Students supply hope on wheels

The Cal Poly chapter of the Wheelchair Foundation raised $18,000 to supply Guatemalan children with wheelchairs.

Thao X. Tran

Delivering hope, mobility and freedom, the Cal Poly student Wheelchair Foundation will host its annual fundraising event, "The Gift of Mobility." This time the team will dedicate the funds to orphans in Guatemala.

Two hundred and eighty orphans in Guatemala could use one of these wheelchairs, but they cannot afford them. With help from the community, the Cal Poly student chapter of the Wheelchair Foundation seeks to provide these orphans with wheelchairs.

"It feels good to know that we are helping those less fortunate in other countries," event manager Natalie Watson said.

The Cal Poly Wheelchair chapter raised $18,000 for the wheelchair donation effort.

New study: Liberal professors advance faster than conservatives

Victoria Rossi

AUSTIN, Texas — Conservative professors may have a harder time advancing in academics, according to a report released this week by The Forum, a political research journal.

Based on a 1999 survey of 1,643 faculty members from 183 four-year colleges and universities, the report found that liberal-minded faculty members are more likely to have jobs at high-ranking schools and outnumber conservative professors in higher education by large numbers.

Ideology ranks second after academic achievement in determining advancement, according to the report. Women and practical Christians were also named among groups discriminated against.

Susan Marshall, a University of Texas sociology professor who teaches college students, said her research methodology indicated there was some bias flaws in the study's methodology which would influence the report's conclusions.

"Nowhere on a typical academic resume is there information about one's politics or faith, where are women's gender is always obvious," she said. "So how are institutions supposed to discriminate? Where do they get this information?"

As a government professor who started teaching at Smith College in 1956, Stanley Rothman, professor emeritus at Smith and co-author of the report, said it wasn't hard to learn other professors' ideologies.

These questions are often part of a job interview, he said, and after several rounds of questions, he was offered the job.

CSUs reach out to boost black student enrollment

The CSU system has been distributing "How to Get to College" posters to parents and teachers at middle schools and high schools throughout the state.

"These num-

ber of black students currently enrolled in the CSU system make up 36 percent of the student body. In addition, nearly 4,000 undergraduate and graduate degrees were granted to blacks last year. "These numbers are not high enough," CSU Chancellor Charles Reed said at a summit hosted by the National Governors' Association in late March.

Reed said the black community presented information at the summit that gave new light to the problem, which may help to aid in future efforts to boost enrollment.

The CSU has been delivering hundreds of "How to Get to College" posters to parents and teachers of middle and high school students throughout California for the past four years.

CSU Trustee Herbert Carter said the content of the posters includes information on classes, financial aid, grades, tests and deadlines.

"This way, they are better prepared to get into college," Carter said.

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Enrollment

"I don't know how it is at other schools but I don't think Cal Poly is very racially diverse in general;" horn-culture junior Eva Farracco said. "It's a shame that there aren't more students of color here."

According to Poly View, a fall 2003 publication of the campus' Institutional Planning and Analysis report, the Cal Poly campus has 166 black undergraduates and seven post-baccalaureate students enrolled. This puts black students at one percent of the undergraduate population of 17,257 students and 7 percent of 1,946 graduate students.

"It's unfortunate that the Cal Poly campus has such small minority representation," ethnic studies professor Kate Martin said. "We must have a diversity of opinions, thoughts and ideas if we are ever going to achieve equality in higher education, or in the society for that matter."

Study

a few years working in an academic department, most people know how others in their department lean.

The report also cited a shift in professors' political leanings by comparing a 1984 survey by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching to the 1999 North American Academics Study Survey.

In 1984, 39 percent of professors identified themselves as liberal, while 34 percent said they were conservative. In 1999 these numbers changed to 72 percent liberal and 15 percent conservative. But Marshall said these numbers didn't indicate as dramatic a shift as it would first appear.

"The authors do not consider the ideological change during the period in the Republican Party," she said. "It may not be that conservatives have been chased out of academia, but that as the Republican Party moved sharply to the right, faculty moved away from the party identification."

Marshall said having a liberal attitude about different perspectives was part of the job.
STATE NEWS

LOS ANGELES — Three California newspapers won Pulitzer Prizes on Monday, including a public service medal and an international reporting prize for the Los Angeles Times. The Sacramento Bee won for editorial writing and the San Francisco Chronicle won for feature photography. In awarding the public service citation, the Pulitzer judges praised the Times for "its courageous, exhaustive reporting" of a five-part series exposing deadly medical problems at Los Angeles County's Martin Luther King Jr./Drew Medical Center.

