Cal Poly students relieve burden of tax season

For the past 13 years, accounting students have volunteered to assist students and community members with their taxes.

Accounting senior Sean Frank assists local resident Françoise Chaffee with her taxes. This is the eighth time Chaffee has attended the event, which has taken place every tax season.

The students working on VITA are encouraging not only members of the community to take advantage of this service, but also students.

"It can be costly to take your tax returns to a professional," Ande said. "VITA is a nice alternative for students and other members of the community who don't make very much money."

Textbook prices artificially inflated

A recent study shows college textbook prices have increased about four times the rate of inflation over other goods.

Kirsten Ostro

Up on walking into Barnes and Noble, one would notice the prices for textbooks are much higher than expected.

A study by the California Public Interest Research Group found that textbook prices are about four times the rate of inflation over other goods.

The study found that textbook publishers are responsible for artificially-inflated prices. The study was conducted at 59 universities in every region of the United States. Members of Cal PIRG analyzed the top five textbooks purchased by college students. Their report findings directly contradicted previous statements made by the publishing industry regarding high costs of college texts.

One of the main issues concerning students is the frequent upgrade of new textbook editions. The study found that on average, a new textbook edition costs an estimated 45 percent more than a used copy of the previous edition.
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book," political science junior Matt Mackey said. The study reported 76 percent of the faculty surveyed said that new editions were justified "half the time.”

"There are obvious to professors that the publishers are creating new books just to make more money," Italian professor Claudia Cremasco said. "From my point of view, those new editions are usually not necessary for teaching students.”

Another tactic publishers use to increase prices is the addition of unnecessary items to books, such as CD-ROMs and workbooks. These "bundled books" cost more than the "unbundled" versions, and more than half are not sold alongside the cheaper versions.

Of the books studied, the bundled versions were 19 percent more expensive than unbundled versions, with some price differentials reaching up to 47 percent.

"I have only had two text books with CD-ROMs, and one was for a core course," said regional planning senior Jack Newman. "I have never had to use the CD-ROMs." CAILPRG reported that 65 percent of the faculty surveyed used the "unnecessary items in the bundled versions rarely” or "never.” This finding refutes the claim made by the publishers that university professors are responsible for the production of new editions and bundled textbooks.

However, students are finding ways around the system. While used bookstores are the best way to find books at a discounted price, their savings have become marginal in comparison to the crop of new Web sites devoted to cheaper used books.

"It is really easy to get books by Web sites like Amazon and eBay," regional planning senior Jack Newman said. "It is much easier to pay that much for the books," Cuesta College sophomore Kyle Parker said. "They’re never read front to back, and everyone dreads the beginning of each semester.”
MOORPARK — Authorities shot and killed a tiger Wednesday that had been roaming the hills near the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. "It's unfortunate that we had to kill it," said Lorna Bernard, California Fish and Game spokesperson. "It's even more unfortunate that the person who owned it didn't come forward and alert us immediately. We might have been able to capture it." She said trackers with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services had to shoot to kill because a tranquilizer would have taken several minutes to bring down the animal and the hunters could have been in danger. The hunters had been looking for the animal for eight days.

LOS ANGELES — Authorities Wednesday tried to identify a teen-ager who was shot in the head and placed in a medically-induced coma before she could tell them her name. A security guard found the girl early Wednesday morning in South Los Angeles, sheriff's Detective Dan Regalado said. She was hospitalized in stable condition, he said.

"My main goal right now is just getting her identified," Regalado said.

LOS ANGELES — The sun began poking through the clouds Wednesday as California emergency crews shifted into cleanup mode after a six-day drenching that killed at least nine people, destroyed dozens of houses and flooded roads and airports. The Transportation Department hurried to clear at least 20 major roads closed by mudslides and flooding. In Malibu, crews prepared to destroy a boulder the size of a house that dangled above the Pacific Coast Highway, held back by only a retaining wall.

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators on Wednesday proposed $63,000 in fines against three California television stations for failing to provide timely captions and graphics for deaf or partially deaf viewers about emergency information related to wildfires in 2003.

FCC proposed such fines against broadcasters. The proposal targets are three San Diego-area TV stations for their coverage on Oct. 26-27, 2003 of wildfires that swept through Southern California, killing 24 people.

