Local dogs display a sense of showmanship

Jonathan Drake

Santa Rosa Park went to the dogs Sunday as dog owners from Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo County brought their four-legged friends to the 15th annual Dog Days in the Park.

The event, sponsored by the Santa Lucia Open Dog Obedience Group, hosted activities ranging from agility courses to obedience training competitions.

The day began Sunday morning with an agility demonstration involving an elaborate setup of tunnels, bridges, slalom poles and a Huett. Pets and their owners ran through the obstacles as fast as they could, but most dogs struggled with the slalom poles, similar to the skiing sport.

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Something for Rocket's brings its electronic sound to SLO

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

MATT WECHTER MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly students will vote on the referenda to increase the Associated Students Inc. and University Union fees tomorrow and Thursday.

These fees will finance student activities and renovate old and add new facilities including a new university union near Campus Market.

President Blake Bolton says the referenda open doors to new dining and recreational opportunities that will better serve students.

"With ASI, the foundation and the university sitting down and discussing the future dining options on campus, productive steps have been made in recognizing student demands," Bolton said.

If the UU fee referendum passes, students will pay a $21 fee for fall quarter of 2005, with additional increases over a five-year period for a cumulative increase of $175 by 2010.

The fund will be dedicated to a new student recreation center and renovation of the second floor of the current UU for future Cal Poly students.

According to the ASI voter pamphlet, the student university union project includes sport courts, gymnasiums, meeting rooms, dining venues and student demand retail space.

Cal Poly would need more space to support national or regional dining franchises.

"Wendy's, Burger King and Cinnabon all require a specific amount of footage that we don't have available," said Nancy Williams director of Campus Dining.

The second referendum will increase the ASI fee by $5 for all students attending Cal Poly in the fall.

The fee will increase to $3 in 2007 and continue increasing at that rate on a biennial basis through September 2015 to a total of $85.94.

A fee increase allows ASI to provide additional funding for student organizations and general interest student organizations in addition to maintaining the current level of programming and service offerings, according to voter information.

Some voters feel these fees will cause problems for future Cal Poly student finances.

"I don't feel tuition should go to this," Courtney Didd co-director of see Referendum, page 2

Debate over new marketplace heats up

Rebecca Laman

Major Dave Romero and City Councilwoman Christine Mulholland debated over the issue of building a new marketplace.

Mulholland argued that introducing such a marketplace to the community would severely damage the downtown environment. "Although big-box stores may initially add retail sales, shopping options, new jobs and tax revenue, they eventually take away business from local stores, eliminate jobs from other businesses and encourage the degradation of community downtown areas," Mulholland said.

Mulholland stressed that the Los Osos Valley Road has become the established big-box commercial area of San Luis Obispo with see Marketplace, page 2

Bankruptcy law makes a last resort more expensive

Consumer-advocacy groups criticize the new bill saying President Bush is catering to his most generous contributors.

Christian Danielsen

DAVIS — Students carrying massive credit-card or student-loan debt face greater difficulties in declaring bankruptcy.

Congress passed a bill Thursday that makes it more difficult for consumers to seek relief from overwhelming debt through bankruptcy.

"The U.S. Senate version of the bill, titled 'The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005,' passed easily with a vote of 74-25 on Mar. 10. Thursday's vote in the House of Representatives' version of the bill was 302-106. President George W. Bush has indicated he is ready to sign the bill into law.

"The banking and credit industries applauded Thursday's vote, saying the 900-page bill was an overdue overhaul of the nation's bankruptcy system that will cut down on fraud and abuse. "The bill is written to target those who declare bankruptcy with significant income. It's asking those people to pay a portion of their debts," said Laura Fisher, spokesperson for the American Banking Association, a financial-industry lobbying group. "I think most Americans would agree that it's reasonable to ask people to repay the debts that they can afford to repay."

"Consumer-advocacy groups, however, blasted the bill as a gift to some of Bush's most generous contributors. They say the law will punish people who have fallen on financial hardship while ignoring the "predatory" lending practices of credit-card companies and other creditors, namely high interest rates and myriad fees that make it hard to pay down debt.

One of the bill's biggest proponents was credit card giant MBNA, which contributed over $1 million between 1999 and 2004 to senators see Bankruptcy, page 2

Bankruptcy filings

The number of Americans filing for bankruptcy protection has increased over the last decade.

