As students marched through Cal Poly Tuesday, they shouted 'Si, se puede,' which means 'yes, it can be done.' Participants in the march said the low turnout shows how little people know about Chavez.

**STUDENTS MARCH TO HONOR CHAVEZ**

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**Amanda Strachan MUSTANG DAILY**

Although the state holiday commemorating Cesar Chavez was last Thursday, a handful of students marched through campus Tuesday afternoon to raise awareness about Chavez.

"A lot of people know we have it off but they don't know why," business major Dany Casnero said. "The group gathered for the march was small, something participants say is a sign that more students know why," business major Daisy Cisneros said.

"There's a lot of people that don't really know about him, and if they do know about him they don't know enough to realize what he was fighting for."

"My dad was a farm-worker and when I was growing up I got to see the conditions that the farmworkers worked in," said Maria Arvizu-Rodriguez, advisor for the Hispanic business student association. "I firmly believe that Cesar Chavez was one of those real good people. He actually accomplished a great deal in terms of changing those working conditions.'

Chavez worked for more than three decades as a leader of the first successful farm workers union. In that time, he made many improvements for the workers, such as increasing their wages, working for medical coverage and improving their living conditions.

Chavez worked for change through non-violent protests. He staged fasts, boycotts, strikes and pilgrimages to bring attention to the mistreatment of migrant farmworkers. He quoted his motto in life which translates to "yes it can be done," Arvizu-Rodriguez said. "I'm here to thank him for what he did and also to carry on his message."

"He was a leader that pretty much gave up his life and sacrificed his family for what he believed in," said Ochoa.

"I want for younger Chicanos, Mexican Americans, people that come from the working class, to know that yes it can be done," Arvizu-Rodriguez said.

Although Chavez died in 1993, his legacy is carried on through the Cesar Chavez foundation, created by his family, and through organizations like the Hispanic Business Student Association who put on Tuesday's march.

"Laborers still face poor working conditions and low wages but now Chavez's message has spread and some students feel it is their obligation to continue it."

"I have a college education and I feel it's even more of a reason to fight," civil engineering senior Eric Litts said. "Unfortunately many migrant farmworkers are not getting the best education so I feel it is my responsibility to graduate and work for these people who cannot or find it difficult to defend themselves."

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The plaintiff in the case before the court argues the commission is unconstitutional because it wields executive powers, yet two-thirds of its commissioners are chosen by legislators.

"The stakes for Californians and future generations are enormous. It's the future of the coast," said Peter Douglas, who has directed the commission for the past 20 years.

"Whether it continues to go in the direction of conservation and restoration, or whether we open the gates to pell-mell development."

"We pay Exxon and Chevron a lot of money for gasoline for truckers," said Rosalac. "We'd rather pay that money to Californians to grow a sustainable crop."

Assemblyman Mark Leno has a bill that could make that happen. The San Francisco Democrat's measure would allow the state Department of Food and Agriculture to issue licenses to grow and process hemp.

Bills similar to Leno's are pending in New Hampshire and Oregon. North Dakota approved hemp cultivation in 1999, and this year the governor signed a bill allowing the state university to try to develop improved hemp seeds in anticipation of the removal of the federal ban on hemp farming.

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LOS ANGELES — Prayers in Hebrew and Arabic mingled with Buddhist and Greek Orthodox funeral chants in the city's flagship cathedral Tuesday as leaders from nearly a dozen religious faiths paid tribute to Pope John Paul II in an unadorned and heartfelt service.

As organ music swelled, a line of Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Sikh, Greek Orthodox and evangelical Christian leaders processed into the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels and filed past a poster-sized photo of John Paul.

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Before Tegan and Sara Quin could talk (or rock), they were already causing double trouble.

"When our mom took us into the pediatrician, she was concerned about our language development," Tegan said. "She mentioned that the two of us would babble and garble to each other a lot. I guess that was our secret language."

Nowadays, they spill their stories to a slightly larger audience. As the folk-tipped pop duo Tegan and Sara, the identical twin sisters have a gift for sitting lovely happiest and lonely frustration into an eloquent, complex soundtrack. Their 2004 release, "So Jealous" (Vapor Records), pushed the 25-year-olds into some big-time gigs: a coveted spot at the Coachella Festival, late-night jams on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" and a tour slot with seminal punks The Killers.

