood.

“We simply stated that there is no clear wall to end decisions involving marital cases allowing same sex marriage,” the spokesperson said.

The purpose behind the design theory project is to create a discussion on current issues.

“People are so numb to what’s going on around them, and the issues that are affecting their lives,” Beth Diamond said.

People angered or intrigued by the project voiced their reaction at the forum Tuesday, which was standing room only, with crowds spilling out the doors.

“If I had students with fascist views, that would have to be allowed,” Diamond said, when she was asked why she allowed the project.

“I am responsible for my class, but I am not their brain and I do not dictate to them what it is they are to communicate.”

The message behind the display was not the only thing criticized at the meeting. Students were allowed to write their comments on a board. Two wrote derogatory messages — one against homosexuality and one on Christianity.

“The moment (those messages) went up, the display should have been taken down,” Mendosa said.

After learning of the response from their project, the group members put up a second board that showed the states that voted against gay marriage, which read, “Is this not how our country voted?”

Crowd members questioned the choice to see display, page 2

The professor said the project was done to create discussion.

The people who really want the same-sex marriage.

Students gathered on Dexter Lawn to express frustration over an anti-gay marriage class project on Tuesday.
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use a man wanting to marry a dog as an argument against same sex marriage. "I have to question how you can bring in bestiary in trying to make a political point," Cuesta sociology professor Jane Morgan said.

Diamond said the group researched their topic to find which argument they wanted to represent their stance. "They got that from the common argument being used on the Internet," Diamond said. "I myself questioned the logic of that. What moreton could possibly make that connection?"

For those in the gay and lesbian community, the display was just one of many incidents.

"This campus has not been very welcoming to the gays at all," biology senior Brandon Sims said. "We've been egged, we have had our 'P' painted over, we get our flyers graffitied over."

The project may be taken down early, and another discussion on the issue has been set up.

Other displays by the design theory class feature an Easter Bunny crucified, Satin Claus passed out in the manger with money falling out of his pocket. These are up in the University Union.

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important to me and that really helped me in my campaign."

"When Poly Royal went down and they wanted to bring in Poly, they wanted to represent their stance."

The marketplace, to Romero, is a blessing waiting to happen. With a Costco locally within the next two years and tax revenues coming from the incoming retail shops and the hotels that will be built, San Luis Obispo is looking to receive a huge increase in revenue.

And with the passing of Proposition 1A which limits the amount of money the state government can take away from cities, some have predicted a large amount of wealth going directly toward the local city government.

"I applaud his past work for the city, and I hope he continues to realize the vital importance of building more housing, and increasing the City's self-imposed growth limitation of 1 percent per year on residential use."

"I want to stay involved in things that take care of housing for low and moderate income families," Booker said. "I love this town and just because I lost doesn't mean I'm going to quit and stop being productive in this community."

Though Booker has decided not to run again for office, Mackey hopes to hold a high government position someday.

"Rather than merely advocating and commenting on politics as a pundit, I want to be a part of the process," Mackey said. "I started with running for mayor because local politics offer individuals the greatest opportunity to make the greatest change."

"Running for office was the most difficult thing I have ever done in my life," Mackey said. "It was also the most educational and rewarding thing I have ever done."

In the meantime, Romero said he will continue doing the things he emphasized during the election campaign.

In addition to the marketplace, Romero is moving forward with a water reclamation project, transportation improvement, and the creation of bike lanes more than 4,400 acres of new land.

"I'm a backpacker, biker and, incidentally, I'm a biker too. I'm glad to see that all those hills are available for recreation," Romero said.

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of a cup of coffee or 4 ounces of milk chocolate.

Radden said Red Bull is used for various purposes such as studying, athletics and staying awake for long car rides.

For John Williams, a political science senior, Red Bull has another purpose.

Williams mixes Red Bull with Jagermeister.

"I like the way it tastes," Williams said. "It's good to chug."

Williams said he thought the mixture could have a negative effect on the heart, but it would take an excess amount of Red Bulls to cause a problem.

Radden said, though the company does not promote the use of Red Bull as a mixer, there was no clear indication that Red Bull had any harmful effects when mixed with alcohol.

"There is no reason why Red Bull Energy Drink should not, like any other drink, be mixed with alcohol as long as people do not underestimate that alcohol consumption might impair their mental and physical activities," Radden said. "Red Bull Energy Drink is not designed to counteract this. Everyone knows that the excessive and irresponsible consumption of alcohol can have adverse effects on human health and behavior, but it should be clear that this is due to the alcoholic drink, not the mixer, be it cola, orange juice, tonic or whatever else is mixed with alcohol."

Anheuser-Busch's latest product B-to-the-E is a blend of beer, caffeine, guarana and ginseng.

In a tele-conference on Oct. 4 to launch the drink, Bob Lackey, vice president of brand management and director of global brand media for Anheuser-Busch, said the product was meant to appeal to younger drinkers looking for something different.

"This product matches the taste profiles that these consumers, that the contemporary adult who is on these accounts, really enjoys flavors and innovations, and we are clearly targeting that customer and no one else," Lackey said.

Lackey said the drink was meant to appeal to the social lifestyle that 21- to 27- year-old drinkers lead.

