Energy drinks mixed with alcohol may be harmful

Kiwi Moreau

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 patrons 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.

Popular energy drinks such as Red Bull and Crank Juice are being mixed with liquor in local bars, while brewery companies such as Anchor-Busch and Steelhead have produced pre-mixed alcoholic energy drinks with B-to-the-E and 1.6 billion cans in the last year.

According to a study done by a design theory class, LA 320, came up with the idea of combining same-sex marriage.

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

“We simply stated that there is no clear wall to end decisions involving marital cases allow-

ing same-sex marriages,” the spokesperson said.

The moment (those messages) went up, the display should have been taken down,” Mendoza 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 how our country voted.”

Crowd members questioned the choice to see Display, page 2

LOCAL POLITICS

Mayoral candidates have concerns

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San Luis Obispo mayoral candidates, Matt Mackey and David Booker are concerned about Mayor Dave Romero’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.

“We need to focus on less retail and more clean industry so people can stay here and live here,” Booker said.

Booker noted that Cal Poly graduates were more likely to leave the city in hopes of finding areas that are more hospitable to them, in terms of living costs and wages.

“As a small business owner, I recognize how much they bring into our city,” he said.

In speaking to students during his campaign, Booker noticed that students felt, “disenfran-

ched.”

“They felt like they weren’t included in the community. They were treated like a neces-

sary evil,” he said.

Romero, who ran a campaign that said it would continue to provide a good relation-

ship with Cuesta and Cal Poly students, said he will continue to do just that.

“Lots of people know me and how I operate,” Romero said. “My character and my background are

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The cultural impact of Britney Spears

Does the pop icon make good music or does sex sell? IN ARTS AND CULTURE, page 8

Cal Poly quarterback Anthony Garrett

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

“Where Poly Royal went down, I was instrumental in
opening new retail shops and the hotel 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.

With housing costs rising, there is a concern that there is not enough
lower-end income housing.

“l 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
housing,” he said.

“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
gonna quit and stop being proac­tive 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.”

Mackey said running for mayor
was a challenge.

“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.

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

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

Williams mixes Red Bull with
Jagermister.

“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
imperil 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.

It was also the case that customer and no one else,”

Lachky said. Luchky said the drink 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,”

Mackey said.

Luchky 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
burn, and that fat stored in the body
will be used 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.

UNDER FOUR? OR THE LOWEST SCORE?
63% of students never miss a test/assignment due to drinking. The average CP student drinks less than 4 in a sitting.

Based on a survey collected by Cal Poly Reality of 512 randomly selected CalPoly students with an error margin of +/- 5%.
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 juror on Tuesday, and the judge ordered the panel to start over with their deliberations. "We're going to send you back. Start all over again and keep in touch," Judge Alfred A. Delucchi told the panel on the 55th 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, with arms 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.

THE BOSTON GLOBE

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Eight nations find Arctic warming quickly

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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 8 percent in the past 30 years, resulting in the loss of 360,000 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 Earth. 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, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., said Monday, "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 by about 2.6 degrees to 4.4 degrees Fahrenheit in women in Alaska and western Canada warned 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.
Bush looking anew for oil drilling in Alaska wildlife refuge

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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’s first four years in the White House.

A broader agenda that includes reviving nuclear power, preventing blackouts and expanding oil and gas drilling in the Rockies will be more difficult to enact.

Republicans in the House and Senate said this week they plan to push for Alaska refuge drilling legislation early next year, and they predict success, given the 55-44 GOP Senate majority in the new Congress. Democrats and some environmental activists say continued protection of the refuge has never been as much in doubt.

“It’s probably the best chance we’ve had,” said Richard Pombo, R-Calif., chairman of the House Resources Committee and a vocal drilling advocate, said in an interview.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said he will press to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) as part of the government’s budget deliberations early in 2005.

“This is an important threat to the refuge as any that has come before. . . . This is still a magnificent area and it can still be damaged by drilling.”

