Local dogs display a sense of showmanship

Jonathan Drake  
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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, slalom poles, and a teeter-totter. 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. Clubs from both counties, such as 4H, participated in an obedience competition. Dogs followed instructions from their human counterparts despite distractions by their surroundings, even when two people stood in the middle of the test area.

There was also a showmanship competition, similar to the Westminster Dog Show, where dogs ate judges on appearance, obedience and grace. Shanta Crawford from the Atascadero 4H Club had brought a 5-month-old puppy named Cady to the event, sponsored by the Santa Lucia Open Dog Obedience Group.

Debate over new marketplace heats up

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

Mulholland argued that introducing such a large store into the community will 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  
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DAVIS — Students carrying massive credit-card and student-loan debt now 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 500-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 debt,” said Laura Fisher, spokesperson for the American Bankers Association, a financial-industry lobbying group. “I think most Americans would agree that it's reasonable to ask people to repay the debt 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 hard times and ignore 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 $1 million between 1999 and 2004 to senators see Bankruptcy, page 2.

Referenda voting begins Wednesday

If both referenda pass, Cal Poly students will pay $26 extra for fall quarter to improve campus facilities

Thao Tran  
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly students will vote on the referenda to increase the Associated Students Inc. and University 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. ASI 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 referenda 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 funding 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 spaces. 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 $3 in 2007 and continue increasing at that rate on a biennial basis through September 2015 to a total of $36.94.

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 them the feel their future Cal Poly student finances.

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

controlled a younger dog this year.

Several companies also had booths set up at the park showcasing their products, including a premium pet food supplier cleverly named Canine Caviar.

Others exhibited inventions such as the Boget family, who invented a pet harness after other dog harnesses had failed to hold the ferocious Chiwulinas. Their invention, called the Butterfly Harness, wraps around a dog's back and neck, making the dog more comfortable.

But the Boget family business, called Moby Dogs and the mother Kathy, did not stop with just dog harnesses. The company sells harnesses for ducks, hedgehogs, hamsters and even got a request to make harnesses for a chicken and a goat.

"We were encouraging people to walk their pets more and one man said 'It would fit my goat'". Burgers said. "And if you're ever in Los Alamos, keep your eye out for a man that walks his chicken every day to a butterfly harness."

"There is a general feeling of fun and joy as the dogs and their families try out new adventures such as agility or flyball," said Cindy Becker, director of the City of Los Osos' Dog Department.

Flyball is a relay in which each dog runs after the other, jumps on a box that launches a ball into the air, and then runs back over the hurdles.

**Referenda**

The Progressive Student Alliance, "Tuition has more than doubled since 2000 and we might face a state mandated tuition increase that we won't be able to vote on."

The arguments against the referenda, some people feel the changes will brighten the future of Cal Poly student life and the affordability and resources more versatile.

"Creating a new union of students, makes it easier to get a Woodstocks or Starbucks," Bolton said.

"I took a survey and heard a presentation on it while at a club meeting and I'm for it," agriculture business major Katlie Brack said.

Voting locations will be available campus wide including the first floor of the UU and the Robert Kennedy E. Library foyer.

For more information visit the student affairs webpage at http://www.calpoly.edu/sa/vote/.

**Marketplace**

revenue to Santa Maria every year.

Romero argued that the community of San Luis Obispo loses approximately $2 million every year in retail sales to other Central Coast cities.

Romero claimed that proposed "Big 2" stores to San Luis Obispo's Target are anticipated to recapture a large portion of those lost revenues, up to $1.32 million.

"This will help us in our very difficult budget time we have right now. We have about a $2 million shortage," Romero said.

Romero also said that this extra tax revenue can be used to build a new Highway 101 overpass at Prado Road. This could potentially relieve some of the traffic congestion that is commonly found on the Los Osos Valley Road and Madonna Road overpasses.

Romero said the Prado Road overpass would allow city residents to enjoy a $22 million road improvement project without the need for special bonds to fund it.

Though the City Hall Marketplace was approved by the San Luis Obispo on July 6th, 2004, citizens will get their chance to determine the final outcome in the election on April 26.

Warr was a joint author of a Harvard study revealing that approximately 59 percent of all those who file for bankruptcy do so because of medical expenses. Divorce and job loss account for another 40 percent of filings, according to Warren.