Personal bankruptcy filings

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"I am hoping to have better luck see Dogs, page 2
Dogs

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controlling a younger dog this year,' Crabtree said.
Several companies also had booths set up at the park showcasing their products, including a premium pet food supplier cleverly called Canine Caviar.
Others exhibited inventions such as the Borger family, who invented a pet harness for other dog harnesses that had the fur on the back but not on the front. Their invention, called the Butterfly Harness, wraps around a dog's neck, making the dog more comfortable.
But the Borger family business, which makes dog harnesses, the company sells harnesses for ducks, hedges, hamsters, and even a pig for $10. "We're in the business of making our products, not just making the dog more comfortable," said Brian Borges, the family's owner.

Referenda

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the Progressive Student Alliance, "fashion has more than doubled since 2001 and we might face a state-funded university," according to an analysis by the Outer Limits.
\$85,000 for those who did not, said E. Library foyer.
Romero pointed out that in the early 1960s, when the regional shopping center was built, the city had a $2 million shortage, "We have about a $2 million shortage," Romero said. "The city is on one side and all the hurt is on the other.
Lance Armstrong says he will retire after Tour de France

Armstrong, 35, is one of four men who have won the Tour de France six consecutive times.
Charles Odum

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A North Korean guard looks at the southern side through Held glasses

The announcement came on the eve of Armstrong's defense of his Tour de France record.
Armstrong says he is "100 percent committed" to his decision to retire on Flag Day and go for a marathon, Armstrong said Monday at a news conference.
The 33-year-old Texan will attempt to win his record seventh straight Tour de France in July. Before Armstrong, Miguel Indurain's five straight Tour de France wins were the record.
Eddy Merckx of Belgium and Bernard Hinault and Jacques Anquetil of France are the only other riders to win five straight Tours. Armstrong's streak of six straight titles, along with his inspirational recovery from testicular cancer, has made him a global icon.

Lance Armstrong plans to retire from professional cycling after he attempts to break the Tour de France record of seven straight victories.
His new two-year contract to race for the Discovery Channel team requires him to compete in just one more Tour de France.
"I was fortunate to win six times. I'm not going again this year," said Armstrong, who won his first Tour in 1999.
"I'm not sure, but I'm going to try," said Armstrong. "It was my ambition to win and also to have a big hit on my win."
He said previously that he would continue to be a high-profile cancer survivor.
SACRAMENTO — Two of the nation’s biggest public employee retirement funds would be urged under a resolution that passed the Assembly on Monday.

The resolution, sponsored by Assemblyman Mervyn Dymally, D-Compton, urges the funds to begin investing in products to help close the $663 billion nationwide pension deficit.

The resolution, if passed, would make the Assembly the first state legislative body to officially endorse the concept of investing in social justice programs.

Dymally, who has been a leader in the pension reform movement, said the resolution is a step forward in addressing the growing pension crisis.

The resolution also calls for the funds to consider investing in programs that support affordable housing, education, and health care.

Dymally said the funds have a responsibility to invest in a way that is socially responsible and helps to address the needs of the communities they serve.

The resolution was approved by a vote of 55-21, with 38 Assembly members voting in favor and 12 voting against.

The resolution now goes to the Senate, where it will be reviewed by the Appropriations Committee.
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**Court reinstates Holocaust case against Vatican Bank**

Charges against the bank of the Roman Catholic Church were initially dropped on grounds they could disrupt diplomacy.

David Kravets  
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SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court on Monday reinstated a lawsuit brought by survivors of the Holocaust in Croatia, the Ukraine and Yugoslavia who allege the Vatican Bank accepted millions of dollars of their valuables stolen by Nazi sympathizers.

The Vatican Bank, the financial arm of the Roman Catholic Church, denies allegations that during World War II it stored the looted assets from thousands of gypsies, Jews, Serbs and others who were killed or captured by the Nazi-backed Ustasha regime that controlled Croatia.

A federal judge had dismissed the 1999 case, but the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the survivors should have their day in court in an effort to be compensated for their money, lost and to be given an accounting of what money, if any, the bank received from the Nazi-backed Ustasha regime.

An attorney for the survivors and their beneficiaries said the decision, combined with a new pope expected to be named any day, could spark an out-of-court settlement.

"A new pope might be more energetic than the old pope in these matters. The Vatican has been very hesitant on this."  

— JONATHAN LEVY  
Holocaust survivors' attorney

Not the judgment of the judicial branch, have the authority to deal with the fallout of World War II.