"I never really had the goal of being a musician," Tegan said, relucing back amongst the Heat before part's March 25 show in San Francisco. "I won't try to do it forever, either. Sara and I just grew up very creative people and this is one means of expression. We're lucky that people take it.

At the tender age of 17, the twins first found the spotlight as the winners of Calgary's 1998 "Bad Warz" compition, a sort of Gladiator-style face-off between unsigned acts. (Yes, patrons, they're Camooks, but don't blame them.) Shortly after they opened for Juliana Hatfield, embraced a few thousand new sisters at the Lilith Fair and released 2005's experimental "This Business of Art." Since that debut, they've also released the gentler "If It Was You" (2002) and shared the stage with a veritable stable of indie heroes, including Neil Young, Ryan Adams and Rufus Wainwright.

"We did kinda skip the whole struggling-artist-in-the-hasement stage," Tegan admitted. "We basically started on a national level, but there's more than one way to be recognized, right?"

The question isn't waiting for an answer, and she likes it that way. In person, Tegan is warm and gracious, urging forth snacks like a petite den mother, not flinching when her interviewer takes furious slaps at an uncooperative tape recorder (thanks for nothing, RadioShack). She speaks rapidly and surely, waxing euphemistic on a variety of subjects - even about the badges of honor they wear. Her designed sweatshirt she sported was given to her the night before by a fan, another free bottle of water. "I'm trying to save up to buy a house (in Vancouver), so I'm watching, like, every penny imaginable. I cut my own hair."

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(Inter media should be noted, at this point, that the Mustang Daily is free.)

"I mean, I don't want to pull the whole 'I'm misunderstood, I'm not influenced by anyone thing,' she continued, "but we work hard to go against that assumption and that doesn't change our music. Not many people talk about female musicians positively, at least not like they do for males. I'm a little envious."

Fair enough. So what else is Tegan "So Jealous" of?

"Oh man, everything," she said lightly. "I'm jealous of people with normal lives who wake up with someone they love every morning. I'm jealous of people who can afford nice clothes. I'm jealous of Sara because she has a good hairdresser. I'm jealous of bands that are good.

But that's the nice thing about being jealous," she concluded. "You get to the very height of it, then you realize you have it pretty good yourself."

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Hypocrisy plagues Republican party

In recent weeks, the White House and the Republican leadership in Congress reached new heights of hypocrisy. As real issues face our nation, such as international terrorism, the Middle East peace process, Iraq, healthcare, the economy, the environment and poverty, Republicans debated and attempted to supercede court rulings that allowed for the removal of Terri Schiavo's feeding tube. Even President Bush took time off from his vacation to sign legislation hoping Schiavo's tube would be restored.

But when Bush was the governor of Texas, he signed legislation in contrast to one he signed a few weeks ago. In the House debate on Schiavo, Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich, said, "If the president of the United States really cared about the issue of the removal of feeding tubes, then why did he sign a bill as governor in Texas that allows hospitals to save money by removing feeding tubes over a family's objection?"

I think I have the answer to Conyers' question. The Republicans in power no longer care about conservative values, common sense or even other people. They may talk about the "culture of life," and use other euphemisms, but the fact remains they have become a selfish group who will say or do anything to hold on to power. They claim to represent the majority on every issue, but the majority of Americans supported the court's decision in the Schiavo case.

When we see congressional Republicans ditch conservative values, such as limited government, protecting privacy and promoting state rights, we should no longer be surprised. There's a lot to admire in conservative values, and it's unfortunate to see them undermined by the Republicans of today.

Schiavo, who had been in a vegetative state for 15 years died March 31, two weeks after her feeding tube was removed. When she died, Bush said he would, "continue to work to build a culture of life where all Americans are welcomed and valued and protected, especially those who live at the mercy of others." Now, if Bush believed this, where are his complaints about the 40 million Americans who lack health insurance or the 35 million Americans living in poverty?

This "culture of life" language is just another facade used to gain support from social conservatives. Republicans love to use euphemistic language in drumming up support for their programs such as the "Clear Skies Initiative," "No Child Left Behind" and "Operation Iraqi Freedom." They look good on paper but don't carry out their stated purpose. In fact, most of these programs actually do the opposite of what they're supposed to.

