Barley, hops and Mustang baseball

During the last nine games of the 2005 baseball season, beer will be made available to students of drinking age.

Kristin Oato
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly may not be able to claim "dry campus" status soon. Starting April 29, for the last nine baseball games of the 2005 season, there will be a trial period where beer will be made available to students and the community at concession stands.

As Interim Associate Athletics Director Chris Baker.

Although ASI initiated the plan, the idea originally came from Cal Poly students and the community.

"Serving beer at baseball games is something that affects students and the community," Bolton said. "As students, we've proven that we are responsible enough to warrant this change. This is a significant alteration that allows everyone to be able to have a beer while they watch the games."

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Gas prices soar, hurting small businesses

The average price for gas has gone up about 19 cents in the last three weeks.

Alicia Chang

LOS ANGELES — Gas prices soared an average 19 cents in the past three weeks due to lingering high crude oil prices, growing demand and higher refining costs, an industry analyst said Sunday.

The average retail price per gallon for all three grades increased 18.95 cents to $2.32

while customers paid $2.38 for a gallon for the period.

"It's very possible that unless crude oil prices, demand and higher refining costs, an industry analyst said Sunday.

The most popular grade, self-serve, was passed 15 to 7.

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ASI to change way students elect officers

For this year's ASI election, the president elect will choose a chief of staff who will perform the duties of the vice president.

Allison Terry
MUSTANG DAILY

Associated Students Inc. will be running its presidential election differently this year. Instead of a ballot with both the president and vice president candidates on one ticket, students will only vote for a presidential candidate. Whoever is elected president will then appoint the second in command.

The ASI Board of Directors voted Jan. 26 to change the title of ASI vice president to chief of staff. The duties of the role will remain the same: facilitator of the executive agenda. According to bill #85-02, the change was implemented so ASI would fall under legal compliance with the way it currently operates as a student corporation.

"I sponsored the bill because the current practices of ASI were not in compliance with our by-laws," said Mike Motroni, board member and civil engineering junior. "The bill does not alter the way we operate, it only insures that we can maintain our current practice.

ASI's legal counsel advised the officers that changing the by-law would bring the corporation into legal compliance with its current operating procedures. ASI Executive Director Rick Johnson said at the meeting.

There is no real change in the way ASI operates because the nature of the change was to bring ASI's governing documents into compliance with the way that ASI has historically operated," said Greg Van Dyke, chairman of the Board of Directors and agricultural business graduate. "This will ensure the success of future administrations and positively effect the organization in allowing the ASI president and executive staff to work most efficiently to address student concerns and needs."

The bill did not pass without strong division and opposition at the Board of Directors meeting. The bill, which needed a two-thirds majority vote, was passed 15 to 7.

"I voted against this bill because I believed that there was nothing to be gained by abolishing the vice presidency and replacing it with an unelected position," said Will Bahlman, who is a board member and business administration junior. "Almost everyone, including most of the un..."
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"I don't have a right to be up in arms about it," said mechanical engineering junior Brian Dobbs. Dobbs parks off campus and walks the rest of the way to his classes, skirring the traffic congestion and ever-rising cost of parking permits. Nutrition sophomore Stephanie Wexel lives within walking distance of Cal Poly before the 2001 rainstorm do not know why the bridge is being rebuilt. "It was perfectly fine before," Wexel said. "Students emmiled at Cal Poly before the 2001 rainstorm do not know why the bridge is being rebuilt. "It was perfectly fine before," Wexel said. "The many students that ride the bus to campus are frustrated by the bridge construction as well." English sophomore Robert Bagby takes the bus route in front of the Valencia Apartments and used to travel over the bridge, but now has to make a detour, which adds time to his daily commute. It is not expected to be accessible to cars for another year said an onsite general contractor. The only notable difference thus far is the completion of a sidewalk along the bridge, replacing the temporary wooden bridge. Wexel's irritation is not altered by the completion of the sidewalk. "What's the difference?" she said.

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University Union, Room 219
4:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 14
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11:00 a.m.