WASHINGTON — Amid dire warnings of an Asian pandemic, the government is preparing to test an experimental bird flu vaccine and is being stored in bulk form for possible emergency use and to test whether they maintain their potency.

WASHINGTON — State lawmakers issued a scathing rebuke of President Bush's education overhaul Wednesday, calling it a coercive, unconstitutional act that sets an unreachable goal of getting every child up to par in reading and math.

The National Conference of State Legislators wants changes in the fundamental parts of the No Child Left Behind Act: how student progress is measured, how schools are punished if they fall short and who decides when the rules are waived for struggling districts. Overall, the proposal would give states significantly more power to administer the law.

WASHINGTON — Pope John Paul II, appearing somewhat gaunt and wheezing as he spoke, made his longest public appearance Wednesday since his hospitalization, but it was broadcast by video hookup after the Vatican canceled his planned appearance at his apartment window after rain and winds lashed Rome.

The change was in line with the caution the Vatican has been showing since the 84-year-old pontiff was rushed to the hospital Feb. 1 with breathing difficulties following a bout with the flu.

DENVER — Hunter S. Thompson, the "gonzo journalism" with a penchant for drugs, guns and flame-thrower prose, might have one more salvo in store for everyone: Friends and relatives want to blast his ashes out of a cannon, just as he wished.

"If that's what he wanted, we'll see if we can pull it off," said historian Douglas Brinkley, a friend of Thompson's and now the family's spokesman.

Thompson, who shot himself to death at his Aspen-area home Sunday at age 67, said several times he wanted an artillery send-off for his remains.

"There's no question, I'm sure that's what he would want," said Mike Cleverly, a longtime friend and neighbor. "Hunter truly loved that kind of thing."

Thompson's wife, Anita, and son, Juan, are looking into the cannon scenario, said Brinkley, who has edited some of Thompson's work.

Brinkley also said Thompson did not take his life "in a moment of hate or anger or despondency" but probably planned his suicide well in advance because of declining health. The author of books including "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" was in pain from a host of problems that included a broken leg and a hip replacement.

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Promoting gender diversity in science and technology

Amanda Samonte
MUSTANG DAILY

It's 2005 and women are still fighting for equal employment, pay and education — they are even fighting for intellectual equality.

The president of Harvard, Lawrence Summers, said that women lagged in science and mathematics because of innate differences between the sexes, igniting an uproar and debate that has been at the root of the feminist movement for years.

With such gender debates in society, Cal Poly's women's studies program provides a channel for dialogue on gender issues facing society and Cal Poly.

Carla Febr, a philosophy and biology professor from Iowa State University, gave a presentation Feb. 10 called "A Lab Coat Can Cover More Than Your Clothes," in which she discussed gender issues within science.

Mary Armstrong, director of women's studies, invited Febr in response to the current debate.

"Women's studies is working on promoting campus discussion on the intersection between gender issues, science, math and technology," Armstrong said. "This is really pertinent to this campus and we wanted a lecturer that addresses these issues to stimulate conversation."

She stressed that times are changing.

"Twenty years ago, there was a very low percentage of women doing math and science," Armstrong said. "Now, there is more than 55 percent females in the math and science departments (at Cal Poly)."

The number of female science, engineering and technology graduates has increased from 1.1 million in 1992 to 1.5 million in 2002. One of Febr's main issues is that women "present themselves in a more androgynous way," as described by biology professor Susan Elrod.

As a woman in the science department, she said that the way a woman talks, dresses and acts are all important factors in the workplace. "I am very aware of how my gender influences my acceptance into the community of scientists," Elrod said. "I have purposely worked to present myself in ways that will result in greater acceptance of my ideas, and ultimately my scientific authority by my male colleagues."

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Science is objective, but many investigations have produced knowledge that is colored by sexist social values.

Armstrong agrees that the best science is produced by a wide array of people with different perspectives.

She plans to invite more guest speakers to Cal Poly on behalf of the women's studies program to educate students and create reactive conversations.

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Minority enrollment climbs

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NEW YORK — The number of minority students in American colleges has more than doubled in the past 10 years, according to a report released Feb. 14 by the American Council on Education, level, minorities number increasing, but not by enough to close the racial gap.