"No ongoing government negotiations, agreements or settlements are on the horizon," Judge Margaret M. McKewon ruled for the three-judge panel.

In dissent, Judge Stephen Trott said only Congress and the president, not the judicial branch, have the authority to deal with the fallout of World War II.

"This opinion, albeit well-meaning and well-intentioned, extends the concept of judicial authority into unknown territory and mistakenly exercises power and competence that plainly belongs to the president and Congress," Trott wrote.

Trott added that the majority's opinion will "open up the floodgates of U.S. courts to litigate claims regarding the horrors from Haiti, Cuba, Rwanda, South Africa, the Soviet Union, Bosnia, Sudan, Somalia, North Korea, Iraq, and who knows where?"

All three judges voted to reject human rights violations charging the bank assisted in genocide. The lawsuit includes World War II survivors and their relatives — many living in the United States.

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— ACCUSER’S MOTHER

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The mother of the accuser in Michael Jackson’s trial hides her face as she passes through a magnetic detector at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse Monday.

Linda Deutsch
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA MARIA — The mother of Michael Jackson’s accuser acknowledged on the witness stand Monday that she once told sheriff’s deputies that she feared Jackson had a plan for her and her family to disappear from his Neverland ranch in a hot air balloon.

The woman identified the statement during a rigorous cross-examination by defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr., during her fourth day of testimony in Jackson’s child molestation trial.

“She’s taking it out of context. He’s minimizing it. I told police that Jackson associates had many ways to make us disappear,” the woman said to the jury.

“And someone mentioned to you a hot air balloon?” Mesereau asked.

“That was one of the ways,” she said.

The questioning was part of broad attack on the mother’s credibility by Jackson’s defense, which contends the accuser’s family was out to get money from the pop star.

The witness appeared to tire and sat slumped in the witness box with her head in her hand as she ranged from pointing to Jackson or referring to him in you, to denouncing others she said were involved in a plot to control her and her family.

“He really didn’t care about children, he cared about what he was doing with children,” she said at one point. In another speech to the jury, she said, “He managed to fool the world. No one knows what people know who he really is.”

Jackson is acknowledged of molesting one of the woman’s sons — a teenage cancer patient — in February or March 2003, giving the boy alcohol and conspiring to hold the boy’s family captive to get them to renege the “Living With Michael Jackson” documentary in which Jackson said he let children sleep in his bed but it was innocent.

The witness identified numerous documents, among them a tribute to Jackson in her own handwriting, with a heart and X’s and O’s on it. She said she wrote it under duress. She denied she ever asked for money from any Jackson associates, saying, “Money doesn’t buy happiness.”

She also denied virtually every statement in a report by social workers who interviewed her and her children in February 2003. She claimed that when she notified one of them of the following March 11 that her son had been given alcohol, the response was, “It’s out of my hands.”

She lashed out at the social workers, saying their only interest was to not be sued by Jackson.

Under wide-ranging questioning, the woman denied repeatedly that Jackson or anyone associated with him had tried to help her and her family when her son was stricken with cancer.

Asked whether Jackson arranged a blood drive at Neverland, she said, “I was responsible for that.”

She then launched into an explanation about how the hospital workers provided a bloodmobile anywhere she could arrange such an event.

“And Mr. Jackson allowed you to use the ranch for the blood drive?” asked Mesereau.

“Yes, he was correct,” the woman said. But she added, “He wasn’t the only one. Many church groups gathered.”

Mesereau also elicited testimony that the woman received checks for $20,000 and deposited them in her mother’s bank account.

But she could not remember how any of the money had been used for her son.

She also said she opened a bank account in which people could deposit money for her son’s benefit.

“Did you withdraw thousands of dollars from that account?” Mesereau asked.

“Yes,” said the woman.

“And was any of that money for medical expenses?” the attorney asked.

“No,” she said.

She denied that she misled a reporter for a local newspaper into writing a story saying the family was poverty-stricken, was paying $12,000 for each chemotherapy treatment she boy received, and giving an address to send contributions.

She said the $12,000 figure was a typographical error and that she meant $1,200. But she acknowledged ultimately that the family was paying for nothing because the father’s health insurance covered the boy’s treatment.

Mesereau led her through questions and answers involving her relationship with comedian Chris Tucker and his girlfriend Aja, and denied that the family solicited help, money or any other gifts from Tucker.

She acknowledged that Tucker once gave the family a car, but she said she never asked him to do that and asserted that he only did it because he had gotten his girlfriend a car and needed to make room for its

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Tiffany Dias

Something for Rockets, an electronic-rock band entertaining fans from Los Angeles to New York, is coming to SLO Brew today.