VOTE ON APRIL 20-21
**STATE NEWS**

**TRANQUILITY** — Shifting cargo and severe turbulence may have contributed to a plane crash last week that killed three Sonoma County businesswomen, authorities said. Witnesses near the town of Tranquility, about 25 miles west of Fresno, reported hearing an explosion and the sound of an engine dying before the plane fell out of the sky on Thursday.

**SAN DIEGO** — The University of California, San Diego, on Sunday will not be able to raise $7.2 million to rebuild the chancellor's ocean-view mansion. The university decided recently that too many other projects were competing for private funds. UCSD declined to say how much it had raised for the project to raise and rebuild a 11,400-square-foot home for Chancellor Marye Anne Fox.

**LOS ANGELES** — A facility for the homeless is unveiling a $17 million state-of-the-art center to help the estimated 6,000 to 8,000 homeless who live downtown. The new 123,000-square-foot mission, which opened Sunday, will have 360 recovery and emergency beds, up from 230. It can seat 500 people for meals and showers and is available 24 hours a day.

**IN OTHER NEWS**

**PHOENIX** — A garden of 212 marijuana plants was discovered inside a rental home west of here early Saturday morning. Maricopa County sheriff's deputies say the garden, nurtured by an intricate irrigation and lighting system, is worth tens of thousands of dollars and is one of the most sophisticated they've ever seen.

"We've just never seen a more elaborate setup in a house," said Sgt. Travis Anglin. "It's a completely self-sufficient system." With the lighting and water systems controlled by timers, "you can just come every few weeks and take what you need," Anglin said.

No one was living in the house, which has an out-of-state owner. The owner told the sheriff's office he was renting out the house and was unaware of the illicit vegetation thriving on his property, Anglin said.

The system consisted of hoses running from faucets to 50-gallon drums that fed a timed irrigation system. Reflective material covered walls and filtration devices were attached to air ducts in an effort to prevent strong smells from seeping out.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** — An undersea earthquake that hit Sunday near the Indonesian island of Sumatra sent people fleeing for their homes in panic, but the tremor was seen as too small to generate a tsunami, seismologists said.

Witnesses near the town of Patiang, a city in western Sumatra, said the magnitude 6.8 earthquake was felt about 70 miles southwest of Padang, a city in western Sumatra, at a depth of nearly 19 miles, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

**JERUSALEM** — Israeli police mobilized at Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site Sunday but confronted only a few demonstrators. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, speaking on a plane taking him to Monday's meeting with President Bush, said the mor­tar fire "is a flagrant violation of the understandings" reached at the February truce summit with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas.

**MURPHY, N.C.** — Kenny Joe Wade understands the anti-government sentiment that may have led some people here to help feed and shelter serial bomber Eric Rudolph during his five years on the run. Wade, who owns a cabin near where some of Rudolph's stash of explosives was found, said the extremist has been part of mountain culture since the days of the so-called renseverns.

Morphing federal agents who arrested people for making moonshine during Prohibition.

Although no one has admitted assisting Rudolph during his years on the run in the Appalachian wilder­ness, investigators suspect he had help. Authorities are wondering if there will be additional prosecutions now that Rudolph is talking to authorities as part of a plea deal to spare his life.

**CRATHIE, Scotland** — On the first day of their Scottish honey­moon, Prince Charles sported a tar­ten kilt and his new bride Camilla wore a fuchsia coat and matching feathered tan when they wheeled up to the local parish church on Sunday.

The gray Audi, with Charles at the wheel, was met by a couple hundred villagers standing in blustery weather to wish the newlyweds well.

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**THIS WEEK IN ASI EVENTS**

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Featuring MONTY MULS
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In the UU Gallery through April 22

The UU Gallery presents photographs from India by Cal Poly student Mike Klauder. The Art and Design senior's photographs document his month-long journey through the Asian nation. His work focuses on the beauty that is found in the Indian culture.

The exhibit is on display from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Friday, through April 22.