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"The law will largely take away a bankruptcy judge's discretion to assess individual cases, a policy that drove 92 law professors to draft a letter in February to the Senate saying that the bill "seeks to shoot a mosquito with a shotgun."

Consumers who seek bankruptcy relief and earn more than their state's "median income level, on average, in the six months prior to their filing, would be subject to a "means test" that assesses their abilities to pay based on a formula. If the formula finds a filer has more than $100 per month to pay, he or she must file under Chapter 13.

**Bankruptcy**

who voted for the bill, compared to $85,000 for those who did not, according to an analysis by the Center for Responsive Politics.

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**Officials alarmed by reactor shutdown in North Korea**

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Barry Swaid

WASHINGTON — The apparent shutdown of a nuclear reactor in North Korea is raising concerns among Bush administration officials that Pyongyang has completed the task of producing spent fuel rods laced with weapon-grade plutonium.

A U.S. official familiar with the situation said there could be at least two other possibilities, neither of which is troubling; that the reactor has run into mechanical trouble or that North Korea is bluffing in order to raise anxieties.

In the past, North Korea has claimed to have taken major steps in its pursuit of a nuclear weapons arsenal and has some of those claims are credited by U.S. analysts as genuine. Even so, North Korea is believed to have about 20 kilograms of uranium bomb atoms and the United States, China, Japan, South Korea and Russia are trying to negotiate elimination of the nuclear weapons program.

North Korea had agreed to return to the bargaining table last September after a three-month hiatus but since then has demanded the so-called six-nation talks. Reflecting growing impatience, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the administration

**A North Korean guard looks at the southern side through field glasses at the border village of Panmunjom, north of Seoul.**

would consult with its partners about taking the issue to the U.N. Security Council if the talks remain side-tracked.

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SACRAMENTO — Two of the nation’s biggest public employee retirement funds would be urged to avoid investing in global corporations doing business with Sudan, under a resolution that passed the state Assembly on Monday. This is the great moral issue of our time, said Assemblyman Mervyn Dymally, D-Compton, moments before winning 64-6 approval for his measure.

NORWALK — A father who killed five of his children by lighting a charcoal grill inside his home and closing all the doors and windows should be sentenced to life in prison without parole, a jury recommended Monday. The jury could have recommended the death sentence. Garcia was eligible for death because the murder charge carried the special circumstance allegations of multiple murder, murder by poisoning and lying in wait. During the trial, prosecutors said Garcia tried to kill himself and his six children in February 2002 to spite his wife, who had recently left him. Prosecutors showed jurors a video of Garcia saying goodbye to his wife. “I love you. I’m so sweet and I know what I’m doing,” Garcia said to the video camera.

Martinez — A nanny changed in the hit-and-run killings of two children is a reckless substance abuser with a history of drunken driving convictions, a prosecutor said Tuesday in opening statements at the woman’s murder trial. Defense attorneys countered that the fatal crash was simply an unfortunate accident. Juenia Barreto, 46, is charged with second-degree murder, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license in the Oct. 26, 2004 deaths of Troy Pack, 11, and his sister, Alana, 7.

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West Bank settlement, a week after President Bush demanded a freeze on new construction. In Washington, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the Bush administration will be seeking clarification from the government of Israel on both issues. Vatican City — Black smoke streamed from the Sistine Chapel’s chimney Monday to signal that cardinals failed to select a new pope in their first round of voting, held just hours after they began their historic task: finding a successor to Pope John Paul II. Bush administration officials are divided on the wisdom of continuing to press Israel to freeze new settlement activity. The president, who visited the region last week, said Israel should be free to build only in the settlements.

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to consider whether a church in New Mexico can continue using hallucinogenic tea in its religious services. At issue is whether use of the tea, which contains a drug banned under the federal Controlled Substances Act, is protected under freedom of religion laws. The Bush administration contends the tea is illegal and use of it potentially dangerous for church members. The church, which has about 8,000 worldwide, says the herbal brew is a central sacrament in its religious practice.

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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 reversed 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 Ustaše 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 monetary losses, and to be given an accounting of what money, if any, the bank received from the Nazi-backed Ustaše 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 survivor’s attorney

In reinstating the monetary claims against the Vatican Bank, the San Francisco-based appeals court overruled a lower court judge who said the lawsuit was barred because it could upset a governmental negotiations and diplomacy toward resolving claims originating from World War II.

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

In dissent, Judge Stephen Trott said only Congress and not the president, judges or 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 said Jackson 'fooled the world.'