The report showed that from 1991 to 2001, enrollment of minorities rose from nearly 1.5 million to 4.3 million, an increase of 282 percent. While minorities made significant gains, the enrollment of white students during those 10 years declined.

Still, a racial gap persists. Of high school graduates between 18 and 24, only 40 percent of blacks and 34 percent of Hispanics attended college, compared with 45 percent of whites. Hispanics led all racial groups in enrollment growth with a 75 percent increase, followed by Asian-Americans, who are up 54 percent, blacks, up 37 percent and American Indians, up 35 percent.

NYU's minority enrollment has increased, but with differing rates among minorities. In 1991, 167 freshmen identified themselves as black and 194 as Latino, out of a total freshman class of more than 2,300 students. In 2001, those numbers grew to 241 African-Americans and 362 Latinos, out of a class of close to 3,600.

Exact figures for the total freshmen class sizes were not available at press time, so BSNW could not determine the percentage change in minority enrollment over the 10 years. Even still, that percentage might show just a fraction of the actual change in minority population.

With a growing number of students who choose not to identify their race, it is becoming more difficult to calculate minority enrollment at NYU and at the national level, university spokesman John Beckman said.

At NYU, 33 percent of students enrolled are of color, according to the Office of Admissions. Asian-Americans constitute 14 percent of the student body, followed by Latinos with 9.7 percent and African-Americans with 2 percent.

Minorities still constitute a small percentage of students earning degrees. According to the report, students of color earned 22 percent of all bachelor's degrees in 2002, up from 14 percent in the previous year. The percentage with master's degrees also rose from 11 to 17 percent, while doctoral degrees increased from 11 to 14 percent in the same period.

The purpose of the report is to provide information that highlights the racial divide in higher education, said Francisco Rodriguez, senior research associate at the American Council on Education. The next step is to work to find solutions, he said.
Organizations join together to solve diversity issue

Suzanne Grimmner
MUSTANG DAILY

Do white people have a culture of their own? Is the answer to racism color blindness? How can whites use their ethnicity to help mend broken racial relations? Why do whites and non-whites frequently see race issues from such different perspectives? These are some of the questions that will be answered at "Finding White Identity: A Spiritual Perspective on White Culture and Race Issues" in Chumash Auditorium Monday at 7 p.m.

The event will be covered by CSPAN and co-sponsored by Poly Christian Fellowship and Associated Students Inc.

Author and speaker Doug Schapp will present how the majority culture can play a crucial role in racial relations while also finding joy in what it means to be white. Schapp is the author of "Being White: Finding Our Place in a Multiethnic World" and is the Southern California Regional Director for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

"Living paralyzed by the guilt of past mistakes like slavery is not productive. I want to talk about how white people can take an active role recognizing the mistakes of the past while at the same time being proud of what they have to offer," Schapp said.

Students and community members of all ethnic backgrounds are invited to the event.

"Our hope is to spark discussion and change the cultural environment on the Cal Poly campus," club member Neva Reznosoff said. "We feel it is important for all people to hear how white people can get involved in racial justice."

Schapp believes that teaching this message in places like Cal Poly could be a great step forward for the country as a whole.

"Cal Poly graduates are some amazing problem solvers," Schapp said. "What would happen if they were to focus on some of the most significant problems our country faces like racism and prejudice?"

Second year business major Amy Chan is Chinese and believes Cal Poly students have a lot to learn about one another.

"The more you learn, the more you learn that you don't know enough, and that's when you overcome the obstacle of getting to know someone of a different race," Chan said.

"Finding White Identity is intended to spark further conversations and action among Cal Poly students. There will be an open discussion immediately following the event. All interested students will have the opportunity to join smaller group discussions in the weeks following Feb. 28. More information can be found at www.ivslo.org/identify.

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Despite most people's efforts to be politically correct, stereotypes are more common than people would like to believe and move far beyond just skin color By Amanda Samonte

With a melting pot of interests and cultures at Cal Poly, it is inevitable that stereotypes exist. Since the vast majority of the student body is white, the remainder of the student body is forced into the "other" category.