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**CPTV Cal Poly Television**
Prosecution relies on Jackson workers who peddled “stories” to tabloids

Linda Deutsch
ASSOCIATED PRESS
SANTA MARIA — Michael Jackson designed his Neverland ranch as a retreat from the prying intruders. In trial testimony last week, maid Charisse Akif recounted how Jackson molested boys. Jackson’s security guard Ralph Chacon, who was part of the employees’ suit against Jackson, said he was forced into bankruptcy by the court’s judgment. Ex-employees have effectively used the siren song of tabloid money and sold the tabloid’s role in the case.

She said employees were using a “media broker” to sell stories because they needed money to pay for their multi-million-dollar wrongful termination suit against Jackson. They lost in court and were ordered to pay $1.4 million. Another maid acknowledged she was the first to hit the jackpot, getting $20,000 from the TV show “Hard Copy.” She hired another maid acting as her agent in the deal. She then sued Jackson, saying her son had been molested and received a $2.4 million settlement.

Security guard Ralph Chacon, who was part of the employees’ suit against Jackson, said he was forced into bankruptcy by the court’s judgment. In favor of the pop star, he has simply been doing what sports officials asked. "There's too much dirty dancing going on," he acknowledged, but added: "You don't grab anyone or call the girls trash." DiNardo says the dancers have simply been doing what sports officials asked. "They wanted more makeup, more hair and sexier uniforms," to boost ticket sales, she said. "That doesn't make it at any-thing we'd want," said Mark Hurlin, the university’s new associate director of athletics. He said the dance team’s role is being reevaluated.
‘Sahara’ is lost in the sand

Rebecca Laman
WESTWOOD DAILY

“Sahara” is an action adventure that gets lost in a sandstorm of plot. It’s heavily populated with explosions and clichéd characters that get lost in a sandstorm of its own. A treasure hunter with charm, so the Indiana Jones’ series did years ago. The film opened at No.1 at the box office last weekend.

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The struggles continued once the photographer started snapping. Redhead Marcia Cross turned red-hot when she saw Hatcher standing next to her in the center of the shot, according to the article. Cross grabbed her handkerchief and blushed off-camera.

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TOP 10
BOX OFFICE

Top grossing films of last weekend

1. “Sahara,” $18.5 million.
4 (tie) “Guess Who,” $7.1 million.

Matthew McConaughey’s “Sahara” heated up the weekend box office, with the action flick set in the African desert debuting at the top with $18.5 million.

Audiences gave a cooler reception to “Fever Pitch,” the weekend’s other new wide-release, The Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon baseball romance opened in third place with a woeful $3.3 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The previous weekend’s No.1 movie, “Sin City,” dropped to second place with $14.1 million, falling in 10-day total to $90.7 million.

In limited release, Stephen Chow’s raucous action comedy “Kung Fu Hustle” had a big opening with $293,025 in seven theaters, averaging a whopping $41,661 per cinema. “Sahara” averaged $9,866 in 3,154 theaters, and “Fever Pitch” reaped $3,979 in 3,267 locations.

Already a hit in Asia, “Kung Fu Hustle” features writer-director Chow as a two-bit crook in pre-revolution China whose antics land him in the middle of a showdown between mobsters and martial-arts heroes. “Kung Fu Hustle” expands to nationwide release April 22.

— Associated Press
If gay were straight, could you change?

STILLWATER, Okla. — This April Fool’s Day, the University of Nebraska’s student newspaper did their annual issue of the Dailyulletin. As usual, the joke news stories ran the gamut from ridiculous to hilarious to profound.

One particularly relevant joke story was written by Aaron Eise. It was called “First president proud to be ex-straight.”

It told the story of a fictional character named Johnny O, who lived in an alternative universe where nine of 10 people were gay. Straights had to come out of the closet and risked abuse and persecution.

Eventually, Johnny entered a reform program for straights so he could learn to be gay — the way God intended. He gave up dating women and became proud to be ex-straight.

Joe, the brain, doesn’t it? Of course, straights are not usually in the minority anywhere. No one expects us to change.

But even those who don’t actively seek to reform gays sometimes seem to think it’d be an easy matter to become an “ex-gay.” They don’t respect the sexuality of gays and lesbians the same way they do that of straights.