LOS ANGELES — A Panamanian shipping line on Monday pleaded guilty to more than two dozen counts of illegal dumping around the United States and was ordered to pay $25 million in one of the largest fines ever imposed on a company that deliberately polluted the ocean.

Evergreen International, one of the world's largest shipping lines, conceded the discharge of waste oil, obstructed Coast Guard inspections and altered records over a three-year period ending in 2001, federal officials said. The company entered its plea in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles to 24 felony counts and one misdemeanour.

SAN RAMON — Revolution forced out Ukraine's pro-Russian government last year. "It's not a given. In other words, there are things that the Ukrainian government must do," Bush said. NATO membership is by invitation of the member states, and requires guarantees of political, military and economic openness. For Ukraine, joining NATO would mean taking more decisive steps away from Russian influence and cleaning up systemic corruption.

— Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

HILLSIDE, N.J. — The biggest anti-terrorism drill ever held in the United States got under way Monday with a mock biological attack in New Jersey and a simulation of political turmoil in New York.

Friday's protest was the most significant of the four-day event and was expected to attract 150,000 participants. The latest in a series of simulations, it featured a mock terrorist attack in New Jersey and a mock political upheaval in New York City.

WASHINGTON — Most Americans — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — want the next pope to allow priests to marry and women to join the priesthood, a major break from church rules and the judgment of Pope John Paul II, according to an Associated Press poll. The charismatic pontiff was held in high regard by a majority of Americans and most Catholics, with many suggesting that John Paul II will be remembered as one of the greatest popes.

WASHINGTON — The United States supports expanding NATO to include Ukraine, a former Soviet republic now trying to loosen historic ties to Russia, but membership in the Western alliance is not guaranteed, President Bush said Monday.

"There is a way forward in order to become a partner of the United States and other nations in NATO," Bush said during a joint press conference with Viktor Yushchenko, the populist politician whose Orange Revolution forced out Ukraine's pro-Russian government last year.

— Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Prisoners at Iraq's largest detention facility protested the transfer of several detainees deemed "surrendering" by authorities, throwing rocks and setting fires on fire in a disturbance that injured four guards and 12 detainees, the military said Monday.

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VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II's body was carried solemnly on a crimson platform to St. Peter's Basilica, past a sea of more than 100,000 pilgrims who waited for hours Monday under a blistering sun for a glimpse of the late pontiff before his funeral and entombment.

Twelve white-gloved pallbearers flanked by Swiss Guards in red-plumed helmets gingerly marched the body from the Vatican's Apostolic Palace to the basilica for display to the public.

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The 31-year-old father of two is selling the naming right on eBay.

The "Buy It Now" price is $8,000. As of early Monday, there had been a total of 30 bids, the highest bid at $2,175.

The winning bidder gets to choose a new middle name for Rouse, a software engineer. Rouse also agrees to use his middle name "whenever plausible and not hide it."

"If he wants to walk around with 'Foot' as his middle name, that's his problem," said Rouse's wife, Cortina Rouse. "If someone changes his name to 'Poophead.' he may decide it's a little more important than he thought."

DESTIN, Fla. — A suspected T-shirt shoplifter who was handcuffed in the back of a deputy's vehicle managed to drive off in the SUV, leading deputies on a high-speed chase, officials said.

Scott Graves, 33, of Clanton, Ala., was charged with retail theft, grand theft auto and fleeing and eluding in Okaloosa County. He also faces two counts of grand larceny battery, two counts of robbery and one count of attempted carjacking in Walton County.

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COURTESY PHOTO

'Sin City': the ambitious new movie by director Robert Rodriguez, is a visually-stunning film set in black and white with brief flashes of color.

Kristen Oato
MOVING ON

The film begins with a woman dressed in red stands alone on a balcony, high above the black and white metropolis. A man steps out of the shadows behind her and says, "She shivered in the wind like the last leaf on a dying tree." They passionately kiss, and then he kills her.

"Sin City" is a groundbreaking and visually-stunning movie. The dark mirrors three Frank Miller graphic novels on the big screen. The movie is filmed in black and white, creating stark images with interspersed splashes of color.

The hard "Sin City" is a world where crime, passion and violence are a way of life. The cops are crooked, the hookers carry guns and everyone has a past. Every character is either a victim or a killer, sometimes both.