But for some, the trend of mixing alcohol with caffeine seems counterproductive.

Lilian De Jonge, who holds a doctorate in nutrition and does research in the field of metabolism, said she found the trend strange.

"The people who really want the energy drinks are usually the people who are very health conscious and don't drink alcohol," De Jonge said.

De Jonge said the effects of each drink would cancel each other.

"Sitting in a bar drinking energy drinks defeat the purpose they are originally made for," De Jonge said.

De Jonge also said energy drinks provide calories delivered through glucose that the body can instantly process, delivering the needed boost to keep students awake.

The body must process calories from alcohol first and is unable to store them, De Jonge said. Subsequently, when alcohol and energy drinks are mixed, it can result in an unnecessary wealth of calories.

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STATE NEWS

REDWOOD CITY — A judge in the Scott Peterson murder trial who apparently did her own research on the case was removed and replaced with an alternate Tuesday, and the judge ordered the panel to start over with their deliberations. "We're going to start you all over again and keep in touch," Judge Alfred A. Ilicchi told the panel on the 58th day of deliberations.

LOS ANGELES — A man demanding media attention took a female employee hostage at the Mexican consulate Tuesday before he was wounded by police outside the building. The hostage was rescued unharmed.

The hostage-taker, apparently shot in the head by police, was in critical condition, police Chief William Bratton said. A television videotape showed the black-clad man, his arm around the woman's neck, leave a parking lot exit and down a sidewalk as police closed in. The man suddenly collapsed backward to the ground and officers pulled the woman away as others pointed their guns at him.

WALNUT CREEK — Two people were killed and three others were unaccounted for Tuesday after a construction crew struck an underground petroleum pipeline, sparking a huge explosion and fire that burned several nearby buildings and sent flames high into the air.

The two dead are thought to have been members of a construction crew that was working on an East Bay Municipal Utilities District water project, said Contra Costa County fire Marshal Rich Barton. Authorities are searching for the other three people. Six other people were injured — three of them critically — in the 4:15 p.m. explosion.

— Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON — Attorney General John Ashcroft, a fierce conservative who generated controversy with his tough tactics in the war on terror, and Commerce Secretary Don Evans, one of President Bush's closest friends, submitted their resignations Tuesday, the first members of the Cabinet to quit before the start of a second term. The two have served all four years of Bush's administration. Ashcroft said he would remain until a successor is confirmed and said he would stay well into January.

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration asked the Supreme Court on Tuesday to block the nation's only law allowing doctors to help terminally ill patients die more quickly.

The appeal from Attorney General John Ashcroft had been expected since May, when a lower court ruled the federal government could not punish Oregon doctors who prescribed lethal doses of federally controlled drugs.

The Bush administration has argued that assisted suicide is not a "legitimate medical purpose" and that doctors take an oath to heal patients, not help them die.

WASHINGTON — The government and a dozen airlines struck a deal Tuesday requiring sanitation improvements and increased testing of drinking water aboard aircraft after officials found evidence of harmful bacteria in the water of one in every eight planes tested.

At the same time, the Environmental Protection Agency announced it would perform random water quality tests on 169 domestic and international passenger aircraft at 14 airports throughout the United States and publish the results by the end of the year.

— Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

PARIS — A deeply concussed Yasser Arafat clung to life Tuesday after suffering another downturn, his major organs still functioning but his survival dependent on"the will of God," the Palestinian foreign minister said.

Palestinian leaders made preparations for Arafat's eventual death. They said they would bury Arafat in his sandbagged headquarters in the West Bank and turn the site into a shrine.

But the 75-year-old leader, whose condition has steadily worsened since he was flown to a military hospital outside Paris on Oct. 25, would not be removed from life support, Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said.

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops on Tuesday shot and killed two Palestinians who entered an unauthorized area in the Gaza Strip.

The men had approached a separation fence near Kibbutz Kfar Aza, a communal farming village in southern Israel east of Gaza City, military sources said. The sources said there have been several recent attempts to infiltrate Israeli and plant explosives in the area.

Palestinian security officials confirmed the deaths and said ambulances were on the way to recover the bodies.

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Eight nations find Arctic warming quickly

John Heilprin

WASHINGTON — Scientists say changes in the earth's climate from human influences are occurring particularly intensely in the Arctic region, evidenced by widespread melting of glaciers, thinning sea ice and rising permafrost temperatures.

A study released Monday said the annual average amount of sea ice in the Arctic has decreased by about 10 percent in the past 30 years, resulting in the loss of 396,000 square miles of sea ice — an area bigger than Texas and Arizona combined.

"The polar regions are essentially the earth's air conditioner," Michael McCracken, president of the International Association of Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences, told a news conference Monday. "Imagine the earth having a less efficient air conditioner."

Susan Jolly, the report's lead author, said the Arctic probably would warm twice as much as the rest of the world. A region of extreme light and temperature changes, the Arctic's surfaces of ice, ocean water, vegetation and soil are important in reflecting the sun's heat.

Pointing to the report as a clear signal that global warming is real, Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., said Wednesday the "dire consequences" of warming in the Arctic underscore the need for their proposal to require U.S. cuts in emissions of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping greenhouse gases. President Bush has rejected that approach.