Interestingly enough, on March 17 Republicans rejected an amendment to a budget bill proposed by Sens. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., and Harry Reid, D-Nev., that offered a comprehensive plan to limit unwanted pregnancies and thus abortions. In addition, most of these Republicans and Bush opposed stem-cell research, which in the future could possibly help people like Schiavo.

Right now, the Republican party contains many inconsistencies, contradictions and hypocrisies. There are many within the Party who see this and are enraged by what the Republican leadership has done. With this Republican hypocrisy, I agree with former Republican New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman who recently said, "It's time for the radical moderates." Sadly, the Republicans today have forgotten conservative and moderate values.

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COMING TOMORROW
Campus Troubleshoooter with Mustang Daily columnist Carrie McGarvey

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Q. — What's been your biggest challenge this season?
A. — It was such a high. Everyone was so excited for me. That was the main thing, just how much my team was for me. That's what made me feel the best. It's always nice to get a perfect game, but the support from my team was amazing. That was the best feeling. It goes down as one of the best days of my life.

Q. — What are your plans for the future when this season is over?
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A former player every week...
With Big West play beginning, Cal Poly will face the defending national champion, another perennial powerhouse and five other teams.

The Mustangs kicked off conference play, which runs until May 29, as one of only two teams to sweep their series last weekend. Cal Poly improved to 20-12 in knocking off Cal State Northridge, ousting the Matadors 25-6.

But Northridge, 12-24-1, pale in comparison to the Long Beach State 49ers and the Cal State Fullerton Titans, who the Mustangs don’t face for another month.

The Titans finished last year as the Big West and NCAA National Champions and are primed to make a run as a contender again this year. Currently the No. 1-ranked team in the nation according to Collegiate Baseball, Fullerton went 2-1 this past weekend and boasts an overall record of 20-7.

They have taken six of nine games, each time finishing the three-game series with a record of 2-1, against No. 3 Tulane, No. 11 Arizona and No. 12 Stanford. Their only missup came against No. 13 Long Beach when the Titans lost two of three games.

“Fullerton is loaded with everything,” Mustang coach Larry Lee said. “They are the total package and they do everything extremely well.”

The Titans boast the Big West’s offensive statistics as they have an average of .324 and are the only team to hit above .300 in the conference. They also have scored the most runs, 209, and are second in runs behind Cal Poly with 330. They’ve honed their 28 times yet hold the lowest amount of strikeouts with 173.

Leading the Titans hitting squad are infielders senior Ronnie Pena, junior shortstop and sophomore Ben Pill. Pena, hittning .382, makes him the Big West leader in batting average. He also has 23 RBIs, 24 runs and 16 doubles. Pill has a .325 average, and is among the top five in runs scored, RBIs and total bases.

Team pitchers rank second in the conference in team pitching behind Long Beach, with a 3.86 ERA giving up 203 hits, 116 runs, 96 earned, while striking out 212 batters.

In conference play, the Titans’ three-game series against UC Irvine (14-14, 1-2) ended in Fullerton’s favor, as they won the final two games after gathering only three hits and one run in their first game loss, 5-1.

Such an upset demonstrates Lee’s thoughts that anybody can beat anybody at any time. “There is a lot of parity in the conference,” Lee said. “This should create a dog fight to the end of the season.”

Conference play enables all eight teams in the Big West to play one another in a three-game series with the top teams being selected to represent the Big West in the NCAA tournament.

Lee said he hopes to see a minimum of four teams represent the Big West this year in the NCAA National Tournament.

“The Big West has fared well against other national conferences,” said Lee. “It is as good as any conference in the country.”

Long Beach took care of the law place UC Riverside Highlanders, who are 12-25 and 5-3 in conference play, in the 49ers’ game one only two runs while scoring 11 in the series. With the sweep, the 49ers have won five of their past six games while UC Riverside has dropped five of its past six.

Rounding out the conference is Pacific (14-16, 2-1), UC Santa Barbara (14-15, 1-2) who met last weekend. Pacific took two of three games.

Leading Pacific is senior right-handed relief pitcher Josh Schmidt who holds a conference leading 1.07 ERA. Schmidt has appeared in 19 games this season and has six saves while striking out 48 batters and only walking 15.

UCSB has come to rely upon Matt Wilkerson, a senior outfielder, who has been named a two-time Big West Player of the Week this year. Wilkerson leads the Big West in RBIs with 31 and is tied for second in the conference with seven home runs and is hitting .332.