— JIM WALTON
National Wildlife Federation

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 pro-development, 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 widespread 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 proposal to open it to oil and gas development.

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 plains, a breeding ground for caribou, home to polar bears and musk oxen and site of an annual influx of millions of migratory birds.

“If it’s a serious threat to the refuge as any that has come before,” said Jim Whitman 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 the outcome in the Alaska refuge dispute, 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 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 GOPs 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 then in dispute was liability protection for makers of the MTBE gasoline additive, which have been found to contaminate water systems.
U. Kansas student group lobbies for drinking rights

Lesann Sutton
KANSAS CITY ENQUIRER

MANHATTAN, Kan. — 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 Action Club plans to lobby the Kansas Legislature for their cause beginning in January.

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

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 $33.7 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 $35.65 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.

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

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

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

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

"You lose respect for the government and the laws when they don't condone you for what society condones," he said.

Lechle said he wants students from other universities involved as well.

Student Body President Hayley Urkovich said although she has not done it, she hopes Kansas will change the drinking age.

"I would definitely support student groups pursuing their interests and their causes," she said.

Lechle said the drinking age may take a while to change, but he's not giving up.

"I will keep doing it even after I'm 21," he said. "It's a good fight.

Drinking for warmth can have dire consequences

Annmary Mathew
THE DURHAM NEWS

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 the winter can be dangerous, as the chances of contracting hypothermia increase after consuming alcohol.

"It's a common myth that alcohol seems to 'warm' a person's stomach. But in the end, alcohol can pull out heat 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 hypothermia, according to Dr. Suddan Savage, director of the Dartmouth Center on Addiction, Recovery and Education.

Savage 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.

In cold weather, it's important to wear protective gear after consuming alcohol, according to Dr. Suddan Savage, director of the Dartmouth Center on Addiction, Recovery and Education.

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

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

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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 were reported killed in Iraq — among the highest for a single day since last spring — as the insurgents escalated the violence in Baghdad and nowhere.

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,"

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 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 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 rebel 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 recovering 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 in 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, 860 of them with combat injuries. Bush also has visited with wounded troops at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. As he travels 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 with "Baby, One More Time," Madonna, did in her heyday, and fans continue to eat it up year after year.

The truth is, Spears launched the careers of numerous young, nubile girls that have mimicked her every step. Without her infamous mid-drift, there would be no Mandy Moore, Christina Aguilera or more recently, Hilary Duff.

Spears sparked controversy early in 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.

They all portray close-up shots of life," Coury said. "When everyone is running around with their own."

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.

"I 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.

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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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 get 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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Photographer looks for 'Life or something like it'

Construction management junior Nick Coury is currently displaying is a small fraction of his photography collection in the University Union.

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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 really ready for a greatest hits album? 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 hit 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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without any specific picture ideas in mind. Instead, he uses his camera to take a breather from his life to see the beauty of the world.

“I don't go out shooting for anything in particular,” he 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 photographing profiles and water. His favorite photograph shows the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk and its reflection in the surrounding water. Coury shot the photograph in the morning when he felt the boardwalk was peaceful and free of people.

“Water has a really clean, refreshing feel,” Coury said. “I love rain. It's just really calm.”

Although he never took a formal photography class, Coury plans to switch into 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.

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Solutions to the problems next door

Religion does not always determine goodness

Ashton Smith is a Freshman in Business.

I'll never forget moving into my Laguna neighborhood house last year. I must say that 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 to have a welcome party so did an elderly woman opened the door. A look of terror crossed her face when I told her I was her new neighbor. To her this meant parties, constant noise, public complaints and me. So did the police on us numerous times for things we could have just talked about.

It's no surprise that some of the permanent residents are really scared that college kids live in their neighborhood, that I went to each nearby house with my roommates and we introduced ourselves (no cookies were involved), I decided to have a welcome party so did an elderly woman opened the door. A look of terror crossed her face when I told her I was her new neighbor.