In the past half-century, average yearly temperatures in Alaska and Siberia rose about three-quarters of a degree to 1.1 degrees Fahrenheit and women in Alaska and western Canada warmed by an average of 5 degrees to 7 degrees Fahrenheit.

With "some of the most rapid and severe climate change on earth;" the Arctic regions' melting contributed to sea levels rising globally by an average of about three inches in the past 20 years, the report said.

"These changes in the Arctic provide an early indication of the environmental and societal significance of global warming," said the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment, a four-year study by 300 scientists in eight Arctic-bordering nations, including the United States.

This study adds yet more impetus to the projections by many of the world's climate scientists that there will be a steady rise in global temperature as the result of greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere from the burning of fossil fuels.

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Bush looking anew for oil drilling in Alaska wildlife refuge

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Republican gains in the Senate could give President Bush his best chance yet to achieve his No. 1 energy priority — opening an oil-rich but environmentally sensitive Alaska wildlife refuge to drilling.

If he is successful, it would be a stinging defeat for environmentalists and an energy triumph that eluded Bush as his first four years in the White House.

A broader agenda that includes reviving nuclear power, preventing blackouts and expanding clean-coal technology process land in the Rocky Mountains to Congress as part of the budget early in 2005.

That would enable drilling proponents to skirt an otherwise certain Democratic filibuster that would be difficult to overcome.

"With oil trading at nearly $50 a barrel, the case for ANWR is more compelling than ever," said Domenici. "We have the technology to develop oil without harming the environment and wildlife." Bush is also expected in his second term to renew his call for action by Congress on a broader, largely production, energy agenda — from easing rules for oil and gas-drilling on federal land in the Rocky Mountains to expanding clean-coal technology and improving the reliability of the electricity grid. New tax incentives to spur construction of next-generation nuclear power plants also will

be back on the table after Democrats and some moderate Republicans scuttled it last year.

Greater use of corn-based ethanol in gasoline also has wide support at the White House and in Congress.

Drilling in the Alaska refuge has been all but dismissed as unachievable since drilling opponents two years ago beat back a predecessor—drilling measure by a 52-48 vote. Bush did not make an issue of the refuge during the presidential campaign.

With four new GOP senators expected to support ANWR drilling and the loss of a Republican moderate who opposed it, drilling advocates believe they now have at least 52 votes in the Senate, enough to get the measure through Congress as part of the budget process.

By Senate rules, opponents of drilling cannot filibuster a budget measure. ANWR, qualifies as a budget measure because it will generate income for the government from oil companies.

Environmentalists gearing up to wage an intense lobbying campaign to keep oil rigs out of the refuge's coastal plain, is breaching ground for caribou, home to polar bears and musk oxen and site of an annual influx of millions of migratory birds.

"This is a serious threat to the refuge as any that has come before," said Jim Wattman of the National Wildlife Federation. "But the facts haven't changed. This is still a magnificent area and it can still be damaged by oil drilling."

Geologists believe 11 billion barrels of oil lie beneath the refuge's tundra and ice, and drilling supporters contend they can be tapped without damage to the environment or wildlife.

"Regardless of the outcome in the Alaska refuge, the path to getting a comprehensive energy bill is likely to be full of potholes. Twice in the last four years lawmakers have agreed on 85 percent or more of an energy package only to see final action derailed over narrow, although intensely contentious, issues," said some lawmakers, including Sen. Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, senior Democrat on the energy committee that will write the legislation, argue that lawmakers should focus instead on getting passage of separate bills on the most urgent and widely supported measures. Some of that already has occurred, such as the recently approved loan guarantees for a proposed $20 billion natural gas pipeline from Alaska to the lower 48 states. Despite the GOP's new strength, Senate Democrats can still put the brakes on energy measures they strongly oppose through filibusters such as the one that blocked an energy bill in 2003.

The issue is in dispute was liability protection for makers of the Methylene gas additives, which have been found to contaminate water systems.

Drilling prioritized

President Bush may try to open an oil-rich but environmentally sensitive Alaskan wildlife refuge to drilling...
U. Kansas student group lobbies for drinking rights

Leanne Sutren
KANSAS CITY STAR

MANHATTAN, Kans. — A group of students from the University of Kansas are making waves as they try to change the legal drinking age from 21 to 18.

The KU Political Active Club plans to lobby the Kansas Legislature for their case beginning in January.

KU student Jared Leech, sophomore in nursing, started the club of about 300 members, according to the University Daily Kansas.

He said he wants to fight the connection between federal funding and the legal drinking age.

"With the war in Iraq and the possibility of a draft, someone can get drafted but they can't have a glass of wine at their wedding," he said.

This year Kansas received $334.7 million in federal transportation aid for meeting the federal minimum age drinking law. If Kansas was to reduce the legal drinking age to 18, they would lose about $23.65 million dollars in federal funding according to the Kansas Department of Transportation.

Rep. Sydney Carlson-D District 66, said because so much money is tied to the legal drinking age, she thinks it would be more effective if the club started at the federal level.

"It if there is a multi-state unit it might have an effect," she said. "If it changes at the federal level, we can't jeopardize those funds."