“IT’s the assumption that everyone is straight and homosexuals are just confused in need of some ‘straightening out.’ A heterosexual thinks they’re not really gay, they’re just ‘experimenting.’”

No one doubts whether it’s “natural” or “normal” to be straight. The same can’t be said for some people’s opinions on what it’s like to be gay. You should take everyone’s opinion — mine included — with a grain of salt when they have no way of knowing what it’s like to live that life.

For many gay and lesbian friends of mine, the matter of finding out who they really were was a long, difficult, sometimes painful process. Petty prejudices and false assumptions only make this harder on them.

Believe what you want about homosexuals. No one is saying you have to befriended one, work with one or even tolerate one. You may have to later, so it may be a good thing to think about, though.

Look at it any way you want, but denying the legitimacy of a part of someone else’s personality is not going to get you anywhere.

Even if you think someone should change, it doesn’t mean such a thing is a good idea or even possible.

Jeff Postenwait is a columnist for the Daily O’Collegian at Oklahoma State University.

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Tennis
The Mustangs hope to ride the momentum of the past few wins as they prepare to enter the Big West tournament which is scheduled to take place in Palm Springs from April 21-23.

"We are going into the Big West in two weeks and the guys are starting to learn all about heart and character. If we can continue this we will be tough to beat," Kronemann said.

After a slow start for the first half of the season in which the Mustangs only won three of their 11 matches, they have now seemed to hit their stride.

Overall, the team has a 11-11 and 1-2 in the Big West.

The men also defeated Sanoma State on Sunday, 7-5, to sweep the weekend.

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33 Price add-on 39 Subway handheld
32 Make into law 38 Kind of slave
31 Smooth 37 Kind of plane
29 Major company in metallic products 36 Drink after served with a lemon twist
28 Don't bite 35 Bon vivant
27 Fiendish 34 Portrait of George Washington
26 Before, in verse 33 Depot, Abbr.
25 Forget it! 32 Clean on a car
24 "Blue Hawaii" star 31 "Forget it!"
23 Far-reaching view 30 "The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" (1939 film)
22 "The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" (1939 film)
21 "The Public Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" (1939 film)
20 "The Public Lives of Elizabeth and Essex" (1939 film)
19 Art Deco designer
18 Understand
17 Thanks to my newspaper bugbear
16 Say Sheehy's name role 15 Do back to square one
14 Oops! 13 More than 100!
12 "Forget it!" 11 Clean on a car
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**COACH'S CORNER**

This week's spotlight on...

**Men's tennis coach**

Trevor Kronemann

**Ernick Smith**

* Mustang Daily

A successful weekend puts men's tennis on the fringe of a national ranking. With a convincing victory over Santa Clara on Saturday, the Mustangs are catching fire at the right time as postseason play looms. The Mustang Daily talked to men's tennis coach Trevor Kronemann after the team's important victory.

Q. — What did you think of today's match?

A. — We knew it was going to be a tough battle as we have had guys sick and they've had guys sick. Head to head, coming into this they've won six of seven, and we've won six of seven. They're beat two nationally-ranked teams and we've beaten one nationally-ranked team. It was like a heavyweight fight. We are starting to really come into our own. The guys showed great heart and great character which is something that we haven't really seen for four years. We have beaten a lot of nationally-ranked teams and a lot of good teams but today was about heart and all about a great effort by everybody on the team.

Q. — What can you say about how Santa Clara played?

A. — They are always a tough team and tough to beat. We just happened to outlast them and play very well today.

Q. — How does this make you stand nationally in terms of rankings?

A. — Unfortunately, we got off to a slow start in terms of national rankings, but the important thing is that we are going into the Big West in two weeks and the guys are starting to learn all about heart and all about character and if we can continue this, we will be tough to beat. We are having a winning meeting next week on the phone and there are teams that are looking at us and don't want anything to do with us and that is where we want to be. That is the type of tree you want to be sitting in going into the Big West, not at the bottom but coming in cruising.