Other teams in the Big West are looking to their top players to lead their teams through conference play.

For the Mustangs, the driving force at the plate has been senior catcher Kyle Blumenthal, named Big West Player of the Week this week; it is his second time being awarded that honor this year. He has the fifth highest batting average in the conference at .357, has 30 RBIs, 23 runs and in 11 of five past games he has reached base safely in his last 15 plate appearances.

Another strong hitter for Poly is junior outfielder Brandon Roberts, who has a .323 average and is the Big West leader in hits, 41, and runs scored, 30. He also ranks second with 13 steals in 16 attempts.

Junior southpaw pitcher Garrett Olson is Cal Poly’s Friday night starter. He is 6-2 with a 3.03 ERA and one conference leading 79 strikeouts in 11 appearances this season.

“Chase is having a tremendous season,” Lee said. “He seems to be going into a weekend series.”

Cesar Ramos, the Friday night starting pitcher for Long Beach, has compiled a 6-3 record with a 1.61 ERA, 58 strikeouts far and has been named Big West Pitcher of the Week twice this season.

The Anteaters of UC Irvine rely on standout Chris Nicoll, a right-handed junior starter pitcher, who has 53 strikeouts, 2.28 ERA and a record of 4-1 this season.

At the plate for Cal State Northridge, infielder Erik Hagerstrom is hitting .380 and has driven in 16 runs while scoring 16.

He also is third in the Big West with 16 walks.

**TOP PERFORMERS a look at the conference’s brightest stars...**

**MICHAEL PAUL**
Cal State Northridge
First baseman
A promising player of the year candidate after batting .344 with 3 HRs and 59 RBIs in 2004.

**CESAR RAMOS**
Long Beach State
Starting pitcher
Jared Warner is the starter against Stanford. Ramos is 6-3 with 1.60 ERA, in 10 starts and 72 innings.

**JOSH SCHMIDT**
Pacific
Relief pitcher
Tiger closer has six saves, 49 strikeouts, and a 3.00 ERA that sits at 55.2 innings.

**MATT WILKERSON**
UC Santa Barbara
Catcher
Having .330 with 7 HRs, 45 RBIs, .381 and 57 RBIs, Wilkerson has been named Most Outstanding Player against only Cal State Fullerton.

**CHRISS NICKOLL**
UC Irvine
Starting pitcher
Has a 6-1 record with a 2.28 ERA. Has 52 Ks as the ace of the staff, and is 3-1 in the Big West.

**THE ATHLETE’S TURN**

**Senior Eva Nelson has had quite a year. Nelson is playing her final seas on as a pitcher for the Cal Poly softball team. Earlier this season, Nelson pitched her first perfect game against Utah State in the Big West Conference. The Mustang Daily had a chance to talk to Nelson about her softball origins and her year so far.**

Q. — How did you begin playing softball?
A. — I was born in San Luis Obispo and grew up here. The thing here growing up was dance. When we moved to Salinas, playing sports was the thing to do. My family lived close to this little park where they had a small softball league. That’s how I got into it.

Q. — Were you always a pitcher?
A. — No. I didn’t start pitching right away. I started throwing when I was nine, and probably began pitching around 11 or 12.

Q. — How do you think the team has changed since you started playing?
A. — When Lisa Boyer was coaching for my first three years, the team was pretty consistent every year. Now that we have our new coach, Jenny (Condon), things have changed completely. Everything is more intense, we are more hard-core softball. Not that it wasn’t hard-core before, but it’s just intense. She focuses on the mental aspect of the game and she makes sure we’re out there whenever we can get out there practicing. She drills us into the ground. She’s just no mercy. She pushes us to the limits.

Q. — Do you think the team has responded well to that?
A. — I do. Especially the younger girls. That’s what is really going to make a difference, because they’re going to be here longer. For the seniors it was shock, because we weren’t used to that. But the other girls are super intense about the game. They’re going all for it. They’re totally into it. Everyone is definitely responding well to it.

Q. — Who are you close to on the team?
A. — Erin (Myers) has been so amazing this year. We just work really well together as a pitcher/catcher combination. I owe a lot to her because she frames the ball so well, and she calms me down. I just think she’s been amazing, even though she’s in so much pain with her knee injury.

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