"He really didn't care about children, he cared about what he was doing with children."  — ACCUSER'S MOTHER

"Yes," said the woman.

"And was it any of that money for medical expenses?" the attorney asked.

"No," she said.

He denied that he 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 the 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 it.

The questioning was part of broad cross-examination by defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr., during her fourth day of testimony in Jackson's child molestation trial.

"He’s taking it out of context. He’s minimizing it. I told police that I never gave any 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 family in February 2003.

She claimed that when she notified one 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.

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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.

SFRA’s first full-length album, recorded in 2003, is a composition of genre-blending rock. Band members include Rami 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 trombone, and has studied conducting. He is 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 SFRA’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.
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**REVIEW**

**ESSENTIAL ALBUM**

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

Emily Rancer  
*MONTGOMERY 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 solo 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 unbridled passion and energy. The rich tones from his guitar blend seamlessly with his powerful voice. This version compares sharply with the other lullaby-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 Kermit 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 Johnny Travolta's film "Phenomenon." Also on the album is his somber "Tears in Heaven," which was inspired by the death of his son Connor, 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.

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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 Yee
INDEPENDENT PRESS

ATLANTA — The government warned Tuesday 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."

— DR. TIM NAIMI
CDC's chronic disease division

"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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Letters to the Editor

Leave your mark on campus: Vote

Students surveys show campus ready for a change

On Wednesday and Thursday, Poly students have the opportunity to vote on an University Union facility and ASI student activity referenda. The revenue generated from the referenda would allow for long overdue renovations of the existing UU, UU Plaza, Rec Center and construction of a new multi-function student center in the northeastern part of campus, where the current student market is located.

Furthermore, a portion of the fee would be allocated for an increase 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.

Moreover, the 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 proposed referenda. The extensive planning included endless student surveys as well as outside consultation from 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 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 the 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 editor

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 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 Garvie's, Cal Poly BBQ and Gau. 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 Realty team who played there in the national tournament last year. These clubs sport get annual school fund raising and have to raise funds for uniform and travel. By performing exceptionally on the field, these clubs bolster the Cal Poly reputation. It is our obligation to help them to continue the tradition of excellence.

Cal Poly is a leader in education, but our facilities are not adequate 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.

Jourdan Younis
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 frankly 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 am a student and I am finding myself in that same mood once again. I understand the mentality, and empathize with why most of us are going to school to begin with. (Others hear me say this but I assure you nothing of this.)

We have a chance now to leave a legacy for others to look forward to in 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 are leaving and give more validity to the statement, "I went to Cal Poly."

Trevor Clousn
Business administration senior

Don't let ASI take any more of your money and vote no

Let's talk about ethics. Until last week, ASI spent $40 of your money on a campaign called a "neutral" and "informative" campaign on the upcoming fee increase. This week much of those materials turned into a pro-campaign. This campaign constitutes a major ethical and legal violation of a fair election on the fees. About $40 of every Cal Poly student's tuition goes to ASI each quarter. Meaning we are paying for the materials and posters used by ASI greatly exceeding what any club on campus can spend. We have a chance now to leave a legacy for others to look forward to in 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 are leaving and give more validity to the statement, "I went to Cal Poly."

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Make no mistake. If these fees pass, ASI will have a lot of money to spend on a campaign. This week at the point they will stop at nothing to get their referendum passed. Don't let ASI take any more of your money, vote no.

Courtney Dahl
Social science senior

Correction

I went to Cal Poly.

The Mustang Daily staff took pride in publishing a daily newspaper for the Cal Poly campus and the surrounding community. We appreciate your leadership and are thankful for your careful reading. Please send your correction suggestions to editor@mushdail.net.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send in your love, hate and more

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

Baseball
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two RRs. Senior Kyle Blumenthal and junior Matt Cooper both took
two home runs and gave up 5-3 to hit the teams with 5-3-run.

The Mustangs sent seven different

pickers to the mound and gave up 22 hits to go with the 13 earned runs.

Lee said that the team plays in an offensive ballpark and that he's un­

satisfied at all with the runs that were not put up.

"During the daytime, it's tough to place to pitch because it's a hitter's

ballpark and the wind blows out," Lee said.

Other than the series win, the impressive performance by Van

Ostrand was a welcoming sight. He returned after five weeks of recov­

ering from injury and was 5-for-13 on the weekend with two RRs and one

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