Q. — Before today what were you thinking about your team?

A. — I believe in every single guy on the team. They all have under-the-nose skin some passion and heart and it finally came to the surface today and we've got a great team. This is probably the best team that I've had here and we have a great chance to run the table and possibly push for a national ranking and possibly get into the NCAA. This is great to begin with.

We've won seven of eight and are in the right spot to make everything happen.

**Graham Womack**

* Mustang Daily

Somehow, the Cal Poly men's basketball team keeps losing.

Though the Mustangs' 5-22 season ended five weeks ago, the team confirmed that Fernando Sampson left the program.

The junior guard asked for his release after the season ended in a three-game losing streak.

Fernando Sampson was an all-league guard at Fairfax High School, where he averaged 13.4 points, 5.1 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 1.9 steals, while leading the Lions to the final game of the Los Angeles City Championship. He didn't experience nearly the same success at Cal Poly though.

In his three-year, 53-game Mustang career, Sampson averaged 2.5 points, 1.5 rebounds and 1.1 assists.

Primarily a reserve during his freshman and sophomore years, Sampson carried a regular starting spot this past season after point guard Kameron Gray's academic ineligibility and the graduation of three other starters from last year's team left the Mustangs depleted.

In 16 games, including 14 starts, Sampson averaged 4.4 points, 2.1 rebounds and 1.4 assists, in 21.2 minutes. However, Sampson did not play during the final month of the season due to academic and mental issues. Broun told the Tribune. Sampson's absence hurt the Mustangs, who ultimately missed the Big West Tournament.

"He was definitely a defensive presence and I think he would have helped us a lot," forward Tyler McCann said.

Whiten also praised Sampson's heart. "I don't question his heart... I think he had the biggest heart on the team," Whiten said.

**SHEILA SOBCHIK**

* Mustang Daily

Shooting guard Fernando Sampson has left the Cal Poly basketball program after a three-year, 53-game career.

Loose said the departure of Sampson's energy, enthusiasm and style of play creates a void that will hopefully be filled by the remaining players on the Mustangs' roster or incoming recruits.

He said the Mustangs are still looking to sign a couple of guards. Loose, a guard coach, also said he "absolutely" enjoyed coaching Sampson.

"He plays real, real hard and he was terrific," Loose said.

Whiten said Sampson was also fun to be around off-court, noting that the two of them hung out a couple of times during the season, prizing his sense of humor.

"I thought he was a cool dude," Whiten said. "I never had nothing against him at all."

Whether Gray will be around next year remains unknown. The Tribune reported Saturday that the eligibility status of the point guard will be determined within the next few weeks.

**A decisive victory for tennis**

Behind Brett Van Linge's singles set, the Mustangs defeated rival Santa Clara and cruised through Sonoma State one day later.

Ernick Smith

* Mustang Daily

The men's tennis team came out of Saturday's match against rival Santa Clara with a 6-1 victory, due in part to junior Brett Van Linge who won his 10th straight singles match.

Van Linge, like several other Mustang teammates, battled back after losing the first set to win the final two, 6-4, 6-2, in his singles match.

He appeared in control of the match and had the crowd's support after he won the second set and quickly built a 5-1 lead in the final set which eventually ended in his favor. Van Linge has now won 12 of his last 13 singles matches.

"After the first set I wanted to go back the way I normally play and structure the points as I normally do and set them up well," Van Linge said. "I just lost focus in the first set and was complacent."

As a team, the Mustangs started the afternoon strong by winning the doubles matches giving them their first point early in the day. That momentum helped propel the Mustangs through singles giving them the 6-1 edge over Santa Clara.

With the win, Cal Poly won its seventh straight match, five of which were road victories. The team has won eight of its last nine games.

"Today was all about heart and all about a great effort by every single guy on the team," coach Trevor Kronemann said.

Sophomores John Nguyen and Matt Baca sped through their matches, winning in straight sets.

Nguyen provided the first of five singles wins for Cal Poly as he finished his day, 6-2, 6-0, while Baca won in similar fashion, 6-2, 6-2.

Upon completion of their matches, both Nguyen and Baca joined the rest of the team and could be heard cheering in support of their fellow teammates as well.