"When I first got here last year it was a shock because there aren't (many) different types of cultures," industrial technology sophomore Curtis Thomas said. As a Japanese-American, Thomas said that he is often stereotyped as the typical black student athlete.

"I'll meet people (and) the first thing they would ask me was what sport I play. They automatically knew I play a sport because I'm black."

Business administration sophomore Jon Duong agrees that even as a minority, it is difficult not to generalize.

"I've heard of all kinds of stereotypes about everyone—from fraternity guys, black sports players, farm kids and even stereotyping girls based on what kind of jeans they wear," he said. "It's too hard to put certain people in the same category because everyone is different."

When a person believes stereotypes are not hurtful, stereotyping may come easier. However, Robert Ku, head of the ethnic studies department, explains that all forms of stereotyping, as flattering as they may sound, stem from negativity.

"A lot of people think that Asian women (Geisha girls) are exotic and beautiful, but where does this stereotype come from?" he asked.

Ku said that Asian women are associated with beauty because the first time Americans interacted with them on a large scale was during World War II. In poverty-stricken Asian countries, the contact was usually through some sort of sexual encounter like prostitution. The coined phrase "me love you long time," from Full Metal Jacket is certainly not by coincidence.

Duong, who is Chinese-Vietnamese-Swedish-Norwegian, said that he recognizes that people occasionally address him in a different tone of voice because of his ethnic appearance.

"People sometimes assume that since I'm Asian, I automatically know a certain Asian person, like it's a club or something," Duong said.

Cal Poly Spanish Department Chair William Martinez, said that stereotyping is an easy way to classify something that is different.

"Those who create labels are not aware of the damage they create," he wrote in an issue of Culture Lines Magazine. "And often because of the ignorance, they are rude or mean, but they are not as open-minded as others. Their actions are sometimes out of ignorance instead of solid understanding."

— NEGISA TAYMOURIAN
Business freshman

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ABC ready to cash in on ‘Housewives,’ ‘Lost’

Gary Gentille
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The Walt Disney Co. bought ABC so it could profit from both making and broadcasting the network’s hits. Nine years later, the deal is finally paying off.

After a long run of modest hits and disappointing flops, ABC stands to make hundreds of millions of dollars on advertising, syndication and DVD revenue from “Desperate Housewives” and “Lost,” two of this season’s top-rated programs. The shows are the work of Touchstone Television, Disney’s TV studio, and are its first hits since “Home Improvement” in 1991.

Disney and other media giants have been hungry for such home-grown megahits since the government lifted regulations a decade ago that kept networks from owning the programs they broadcast. Under the old rule, shows were produced and owned by studios that licensed them to networks; studios collected money from the licensing fees and in some cases syndication, while networks kept revenue from advertising.

The change helped networks boost their earnings and triggered a rush of consolidation with the Hollywood studios that make TV programs. It was a major reason behind the merger last year of NBC and Universal, which makes the network’s popular “Law and Order” shows. It also led Disney to buy Capital Cities/ABC in 1996.

“This is the media companies have wanted all along,” said Paul Kim, an analyst with Tradition Investor Securities.

Independent TV producers have complained that the change would make it nearly impossible for them to compete with the major studios. But media companies including Disney said the consolidation was necessary given the rising costs of making shows.

Now, with Touchstone producing most of ABC’s new shows, Disney said it stands to make nearly $1 billion from its two new hits along with the Jennifer Garner spy drama “Alias” and soon-to-be syndicated sitcoms such as “According to Jim” and “My Wife and Kids.”

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Touchstone has had some success in the past few years, producing “Scrubs” for NBC and “Alias.” But for the most part, it churned out dramas and comedies that just didn’t catch fire with viewers.

It did famously develop the megahit “Crime Scene Investigation” only to see Disney sell its stake in the show after deciding it wasn’t worth the financial risk. The franchise has since helped propel CBS to the top of the primetime ratings.

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Men stealing sea turtle eggs is not the same as abortion

In his "Bite Right Field" column (Feb. 14, Matt Busman said that he chose to write this column when it "occurred to me that U.S. law is written in a way that protects unborn animals more than it protects unborn humans.") Let me say that I am not writing to argue with him over whether or not abortion, partial birth or otherwise is moral or legal. That issue has already been discussed extensively and it is obvious that different people have different opinions. I am writing to point out that Matt's logic is inherently flawed when comparing the protection sea turtle eggs receive to human fetuses. The point he is making about men and sea turtle eggs, the female turtle did not decide to eat the eggs herself or pay a doctor (or in this case a marine biologist) to do so.