SFR’s first full-length album, recorded in 2003, is a composition of genre-blending rock. Band members include Kami Perlman, Josh Eichenbaum and Barry Davis, all of who helped write, record and produce the album over the course of a year. The self-titled debut is a manifestation of Perlman’s classical upbringing, laced with complex symphonic arrangements and orchestration.

“We worked non-stop on that album, now we’re touring across the country. It’s crazy,” Perlman said.

They have been likened to Depeche Mode and the Strokes. Perlman, vocalist and frontman for the band, said its songs have “a very dancy vibe.”

Perlman has music in his blood; his father is famous violinist Itzak Perlman.

One of five children, Perlman can play piano, drums, guitar and trumpet, and has studied conducting. He said he’s the only one who creates rock and roll music.

“Music has always been in my household. My dad has not stopped working for 40 years. He taught me how to treat people and to have fun,” Perlman said.

The single “Might as Well” launched the band into fame after the single was popularized following airtime on the radio show Jonesey’s Jukebox on 103.1 FM. In the album’s opening track, “Might As Well” has Perlman’s deep and warm vocals woven through airy piano chords.

Tunes from the album include dance-inducing “The Line” and “Take it Slow,” a tripped out melody that feels like floating in space. More popular songs, ironically enough are titled, “Dancefloor” and “Everybody Loves a Lot.”

The band created a buzz after playing in clubs such as The Echo and Knitting Factory. More recently, the band played at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

“We have a growing fan base,” said Perlman. “The main task now is to play for bigger groups and let word of mouth spread who we are.”

As SFR’s popularity increases, the band said connecting to its fans is still their biggest goal.

“We’re really big on fan community, even our Web site is updated daily for fans,” Perlman said. “There is no ego in the group. We don’t have these rock star attitudes.”

Something for Rockets plays for all ages today at 8 p.m. at SLO Brew.
ESSENTIAL ALBUM

Eric Clapton - 'One More Car, One More Driver'

Emily Rancer
MONTAGE DAILY

By fusing blues with rock 'n' roll, Eric Clapton regained true fame in the 1990s and has since become one of the top musicians of his generation. His distinct guitar solos blended with a unique blues base has placed him in an exclusive class among today's artists. Highlighting some of his most famous songs is the two-disc album "One More Car, One More Rider," which was recorded live from his world tour in 2001. The album was his first to be recorded live since "Unplugged," which was released in 1992.

In particular, the faster rock and roll style version of "Layla," one of Clapton's most famous slow songs from 1970, is played with unbelievable passion and energy. The rich tones from his guitar blend seamlessly with his powerful voice. This version compares sharply with the softer hallay sound of the original recording and is arguably a timeless classic.

Clapton wrote "Layla" when he fell in love with Pattie Harrison — the wife of friend George Harrison. The lyrics distinctively note Clapton's anguish over his love for Pattie, or "Layla," according to the song; "Let's make the best of the situation/Before I finally go insane. Please don't say we'll never find a way/And tell me all my love's in vain./Layla."

Other famous highlights tracked on the live album include "Bell Bottom Blues," "Cocaine" and "Wonderful Tonight." Clapton challenges Kemper the Frog for the all-time best rendition of "Over the Rainbow," as he sings peacefully with the light back-up instrumentation of the clarinet, guitar and organ.

Clapton won further prestige for "Change the World," which was also featured on the soundtrack to John Travolta's film "Phenomenon." Also on the album is his somber " Tears in Heaven," which was inspired by the death of his son Conor, who fell 49 stories from a high-rise apartment building in 1990. The song won Clapton a Grammy in 1992 — one of six he took home that year for "Unplugged," which sold 10 million copies worldwide.

Although many rock musical artists have emerged from England, none have produced classic rock on the same level as Clapton. Clapton decided to pursue a music career early in life after seeing Jerry Lee Lewis perform on television. He eventually entered the Kingston College of Art but was expelled for playing the guitar in class.

Once Clapton finally made a name for himself in the late 1960s, he has steadily gained fame for his unparalleled guitar-playing abilities and voice.

With an outstanding mix of Clapton's most famous songs combined with lesser-known tunes, "One More Car, One More Rider" will surely make any music collection more complete. Because they were all recorded live, each song has been infused with more vigor than any of his studio-recorded albums.