Frank Miller and Robert Rodriguez directed the movie, with Quentin Tarantino as special guest director. Miller and Rodriguez recreated the feel of the comics by shooting each scene against a green screen using state-of-the-art high-definition cameras. This technique captures brilliant and captivating images unlike any other film.

The unconventional filmmaking coupled with intriguing story lines has actors vying for roles. The teaser features Josh Hartnett and Marley Shelton in the opening of the movie, only to reveal a long list of Hollywood heavyweights.

The final story, "The Big Fat Kill," boasts a cast of top names. Rosario Dawson plays Gail, the leader of the prostitutes. When corrupt cop, Jackie Boy (Benicio Del Toro) is murdered, Gail's ex-boyfriend, Dwight (Clive Owen), must step in to maintain a truce between the cops and hookers in Old Town. Alexis Bledel is a far cry from her role as "Gilmore Girls" Rory, playing a young prostitute named Becky. Brittany Murphy also stars as Shellie, Jackie Boy's abused girlfriend.

The ultra-violent movie runs long, thanks to the repetitions of numerous beheadings and graphic shootings. Although narration throughout the film helps unify the stories, the breaks between them are abrupt and choppy.

It's a bold and deliberately offensive movie, yet too visually stimulating to make you care about the characters. The story "Sin City" is unique and fresh take on film noir and a must-see.

Download of the day

Blur
"Girls & Boys"

Blur, notoriously underrated here in the United States, tells the story of English holidays in Greece with this rumbustious Euro-tloortiller. The track is taken from the band's 1994 album, "Parklife."
It's your choice, but it's everyone's future

Do you remember the first time you took a tour on the Cal Poly campus? No doubt you started in the University Union, went through UU Plaza and all around campus learning about life at Cal Poly, but not just academics, you also got a glimpse into the Cal Poly community. You learned about the recreation, extracurricular activities, cool facts and, of course, the curricula of your choice.

The UU has become the focal point of the Cal Poly campus, where debates are held, conferences convene and banquets are hosted. The massive concrete structure we know as the University Union came from decisions led entirely by students. Students in the past have committed to the UU, Rec Center, the Children's Center and the Sports Complex; each quality of life facilities that students enjoy and manage. Now it is up to us to leave a legacy for the next generation of Cal Poly students. It's your choice, our future.

Later this month, you will need to decide where you stand on these issues. In the meantime the "red shirts" are coming "up the hill." The University Union, Kec Center, the Children's Center and the Sports Complex; each quality of life facilities that students enjoy and manage. Now it is up to us to leave a legacy for the next generation of Cal Poly students. It's your choice, our future.

You may wonder where the slogan came from. It truly is our choice whether we want to create a new student activity center by Campus Market (the proposed new University Union), expand the recreation center and renovate the current UU and UU Plaza. On the other hand, it's also our future. Cal Poly is academically competitive, but come on, does anyone come to this campus for the recreation facilities other competitive institutions enjoy? A visit to other campus plazas, dining complexes and hanger spaces is amazing. Our plaza has undergone many repairs, and I don't know about you, but I get the feeling like I'm being quarantined when I'm at UU hour. The UU is supposed to be the most welcoming place on campus and it's just blah.

The future is something we all dread talking about, especially me because I'm graduating. But to be honest, this referendum isn't about you or me, it's about future Cal Poly students. Simultaneously, most of the students that will enjoy these new facilities will also pay for them. The fees associated with these expansions and renovations are phased in over time to correspond with project completion dates. Think where we would be today if past students hadn't committed to the quality-of-life facilities you enjoy? Now think of what would happen in 2010, when there are more than 20,000 students enrolled with 2,700 new students living on campus or me, it's about future Cal Poly students. Simultaneously, most of the students that will enjoy these new facilities will also pay for them. The fees associated with these expansions and renovations are phased in over time to correspond with project completion dates. Think where we would be today if past students hadn't committed to the quality-of-life facilities you enjoy? Now think of what would happen in 2010, when there are more than 20,000 students enrolled with 2,700 new students living on campus in Student Housing North and new academic buildings are paving their way across campus. The hub would still be the current UU — "up the hill." Imagine you are a student in 2010 and just got out of class in one of the new engineering buildings where the library parking lot used to be. Before you: a newly-constructed UU for a quick workout in the new recreation area, ram on the indoor track and grab some Bali's or another snack in the large retail shopping/dining outlets.

This is the future and we need to make the choice for the next generation. It's your choice, but it's everyone's future.