You were saying to yourself—"Yeah, Blake I could tell you all the problems I have in my house." Or I live on campus. This doesn't apply to me.” Well I do to each of you, despite your location of residence, this may very well be the most important column I wrote this year because it deals with the real way to solve community problems. Whether you have a neighbor that calls the police on you when you have a barbecue and are being a little loud, or whether you hear loud noise from your hall mates and you have some serious issues, the true way to deal with these issues isn’t always the police. When you or your neighbors call the police due to complaints of any type, you may solve a problem for a few hours, but it's really easy! All you have to do is pick up the phone and call SLO.

There is one number you can call to fix this and facilitate communication with your neighbors or landlord. That's right, it's a free lunch if you are having some serious issues, this may really help your relationships. If you are struggling with parties maybe too loud for the family next door, but in many of your situations, if there turns out to be a god, I'd gladly rather spend time in hell than in his heaven.

Jasmine Enders
Economics senior

Democrats suffer from embarrassment, defeat

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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 things that happen on this campus.

When people egged the GLBU booth my freshman year, I called it out just as I was doing a few weeks ago in front of students. When the "P" was repainted during Pride Week, I blamed it on the students and called it unexplainable. I appreciate your leadership and am thankful for you doing what you do.

But I must be honest with you: I am tired of being defensive about this campus. I don’t want to defend the stupid and unexplainable.

The slippery slope argument of "if we let it start here, where does it stop?" seems to be a cliche of people who don’t know a lot of things.

Anti-gay activism isn’t the reason homosexuality is contagious, and I wish I could keep the homosexual population from being involved in the state bureaucracy, that they be averting a night-marish dystopia where gay marriage is not only legal, but opens the door to marriage between humans and inanimate objects. No longer will cries of "If you love your school so much, why don’t you marry it?" be the stuff of fiction. I’m shuddering in fear right now.

On Election Day, I, like many, approved bans on marriage between people of the same sex, and though I could say I’m surprised, I’m really pleased.

I’ve seen more and more people in the homosexual community making serious strides in being under-taken by the straight community, but I suppose 65 million years of human evolution isn’t enough to teach us to not mess with other people’s rights.

My final comment is for conser-

vatives out there who have listened to their parents and priests and are anti-gay. If you support the idea of gay marriage, I suggest you go to your people alone, you’d have to be in support of gay rights. Having the drag show was a big step in admitting that they are not allowed to put their love on paper, and using the issues of all kinds of things to help everyone to conservatives a big step.

Do you have any ideas how much policing the gay community is going to raise taxes that you can support every time Democrats try to get you to pay a half cent to buy milk for orphans?

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COMMENTS:

Bushi's term brings long-lasting effects

When we voted last week, we were not merely dictating our future for the next four years. President Bush will have a lasting impact on our lives on more than most people realize.

The choice was not just about such hot button issues as the floundering economy, the war in Iraq or the right against terrorism. It happened filled in that little bubble last Tuesday, I was thinking about the Supreme Court and I hope other people were too.

The chances of at least one, if not three, Supreme Court justices entering during Bush’s term in office are very high. Bush will be in the powerful position of nominating individuals who, if confirmed by the Senate, will sit on the highest court in the nation for the next few decades.

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"The fact is that I 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.""Although in control of the Senate, it is highly unlikely the Republicans in the Senate can go deep into the nomination of a justice who is too far to the right. But the fact remains that Bush has been successful in blocking the confirmation of a number of Bush’s conservative judicial nominees. However, since gaining more Senate last week, Republicans say Bush will have an easier time this term.

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**FOOTBALL**

**This quarterback helm is in good hands**

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

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On the field, quarterback Anthony Garnett is an award-winning, high scoring threat, but off the field he is just a 21-year-old kinesiology junior known for his constant smile and sense of humor.