Leech said there would not be as many problems with underage drinking if the age was lowered.

"Other countries have less wars because their drinking age is lower," he said. "The amount of binge drinking that occurs doesn't even compare."

Leech said he wants police officers to enforce harsher DFR laws instead of minor in possession charges.

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Drinking for warmth can have dire consequences

Annmary Mathew
THE DARTMOUTH

HANOVER, N.H. — Most people would consider the resistance to cold temperatures they feel after drinking an extra benefit of winter alcohol consumption. What they might not know is that drinking in cold weather can be dangerous, as the chances of contracting hypothermia increase after consuming alcohol.

"It's a common myth that alcohol seems to 'warm' one's stomach. But in the end, alcohol can pull out body heat and accelerate the problem of hypothermia," Gregory Rea of the National Institutes of Health told The Dartmouth.

Alcohol can dilate the blood vessels near the surface of a person's body. That contributes to a person's losing crucial body warmth and to a lowered body temperature. In addition, it can suppress normal defenses against hypothermia such as shivering, which generates heat, and the shifting of blood flow to the brain and other vital organs.

"Drinking in the winter is particularly dangerous because if someone passes out [outside], the consequences can be dire," said Dartmouth College Provost Harry Kinne.

Kinne pointed to an incident last year where a Champagnolle student in Burlington, Vt., fell into a snow bank on the way home from a party and died from hypothermia.

On very cold nights, Safety and Security is especially vigilant in looking for drunk students walking around campus.

"We're glad to pick them up and give them a ride to Dick's House, where they can be evaluated," said Kinne, who added that students should not let other students who have been drinking go out alone.

Alcohol and Drug Education program coordinator Ryan Travia also cited situations where students leave parties, become disoriented and hurt themselves by slipping on ice or passing out in a snowbank.

People under the influence of alcohol go into a deeper form of sleep than normal.

In cold weather, if they pass out outside, they can develop hypothermia, according to Dr. Seddon Savage, director of the Dartmouth Center on Addiction, Recovery and Education.

Rea also warned that decision making is the first level of brain functioning affected by alcohol, and thus drinking could affect a person's ability to prepare for cold weather properly.

For example, students are less likely to wear jackets or other protective gear after consuming alcohol.

The dangers of drinking in cold weather aren't limited to hypothermia.

"Students might not realize that they are getting frostbite," Kinne said. "It doesn't take too long, and it doesn't need to be that cold for it to set in."

"We encourage everyone to do everything in moderation and look out for each other," he said.

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U.S. death toll rising in Iraq

Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — American casualties in Iraq are mounting as the U.S.-led offensive in Fallujah unfolds. As of Tuesday night, 10 American troops had been killed in action and an undisclosed number wounded — a toll described by a senior U.S. commander as light.

On Monday, 11 U.S. service members in Iraq — among the highest for a single day since last spring — as the insurgents escalated the violence in Baghdad and elsewhere.

The U.S. military command in Baghdad said that in addition to the 10 U.S. troops killed in Fallujah, two members of the Iraqi security forces also had been killed. A brief U.S. military statement said there could be delays in reporting combat casualties in Fallujah "in order to prevent the anti-Iraqi forces and other terrorist elements from gaining useful battlefield intelligence."

Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz, the senior American commander for the Fallujah operation, said he was pleased that U.S. casualties so far had been limited to about a dozen. He would not be more specific, saying any number he gave would be quickly out of date.

Speaking by video teleconference from his headquarters in Baghdad, Metz told reporters at the Pentagon that insurgent casualties were "significantly higher than I expected."

Most of the rebel force, estimated at between 2,000 and 3,000, was "fighting hard but not to the death,"

he said.

Casualty reports, particularly in a combat zone like Fallujah, sometimes are slow and imprecise because of the chaotic conditions.

Tommy Franks, the retired four-star Army general who commanded U.S. forces when President Bush ordered the invasion in March 2003, said Tuesday it was too early to conclude that American casualties would remain light.

"There can be an inclination to say, 'Hey, this is going just right.' I'll caution against that," he said in an Associated Press interview. "This enemy is capable of putting up a big fight."

Franks also said he expected the level of violence in Iraq, as well as the number of American casualties, to begin to decline now that the U.S. elections were over and Bush had made clear that the United States would remain on course.

The death toll for Iraqi civilians has been higher in recent days than the U.S. death count, as it has been through much of the war. Dan Goure, a military analyst at the Lexington Institute think tank, said Iraqis present an easier target for the insurgents, and he expects them to continue to bear the brunt of the violence.

Goure said the relatively light American casualties in the opening days of the Fallujah offensive may not hold as the fighting escalates.

But he noted that so far the toll is less severe than last April when 135 American U.S. troops died, the worst month of the war.

Bush visits bedsides of wounded U.S. troops

Jennifer Loven
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush paid a bedside visit to wounded soldiers on Tuesday, then predicted victory for their comrades in Iraq in their battle against terrorists "who want to stop democracy." There.

"Godspeed to them," the commander in chief said, speaking of thousands of soldiers and Marines waging a potentially pivotal offensive against foreign and Iraqi rebels dug in at Fallujah, 40 miles from Baghdad.