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SPORTS

Thursday, January 6, 2005 11
Men's tennis eyes a national ranking

Garrett Leight
MUSTANG DAILY

The Mustangs are peaking at the right time as they prepare to face long-time rival Santa Clara University at the Mustang Courts on Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
The Mustangs, who come into the match with an overall record of 10-11 and Big West Conference record of 2-3, have won their last five matches thanks to the return of their star player sophomore John Nguyen.
Both Nguyen and junior Brett Van Linge missed the first half of the season due to injuries. During their absence, the Mustangs lost eight of their first 10 matches. Since then, they have been on a roll, winning eight of their last 11 matches.
Crawford is excited about the weekend and optimistic about his teams' prospects.
"Now that we are healthy at full strength, the whole team has a ton of confidence," Crawford said.
Crawford was so confident, in fact, that he stated he believed the team would be above .500 after the weekend.
Under coach Trevor Kronemann, the Mustangs have gone 1-2 against Santa Clara. Their lone victory came two years ago at home in an epic 4-3 match.
The Mustangs rushed the court after Van Linge won the clinching match in a third set tie-breaker.
The Broncos come into the match sporting an overall record of 9-8 and have won five of their last six matches, with two of those victories coming against ranked teams. After a 7-0 victory against the Mustangs last year, and their recent results, the Broncos are riding a wave of confidence.
Kronemann said that the match is extremely crucial for his team and should be a battle.
"We have the arsenal to beat this team, we just have to keep performing the way we have been," he said.
Kronemann feels that the Mustangs' victory against Montana State will not be enough to get his team a ranking as they suffered some tough losses early in the season. However, Kronemann expects the Broncos will receive a national ranking when the new rankings are released today.
A Cal Poly win against Santa Clara would most likely give the Mustangs their first national ranking since the team moved to Division I competition.
In the past three seasons the two teams have experienced some very heated matches. Senior Davey Jones expects the same this year.
"It's been a rivalry since I've been a freshman and the matches are always very intense," he said.
Cal Poly will come into its match vs. Santa Clara with a 9-8 and have won five of their last 13 games, as they prepare to face the Broncos who have experienced some very heated matches. The Mustangs have won five straight, its longest winning streak of the season.

Blumenthal's torrid pace earns him Big West Player of Week

BY NICK HOFER MUSTANG DAILY

As of late, Mustang catcher Kyle Blumenthal has found a way to get on base any way he can.
Whether by error, hit by pitch, walk or hit, Blumenthal has found a way to reach base safely in 13 straight plate appearances.
For this feat, Blumenthal was named Big West Conference Player of the Week for the second time this season.
The senior standout's accomplishments have come over Cal Poly's last four games.
His 4-for-6 performance against Cal State Northridge gave the Mustangs a sweep against the Mustangs in the Big West Conference opening series.
His series against Northridge included six RBIs, six runs scored and a home run and his on-base percentage was .846.
His streak includes five hits, five walks, two hit by pitches, one catcher's interference and two errors.
The Mustangs have won five straight, 10 of their last 13 and are 20-12 on the season.
Blumenthal also was named Big West player of the week after going 4-for-10 in the Fresno State series March 4-6, reaching base safely in his first eight plate appearances and finishing with a .733 on-base percentage in the series. He is second in the Big West in on-base percentage with a .484 mark.
Cal Poly returns to action Friday with the opener of a three-game Big West series at Pacific.
The Mustangs also received another award.
Cal Poly sophomore pitcher Gary Daley Jr. was named Big West Conference baseball Co-pitcher of the Week for his performance March 19 against the University of Washington.
Daley pitched a one-hit shutout for a 6-0 victory.
Mustang junior southpaw Garrett Olson was honored by the Big West as Pitcher of the Week after giving up one run and four hits in 8 1/3 innings against San Francisco on Feb. 28.
He struck out eight batters and walked one in his standout performance.
Cal Poly (20-12, 3-0 Big West), which has won 10 of its last 13 games after opening Big West Conference play by sweeping Cal State Northridge, continues conference action this weekend by traveling to Pacific (14-16, 2-1 Big West) for a three-game series at Billy Hebert Field (cap. 3,500).
Cal Poly jumped to a 5-1 start, then lost eight of its next 13 games before sweeping Fresno State on March 4-6 at Pete Beiden Field, beginning the Mustangs' current run of 10 wins in their last 13 games.
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By NICK HOFER MUSTANG DAILY

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