"The Amityville Horror" stars Ryan Reynolds and Melissa George as a couple tormented by visions and voices in their new home, the scene of a grisly mass murder a year earlier. The movie is the latest in a parade of successful horror remakes. With a built-in audience looking for scares and a string of him such as "The Texas Chain Saw Massacre," "The Grudge" and "Dawn of the Dead," horror movies have become a sure thing in Hollywood.

Horror movies also typically cost far less than other big studio films, whose average budget tops $60 million. "The Amityville Horror" grossed more than its $19 million budget in just the first weekend.

"The Amityville Horror" received mostly bad reviews, yet the under-25 crowd that makes up the genre's core audience rarely heeds the critics.

"The only reviews that count are the public's reviews," said Erik Lomax, head of distribution for MGM, which released "The Amityville Horror."

In limited release, David Duchovny's directing debut, "House of D," opened strongly with $30,000 in two theaters. The coming-of-age tale features Duchovny, wife Tea Leoni, Robin Williams and Erykah Badu.

With overall revenues down for the eighth straight weekend, Hollywood is lumping into its busy summer season. The top 12 movies took in $73.9 million, off 13 percent from the same weekend last year.

"This is a major slump," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations. "I think the industry is holding its collective breath for the turnaround. What is going to be the movie that reverses this down trend? Thankfully, summer looks really good."

Sydney Pollack's United Nations thriller "The Interpreter," starring Nicole Kidman and Sean Penn, and the Ashton Kutcher-Amanda Peet romantic comedy "A Lot Like Love," are the open Friday in summer load-in.

Next week brings the action follow-up "XXX: State of the Union," starring Ice Cube, and the science-fiction romp "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy."
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Study finds alcohol not as heart-healthy as we thought

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention find moderate drinking may not be a factor in reducing heart disease

Daniel Vee
ASSO C I A T E D PRESS

ATLANTA — The government Tuesday warned that a few drinks a day may not protect against strokes and heart attacks after all.

Some studies in recent years have touted the health benefits of moderate drinking. Some have even said that up to four drinks a day can significantly reduce the risk of heart disease in people 40 and older.

But researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention analyzed data from 250,000 Americans who participated in a 2003 telephone survey. They found that the non-drinkers had many more risks for heart disease — such as being overweight, inactive, high blood pressure and diabetes — than the moderate drinkers.

"We’re feeling the pendulum has swung way too far and Americans are getting sort of the wrong idea on alcohol," said the study’s lead author, Dr. Tim Naimi of the CDC’s chronic diseases division.

"The science around moderate drinking is very murky. Moderate drinkers tend to be in better health, better educated, wealthier and more active than their non-drinking counterparts, and that likely influenced their lower risk of heart disease, the study said.

"It appears that moderate drinkers have many social and lifestyle characteristics that favor their survival over nondrinkers and few of these differences are likely due to alcohol consumption itself," the study said.

The CDC has long worried about alcohol abuse in the United States. Studies have shown that drinking excessively — five or more drinks daily — can increase the risk of heart disease. The CDC says nearly one in three Americans drinks too much.

The agency said that Americans should follow dietary guidelines that limit daily consumption to two drinks for men and a single drink for women.

Other groups — such as the American Heart Association — say drinking alcohol increases the dangers of alcoholism, high blood pressure, obesity, stroke, breast cancer, suicide and accidents.

Dr. Daniel Fisher, a cardiologist with New York University Medical Center, said the CDC’s findings should also be treated with caution because the average person interviewed in the phone-based study may not be completely forthcoming about their alcohol consumption. He added that a clinical trial is needed to fully determine whether alcohol drinking provides health benefits.

Alcohol is the nation’s third leading cause of death, killing 75,000 Americans each year through related injuries or diseases, the CDC says.

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Student surveys show campus ready for a change

On Wednesday and Thursday, Cal Poly students have the opportunity to vote on a University Union facility and student activity fee referenda. The revenue generated by the referenda would allow for long over-due renovations of the existing UU, UU Plaza, Rec Center and the construction of a new multi-functional student center in the northern part of campus, where the current student market is located. Furthermore, a portion of the fee would be allocated for increased program funding for student organizations and clubs. In the next five years, the student population at Cal Poly is projected to increase to approximately 20,000 students.

According to the number of students residing on campus is expected to increase to 6,300 upon completion of the student housing north project. It is evident that current ASI facilities cannot accommodate this growth as the facilities are overcrowded by current demand.