The Americans and soldiers of Iraq's interim government "are doing the hard work necessary for a free Iraq to emerge," Bush declared after spending two hours with soldiers recuperating from injuries suffered in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Even as he portrayed the Fallujah invasion as a major part of the U.S. effort to keep elections on schedule for January, however, Sunni clerics in Iraq demanded a boycott of the voting in response to the military campaign that began Monday.

"Coalition forces are now moving to Fallujah to bring to justice those who are willing to kill the innocent and those who are trying to terrorize the Iraqi people and our coalition; those who want to stop democracy," Bush said. "And they're not going to succeed."

The president and his wife, Laura, went from room to room in two wards of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center to visit privately 42 soldiers being treated for injuries ranging from broken bones and minor injuries to missing legs and severe skull injuries. The president also met with the family of a soldier who was in surgery.

While Bush was with the recuperating wounded, American casualties continued to mount. The fighting in Fallujah claimed at least 10 American lives, part of a surge in casualties that has killed more than 16 U.S. troops in the past two days across all of Iraq. The total U.S. toll in Iraq has surpassed 1,100.

It was Bush's sixth visit to wounded troops at Walter Reed since the war on terror began in late 2001. The hospital has treated 3,612 patients from the Iraq war alone; 86% of them with combat injuries. Bush also has visited with wounded troops at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. As he traveled around the country he also frequently meets with soldiers or families of those who have been killed.
Sex, sex, sex, oh, and music

Jamie Brady
MUSTANG DAILY

Ever since Britney Spears hit the radio with “Baby, One More Time,” and MTV began heavy rotation of her in a seductive Catholic schoolgirl uniform, nothing has been able to quench the public and the media’s thirst for Spears. Spears has stirred up as much scandal as the previous queen of her in a seductive Catholic school—Madonna. Did in her heyday, and fans continue to eat it up year after year.

“We can take everything away from you, but they can never take away your truth. But the question is, can you handle mine?” says Spears at the beginning of her career with a provocative Rolling Stone cover which sparked rumors of a possible breast augmentation. The photograph, by Dave LaChappelle, gave Spears a “come-hither,” Lolita look.

Some of Spears’ most famous moments have occurred at MTV awards shows where Spears repeatedly tried to outdo herself. First there was the notorious performance in which Spears wore a nearly see-through outfit that sent critics howling. Her performance of, “I’m a Slave 4 U,” included Spears cavorting with a large python. Her most recent fiasco consists of thirteen pictures and two poems. It took Coury three months to sift through his art before he finally decided on seven black and white photographs, six color photographs and two poems. When he put his art together, he realized the photographs and poems shaped a theme on their own.

“They all portray close-up shots of life,” Coury said. “When everyone is running around with their lives, there is the conceit of a family.”

So does this mean Spears will start to tone down her sensationalistic lifestyle? Besides, there are plenty of other hot, young, wannabe divas out there just waiting to take attention away from Spears. Hilary Duff, 16, recently generated a debate when she posed for the cover of the Maxim-affiliated Blender magazine.

“Used my hobby of photography and writing to convey and promote the teachings of the Bible, God’s love and love in general,” he said. Coury carries his camera with him nearly everywhere he goes.

“It’s all about being a family and Wal-Mart,” said Spears at the beginning of her over-sexed innocent, Disney image, appears to offer them hope. His exhibit consists of thirteen pictures and two poems. He has realized his photographs and poems shaped a theme on their own.

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Lately, the public has been questioning her sanity after two marriages and now her talk of starting a family.

Tawny Grace
MUSTANG DAILY

“Despite all the horrible things in this world, there is beauty,” construction management junior Nick Coury said after reflecting on his art exhibit in the UU Epicenter. “Besides war and hatred, there’s beauty.”

Coury hung his art exhibit, “Life or Something Like It,” in the University Union gallery to give students a break in life and to offer them hope. His exhibit consists of thirteen pictures and two poems.

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“They all portray close-up shots of life,” Coury said. “When everyone is running around with school and politics, it’s a good close up of the world.”

Coury refuses to title his photographs despite his friends’ encouragement because he believes it leaves his art open to interpretation.

“I wanted people to come up with whatever meaning they got out of it,” he said. “People should have their own take on the art.”

Coury grew up in Monterey and first began taking pictures during his freshman year of high school. His first art show did not come until his freshman year of college when he submitted a poem for Veritas, a week-long in January where students are encouraged to search for religious truth through speakers, discussions, debates and art exhibits.

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Construction management senior Nick Coury is currently displaying is a small fraction of his photography collection in the University Union.
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Britney Spears has released four albums and 17 singles in the past six years, it still seems a bit premature to release a greatest hits disc.

It seems that now is the time to roll around seductively in Britney Spears’ photo shoot for her greatest hits album. Now Spears is not ready to release a greatest hits disc. While Spears has released four albums and 17 singles in the past six years, it still seems a bit premature to release a greatest hits disc. But is Spears ready to release greatest hits albums? Some bands, like the Rolling Stones, Fleetwood Mac, the Beatles and Aerosmith have been around for decades and only have a small number of greatest hits albums. Now Spears is getting older, how far will her sexuality take her? She continues to tell the tabloids that she wants to start a family, so the question is, once her body goes, will her greatest hits albums? Now Spears is waiting in the wings, ready to pounce on Spears’ spotlight. Spears continues to take a breath from her life to see the beauty of the world. “I don’t go out shooting for anything in particular,” she said. “It’s wherever a good opportunity pops up. Taking pictures gives me a break from reality and lets me see the world how it should be seen.”