"But as soon as he got his chance to prove himself 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 out of the other quarterbacks," said Jesse Bender, journalism senior and offensive lineman. "But as soon as he got his chance he did all we 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 awards after completing 11 of 15 passes, throwing for 400 yards and accounting for five touchdowns during the homecoming game against Texas State.

Although he did not begin the 2004 season as a starter, Garnett has spread the passing yards among his favorite two receivers Darrell Jones and Jonathan Russell.

Garnett demonstrated his athletic and leadership abilities through his skill at quarterback, thus earning him the respect of his coaches and fellow teammates.

"He's a very good player, he has a lot of charisma that he takes onto the field as a leader. A lot of guys respect him and look up to him and he does a good job for us," co-offensive quarterback coach Joe DaPaux said.

The quarterback is generally viewed as the team leader, the star player who receives all the glory and attention. However, Garnett views himself as a team player that relies on the entire team to win.

"I can't take too much credit," Garnett said. "The offensive line, the running game, the receivers and the defense saved us so much this year and I can't do my job without them. It's a true team effort."

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"But as soon as he got his chance he did all we thought he would and improved the offense a great deal." Garnett didn't get his chance to shine until later in the season due to two other equally strong quarterbacks.

"I'm a true team player that relies on the entire team to win," Garnett said.

Garnett has played for 1,311 yards, on the season for a 147.63 efficiency rating. He has thrown for 12 touchdowns and has also averaged 218.5 passing yards per game. Garnett has been effective on the ground gaining 198 yards and scoring three touchdowns.

**W soccer rolls into Santa Clara on fire**

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT**

The breaks are finally favoring Cal Poly women's soccer, said coach Alex Crozier.

And they couldn't be coming at a better time.

The Mustangs have won three of their last four Big West conference matches to qualify for the conference tournament and when they reached the title game 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 merely familiar territory. The Mustangs have won the Big West for the third straight year. Success in the NCAA Tournament is the next step and it starts Friday when the Mustangs face Stanford.

Cal Poly finds itself in the NCAA Tournament for the fifth time in the last six years, but the Mustangs have typically been bounced early.

The Mustangs can change that with a first-round matchup against No. 18 Stanford on Friday at 4:30 p.m. in Santa Clara's Buck Shaw Stadium.

In the other first-round match, No. 6 Santa Clara (14-4-2) meets unrated Cal (11-3-3).

The championship match will be played Sunday at noon.

Cal Poly has posted 10 shutouts this season and once again relies 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 SoccerBuzz Magazine West Region poll.

Kelsey Carroll scored the Mustangs' lone goal in the 39th minute to beat Cal State Fullerton. Sharon Day and Danielle Caruana moved the Mustang past UCSB with scores.

Sharon Day, the 2003 Big West Conference Freshman of the Year, leads the Mustangs in scoring with 11 goals and an assist for 23 points.

Clark has three goals while six other Mustangs have a pair of goals each and four others have one goal each.

Goalkeeper Lyle Hill has a 0.55 goals-against average, No. 1 in the conference, and an 85% save percentage with nine shutouts, most in the conference.

Stanford is coming off a 1-0 loss to Washington on Friday and a 0-0 tie against Washington State on Sunday.

The Cardinal had won 11 of the last 12 conference games.

Cal Poly can now see itself as a team that has the best receivers in Div. I-AA.

The Mustangs have spread the passing yards among his favorite two receivers Darrell Jones and Jonathan Russell.

But this season's still not over yet. If the Mustangs are to win conference, they'll need Garnett's arm.

**From can't lose to must win**

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT**

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 cruised to both the ESPN/USA Today and The Sports Network polls following losses to UC Davis and Eastern Washington.

Two losses later, the Mustangs are in desperate need of a win.

Cal Poly has fallen 13 spots in the conference standings at 3-1. Northern Colorado is close behind at 2-1.

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 two weeks ago. Eastern Washington stretched the No. 18 Mustang current losing streak to two games with a 38-21 victory last Saturday in Cheney, Wash.

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