Humans' actions are definitely protected against assault and unwanted termination. It was considered murder to steal sea turtle eggs. So, in this regard, a human fetus is much more protected than a sea turtle egg. Whether or not a turtle has the constitutional right to "abortion" her eggs remains to be seen, but comparing a woman choosing to have an abortion to men stealing sea turtle eggs are two different things, and not because we are talking about separate species. If Matt wants to make a point about legislation of abortion compared to environmental protection, he should at least use an example that is logically sound.

Ted Crum

Larson writer

Cal Poly's link to a sustainable future

Within the past few years, Cal Poly students awakened to the idea of living a sustainable future. In a recent survey administered to more than 4,400 students by Associated Students Inc., 73 percent responded that sustainability should be a high priority. Better yet, there are still many students who wonder why sustainability is important or how they can contribute to these efforts. Cal Poly is certainly a leader in sustainability within the nation's universities. Groups such as the California Student Sustainability Coalition and the RenewCSU campaign for "clean energy CSU" have led successful grassroots campaigns to implement sustainable development at Cal Poly.

A basic notion that contributes to sustainability is that every individual contributes to the whole. So let's find out more about you. Are you sustainable? Take the quiz and rate yourself below:

1. When I buy produce, I purchase it from:
   a. Any particular grocery store
   b. Local growers, even if it's more expensive
   c. Vegetables vendors

2. I get to school by:
   a. Driving my own vehicle
   b. Carpooling or taking the bus
   c. Biking or walking

3. When it's cold in my home, I:
   a. Turn up the central heating system
   b. Make a fire
   c. Put on an extra layer of clothing

4. I recycle paper, cans and bottles:
   a. Never
   b. Occasionally
   c. Always

5. The energy I use comes from:
   a. Nuclear
   b. Renewable (e.g., solar, wind)
   c. Fossil fuels

6. I am interested in politics and local governments:
   a. Never — it doesn't interest me
   b. Sometimes
   c. Extremely — I am very concerned

7. Global warming results from:
   a. Natural causes
   b. Human activities
   c. Nothing — It's not a problem

8. Animal waste from South America
   a. Nothing — It's not a problem
   b. Make a fire
   c. Smash the eggs herself or pay a troubleshooter

9. Littering is:
   a. Never — it doesn't interest me
   b. Sometimes
   c. Always

10. The atrocities committed during the Second World War are:
   a. Historical events that are too far in the past
   b. Stupid, a lot of them were
   c. Remembered as part of the atrocities committed by the Nazi regime

11. If I were a therapist, I would specialize in:
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Casey Cooper Political science senior

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blew my mind," she said. "We're still
screwing you. You're like a girl —
and that is unacceptable — that we
would again push away women in a
substandard role.

After the game, she wrote a letter
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women as second-rate citizens will
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Conclusion

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Having Faith in the battle for equality

Leah Mori, Santa Barbara News Press

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It's natural that a UC Santa Barbara sportswriter would want to rip Cal Poly. However, it's ridiculous to see that attack come before a game against the dismal Mustang men's basketball team with the USC men also sporting a shaky record. Still, on Friday, a day before the Mustangs and Gauchos met at the Cal Poly men's basketball program, the Gaucho faithful had something to cheer about.

Saturday night, the Cal Poly Men's basketball team took on the Dance Team at the 2003 World Cup. The Gauchos' victory in this exciting contest was a testament to the team's dedicated efforts and hard work.

C:OMMENTAKY

Santa Barbara has little reason to gloat

It's all true. It's really that good. The Gauchos are playing well, and they have the talent and depth to make a run in the Big West Conference. They have the ability to compete with the best teams in the conference, and they have the experience to handle the pressure of playing in front of a hostile crowd.

Still, the Gauchos need to continue their winning ways if they want to reach their full potential. They have a lot of work to do to get to the NCAA tournament, but with the right attitude and a lot of hard work, they can achieve their goals.

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