Coury’s true fondness lies in journalism and pursue photography or photojournalism. Coury is not only a photographer but also a writer. He said he writes whenever he feels a need, and he hung two poems in his exhibit that correlate to his photographs and to his life. “Writing helps me to settle things down and come to an understanding about everything,” he said.

One of his poems, “Castle in the Sky,” reveals an inverted view of heaven. His other poem, “Border Town,” describes small-town life and the simplicity of small areas that Coury believes are foreign to many people.

A few of his pieces sold, but Coury said although it is a plus, he did not create the exhibit for that reason. The exhibit opened Oct. 8 and will continue through mid-November. Viewing hours are daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays in the UU.

Exhibit

Britney Spears’ most popular songs, many of which have been revamped or remixed. The album also includes three previously unreleased tracks.

But is Spears ready for a greatest hits album? Some bands, like the Rolling Stones, Fleetwood Mac, the Beatles and Aerosmith like have been around for decades and only have a small number of greatest hits albums. Now Spears is getting older, how far will her sexuality take her? She continues to tell the tabloids that she wants to start a family, so the question is, once her body goes, will her career follow? Because if it does, there are many sexed-up clones waiting in the wings, ready to pounce on Spears’ spotlight.

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**BIOCHEM, Columbia U**
**engage in**
**patent dispute**

Paul Elias
**ASSOCIATE PRESS**

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit filed by drug companies accusing Columbia University of trying to illegally extend lucrative patents that had expired.

The ruling came after the school dropped its demands for millions of dollars from royalties stemming from a genetic engineering technique vital to drug making, created by professor Richard Axel, who won this year's Nobel Prize in medicine.

In 2002, the United States Patent and Trademark Office granted the school another patent related to Axel's invention. The school then renewed demands for royalties from the world's largest biotech companies, which use Axel's genetic engineering technique to create bestselling drugs like Amgen Inc.'s Epogen.

The companies said, claiming the new patent was essentially identical to the expired patents. In September, Columbia agreed to drop its royalty demands and agreed not to sue the companies.

On Friday, a federal judge in Boston tossed out the companies' suit because of Columbia's actions.

Columbia said in its battle with the industry is not over and is now in the hands of the patent office, which has agreed to reconsider the 2002 patent. The patent office's reexamination was prompted by complaints filed by the Public Patent Foundation, a nonprofit intellectual property watchdog.

David Gindler, Columbia's attorney, said the latest ruling prevents further time and expense being spent in court while the patent office determines if the school has any remaining claims to the genetic engineering technique.

The companies, however, said the judge's ruling effectively ends the matter.

"The main story here is that Columbia has abandoned its efforts to enforce this patent," said Donald Ware, a lawyer representing Biogen Idec Inc. and Genzyme Corp. "It's not very likely that something very substantial will come from the PTO."
I'll never forget moving into my Laguna neighborhood house last year. I was excited to finally live in a house and in a neighborhood, that I went to each nearby house with my roommates and we introduced ourselves (no cookies were involved), I decided the place was the chosen one and I asked an elderly woman opened the door. A look of terror crossed her face when I told her I was her new neighbor. She called the police on us numerous times for the door. A look of terror crossed her face when I told her I was her new roommate and we introduced ourselves (no cookies were involved).

If you are a resident of San Luis Obispo and your beloved administration and complaints of any type, you may solve a problem for a few hours, but I don't believe it solves the problem once. As students we have tests, homework, clubs, and friends and no time to worry about community relations. Well, SLO solution to creative mediation services offers mediation and conflict resolution services for neighbors, landlords, roommates, and neighborhood disputes by calling this one number.

There is one number you can call to fix this and facilitate communication between your neighbors or landlord. That's right, it's a free lunch if you are a resident of San Luis Obispo and your beloved administration and government are picking up the tab because they know that calling the police only solves the problem once. As students we have tests, homework, clubs, friends and no time to worry about community relations. Well, SLO solution to creative mediation services offers mediation and conflict resolution services for neighbors, landlords, roommates, and neighborhood disputes by calling this one number.

I know this may sound like an infomercial, but call 549-0442 to solve all your community relations problems today. It's free for SLO residents and it's really easy! All you have to do is pick up the phone and call SLO solution, and they will tell you whether you need to deal with a lawyer or if they can help with their different methods of mediation. It is early enough in the year for you, your landlord, roommate or neighbor to actually get to the root of the issue instead of being on bad terms all year. True, this won't solve all problems and to be frank, your parties may be too loud for the family next door, but in many of your situations, you really have very few options. If you are struggling with neighborhood problems, don't let it weigh you down and frustrate you, solve the problem through mediation. Don't take a chance this year, there's a good possibility you can do something about it.