As a former member of the ASI Board of Directors, I had the opportunity to witness and participate in the years of planning that went into the current referenda. The extensive planning included endless student surveys as well as outreach to the community for a firm that specializes in facility-use studies. The results of the studies conducted by the firm overwhelmingly concluded that existing facilities were inadequate and also outdated.

More than a decade ago, students saw a need for an on-campus state of the art recreation and fitness facility, and it took upon themselves to make it a reality for future Cal Poly students. Now, we are placed in similar shoes with an opportunity to invest in the future of our campus. A vote in favor of the ASI referenda will ensure that Cal Poly students have pristine multipurpose and recreational facilities for the foreseeable future.

Garrett Perez
Business since

Leave a legacy: Vote yes to improve Cal Poly campus

There is an ASI referendum on Wednesday and Thursday. This vote is an opportunity for us, the students, to leave a legacy here at Cal Poly. This referendum is to upgrade the existing ASI facilities, which includes the Rec Center, a renovation of the University Union as well as the construction of a satellite UU on the lower end of campus. This satellite UU would have a food pavilion filled with favorite local vendors, possibly including Campus Cal Poly BBQ and Gas. This food pavilion would allow us to finally get a great meal on campus.

The referenda would also allocate funds for intramural and club sports here on campus like the Wally team who played together in the national tournament last year. These clubs sport get minimal school funding and have to raise funds for uniforms and travel. By performing exceptionally on the field, these clubs bolster the Cal Poly reputation. It is our obligation to help them continue the tradition of excellence.

Cal Poly is a leader in education, but our facilities are now out of date to support our student body. In the next decade this trend will only continue unless you take action on Wednesday and Thursday and vote yes on the referenda.

Jordana Yousif
Construction management senior

Most dangerous state of mind is the state of apathy

I am not a wordy guy. My brother is a speech communication major and most of the time I have to live vicariously through him to experience social interactions, especially with those of the opposite sex. I am an accounting senior and I wanted to address a comment I have heard echoing off the walls in the University Union. I am an accounting major and lately I have been falling into the graduating seniors apathy mentality. All I want is to get out and get home. In this state of mind, nothing matters. I can’t even find myself in that same mood once again. I understand the mentality, and empathy for why most of us are going to school to begin with. (Others hear me say but no one is listening to it.) We have a chance now to leave a legacy for others to look forward to. The most dangerous state of mind is the state of apathy. Life changing decisions are missed by those who choose not to care. All I am suggesting to those who have chosen nothing with the excuse of scholastic brevity, please choose a side. We have a chance to affect the campus we leave and leave for posterity with more validity to the statement, “I went to Cal Poly.”

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Business administrative senior

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Mustang Josh Landers watches an Aggie slide safely into third base.

Baseball

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two RBIs. Senior Kyle Blumert and junior Matt Cooper both took
two RBIs. Roberts was 3-for-7 with two RBIs.

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Rodeo corrals team title before a packed house

Megan Alpers
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The Poly Royal Rodeo drew a standing-room only crowd Saturday as cowboys and cowgirls from the West Coast Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association finished a weekend of intense competition.

“When it comes to rivals, UNLV all-around women’s champion sad— competitors score,” said UNLV rodeo team captain Clint Miller. “We had a great weekend.”

“I think this is the best in Baggett this year.”

The Poly Royal Rodeo featured alumni team roping, calf dressing and students in an introduction to rodeo class participated in steer riding.

Saturday’s performance was dedicated to Alex Madonna, a long-time supporter of the Cal Poly Rodeo Team and other programs in the College of Agriculture. Athletes on both the Cal Poly and Cuesta teams wore pink armbands in memory of the late local business man and founder of the world-famous Madonna Inn. Madonna died on April 22, 2004 of a heart attack.

A short ceremony took place during the event as the Madonna family and Cal Poly Rodeo Boosters announced the establishment of the Alex Madonna Memorial Fund.

There is one rodeo left in the 2004-2005 season before the team heads to NIRA Regionals in Las Vegas May 6 and 7.

From there, Cal Poly will send its team of Rodeo cowboys and cowgirls to compete at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo, which will be held June 12 to 18.

Clint Miller gets ahold of his calf during the calf roping competition at the Poly Royal Rodeo on Saturday.

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**WERE YOU AWARE?**

UCSB women’s basketball forward Kristen Munn was selected 11th, by the Minnesota Lynx, in Saturday’s WNBA Draft.

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