Blake Belton is the ASI President and wishes he had terrible neighbors this year so he could call SLO solutions. E-mail him at asipresident@calpoly.edu.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Religion does not always determine goodness

As a philosopher and a realist, I am sick and tired of reading these letters to the editor, especially since my own Morgan Elam got slammed by this Will McDonald guy. Will suggested that Christians offer tolerance to non-religious people, while Christians always seem to get "hard" on others. Dar I am, atheists are not afforded any respect by people of religious backgrounds. For one, you can't possibly treat your god as if it can see us. Did you ever stop to realize that we don't want to be "saved" already? We hold our God with respect to Christians because they are constantly promising us to hell. How can we possibly respect somebody that is willing to send an upstanding citizen like myself to the netherworld?

Also, I cannot stand when I am met by somebody of a religious group and they try to convert me. Do they not realize that I stand fast in my beliefs? As far as I see, religion is something related to knowledge. Which is why, religious faith has decreased over the past centuries. Remember back in the 1800s, there was a thing called the Crusades. And you know scientism were killed because they didn't believe in this church. When a geologist claimed that the earth was millions upon millions of years old, this church almost had him killed because it didn't jibe with the church's belief of the early man starting in October of 404 B.C. Finally, I am not some heathen or atheist and I live my life with compassion toward others and live a good, decent life. When I die, and if there turns out to be a god, I hope he would reward me for what a good person I was, rather than to non-belief in him, and still send me to heaven. And you know what, if he ended up sending me to heaven because I didn't believe in him during my time on earth, I'd gladly spend time in hell than in his heaven.

Jamison Enders
Economics senior

Democrats suffer from embarrasment, defeat

The previous two American presidential elections have seen the Democratic Party suffer embarrassing, and possibly doomed defeat. Mired in varied controversy, largely manufactured by the Democratic "hopeful" himself in efforts to evade (or at least delay) the inevitable outcome (his loss), these elections cast the Democrats as a desperate, reding lot, frantically searching for any way to correct the tailspin they seem to have assumed. Their candidates are ready willing and able to subject the American populace to protracted, endless delay in the declaration of the next president due to flagrant whim that scenarios, more unlikely statistically than being struck by lightning, will play out to deliver them residency at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Such juvenile stunts not only creates political quagmire and degrades the legitimacy of the electoral process, but it also reflects poorly on America to the rest of the world, a consequence nearly everyone will agree the nation can ill afford.

Even the most leftist ideological would have to hand-pressed to consume a positive spin on put on such hoping against hope and the grindlock it produces in electing a president. It is then unreasonable to assume that the Democratic Party may consist to a successor. With no third party posed to take over, the Democrats seem secure by default for years to come. So now that the recent debacles in 1992 and 1996 rather than 2000 and 2004, America could well have been looking at a choice between Republican and Reform on Nov. 2, rather than Republican and Democrat.

Pat Goulding
Anonymouse engineer

Challenging ideals of liberty, marriage rights of all

I consider your support of liberty. Consider your support of gay marriage (whether state sanctioned, or private arranged). If you support liberty and oppose gay marriage, I dare you to explain the glaring contradiction.

Ray Cavalcante
Mathematics senior

Blaah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah Blah

My decision to marry is my own. It is not subject to the approval of some statute legislator or citizen. It is pathetic that I would have to fight to marry the man I love because liberty has been forsaken.

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GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

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Anti-gay display on Dexter unexplainable

Over the years, I’ve tried my best to defend you, Cal Poly, but I find myself unable to justify the thing this campus did yesterday. When people egged the GLBT booth my freshman year, I choked it up to the ignorance of a few students. When the “P” was reintroduced during Pride Week, I blamed it on a few wimpy clingers unsympathetic to their peers’ ideals, even though it would have taken quite a few to pull it off. The second year I tried it, my best effort to explain it again.

However, Dexter Lawn was turned into a giant anti-gay advertisement this week, and I find myself unable to continue explaining for my school. I’m disappointed that this type of thing would happen anywhere, but especially disappointment that it would happen here. I suppose I shouldn’t be disappoint­ed at a school where people join Bible study as a dating opportunity, but I expect better from you, Cal Poly.

Nonetheless, before you get the wrong idea, I’m not saying that the event shouldn’t have happened. I wish that the students and faculty that constructed this would have reconsidered, or found a more mature way to express their discomfort than likening homosexuals to animals, but the First Amendment protects them as much as it protects me, regardless of how reprehensive I find their message. I welcome the debate that this stunt will bring to campus, even if I strongly disagree with it.

The slippery slope argument of “if we let it start here, where does it stop?” seems to be a thing of the past. Anti-gay activists have been to school around and about the campus, from in 1969. I suppose I shouldn’t be disappointed at a school where people join Bible Study as a dating opportunity, but I expect better from you, Cal Poly?

The writer failed to make case for petition

You can argue until you blue in the face, but it won’t solve anything. Neither creation nor evolution have or will ever be proved because each case can be scientifically reproduced. I know that Trevor Martin discussed examples that allegedly prove evolution; however, he is merely proving natural selection. He did not adapt within himself, but to say that humans evolved from primor­dal slime is simply not supported by Mr. Martins’ argument.

How can anyone say that religion just to score “hearts” people will believe your faith is a false sense of purpose? I was a non­believer and I never went looking for a purpose in life.

I thought I was just supposed to go to school and have a family and die. That was my purpose and I was fine with it. I didn’t go looking for any­thing else.

Whether you are Christian, Moslem, Buddhist or Atheist you will believe that your faith is the correct faith. If you thought anoth­er faith was correct then you would convert.

Mr. Martins please do not give advice on how one should treat others. You are scoring Christians in the very article you tell Christians not to score “hearts.” You are telling Christian to follow Jesus. Christians already follow Jesus.

I have no idea who Pat Robertson is, nor would I follow neither him nor any other preach­ers of “contemporary patriarchs.” I can assure you the only person I answer to is Jesus.

Leaselle Leitzell
Mechanical Engineering sophomore

 &#8216;Slippery slope’ argument doesn’t hold true

I was saddened at the display of hate and ignorance on Dexter Lawn yesterday. I could hardly believe someone would be allowed to place a sign saying “Legalization of gay marriage is the social dis­integration” in the middle of the lawn.

It is easy to fall into the slippery slope trap that gay marriage will lead to marriage for you and your dog.

The other powerful player in this whole situation is Senator Arlen Specter. The recently re-elected Republican. The day after winning, he bluntly warned the president about nominating individuals who would be too conservative to win confirmation. However, Sunday he pledged not to stall anti-abortion judicial nominations. The other thing Bush from dramatically changing the make-up of the Supreme Court lies in the Bush Administration. The last 6 terms, Democratic senators were suc­cessful in blocking the confirmation of a number of Bush’s conservative judicial nominations. However, since gaining more Senate seats last week, Republicans say they will have an easier time this term.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee said: “I’m very confi­dent that now that we’ve gone from 51 seats to 55 seats, we will be able to overturn what has become a customary filibuster of judicial nomi­nees.”

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The court’s most conservative justices, will be able to push for the confirm­ation of judicial nominees and the White House is confident that all of Bush’s judicial nominees will have a fair chance in the Senate. The fact is that we have supported all of President Bush’s nominees in committee and on the floor. I have never applied a litmus test,” Specter said on CNN’s “Face the Nation.”

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This quarterback helm is in good hands

Mustang quarterback Anthony Garnett has battled injury and competition to become the Mustangs' consistent starter

Louise Dolby

On the field, quarterback Anthony Garnett is an award-winning, high-scoring threat, but off the field he is just a 21-year-old knowledge-juror known for his constant smile and sense of humor. After enduring surgery last year, Garnett had to work hard to get himself back in shape. Now, fully recovered, Garnett continues to prove himself as a standout athlete starting at quarterback on the Cal Poly football team.

"Anthony didn't get his opportunity until the middle of the season due to injuries and better consistency of the other quarterbacks," said Jesse Bender, journalism senior and offensive lineman. "But as soon as he got his chance he did what we all thought he would and improved the offense a great deal."

Recently, Garnett was named Offensive Player of the Week for The Sports Network's I-AA College Football award after completing 11 of 15 passes, throwing for 12 touchdowns with 1311 yards on the season for a 147.33 efficiency rating. He has thrown for 12 touchdowns and has also averaged 218.5 passing yards per game. He's also been effective on the ground gaining 199 yards and scoring three touchdowns.

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W. soccer rolls into Santa Clara on fire

The championship match will be played Sunday at noon. Cal Poly has posted 10 shutouts this season and once again is relying on its defense, surrendering just 12 goals in 19 matches. Four of the Mustang shutouts occurred in scoreless draws. The Mustangs are ranked 15th in this week's Soccer Buzz Magazine West Region poll.

Kelsey Carroll scored the Mustangs' lone goal in the 39th minute to beat Cal State Fullerton. Saturday's match will be the Mustangs' first match against UC Santa Barbara, the team was running on all cylinders.

Now, a large conference trophy sits on Crozier's desk. But it's not over; this is a vastly familiar path. The Mustangs have won the Big West Conference title for the past five years, but it may be the toughest challenge yet. The Mustangs have three convincing victories over top-25 teams, but they need to improve their record against the top teams in the conference.

From can't lose to must win

Once all was wonderful in the world of Cal Poly football. The team was ranked as high as No. 5, undefeated at 7-0 and cruising for both a Great West Conference title and NCAA playoff berth.

Two losses later, the Mustangs are in desperate need of a win. Cal Poly has fallen 13 spots in both the ESPN/USA Today and The Sports Network polls following losses to UC Davis and Eastern Washington the past two weeks.

Now, Cal Poly will host its final conference game on Saturday against Northern Colorado.

The Mustangs must keep the pace with UC Davis in conference. The seventh meeting between the two teams will kick off at 6 p.m. It will be "Take a Kid to the Game" day as well as Senior Night, with 12 Mustang seniors to be honored in pregame ceremonies.

Cal Poly's eight-game winning streak was snapped by UC Davis last two weeks. Eastern Washington stretched the No. 18 Mustangs' current losing streak to two games with a 38-21 victory last Saturday in Cheney, Wash.

Northern Colorado comes off a victory over Southern Utah, but has been outscored 11-0 in its previous three games.

The Mustangs will need to contain one of the best receivers in Div. I-AA.