Wildflower gets mixed reviews

Tonya Strickland

With more than half the volunteers absent, stricter alcohol policies in effect and additional perks given to volunteers, the 2005 Wildflower experience resulted in mixed reactions.

"I went with the expectation that the party would be the best part, but came out knowing I got the most out of volunteering," said Zachary Kerns, a volunteer and forestry and natural resources junior. "It was fun, just not as fun," said volunteer and business junior Heidi Twitchell.

Cal Poly volunteers gave their time to triathlon logistics during daytime shifts, received free meals via bright green volunteer T-shirts and then returned to walk to The Avenue for the hot dogs. "The demand was high," agriculture sophomore Lauren Friedman said. "Why did they take it away?"

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Hunting for hot dogs

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Garrett Leight

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Metcalf said that if Campus Dining can get the money in the budget, a mobile unit would be beneficial to the campus so that he is able to set up a route from Moty Gym to the swimming pool.

Cushman said that Cal Poly currently has a "regulated activity" rule that requires them to have a permit for the cart and its location.

Cushman is attempting to change the policy to get Metcalf and his hot dog mobile and back on campus.

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SACRAMENTO — The union representing prison doctors sued the Department of Corrections to block higher standard.

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FORT HOOD, Texas — Pvt. Lynndie England, who appeared in some of the most graphic photographs depicting physical mistreatment and sexual humiliation of Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib prison, pleaded guilty Monday to charges arising from her role in the Abu scandal.

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The Department of Corrections said its doctors are not responsible for the problems. The boy, who will not be identified due to his age, denied a murder petition during his arraignment at Sylvania Juvenile Court, said Jane Robinson, a spokeswoman for the district attorney’s office.

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Duluth, Ga. — The jilted groom whose bride-to-be ran away four days before their wedding still wants to marry Jennifer Wilbanks, saying, "Haven't we all made mistakes?"... Just because we haven't walked down the aisle, just because we back at the insolvency, U.S. and Iraqi forces have detained 84 suspects in the Baghdad area since Sunday, the U.S. military said. An additional 52 suspects were detained Monday in a joint operation south of the capital.

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The man took the pizza, spent a few minutes looking for money and then offered to pay with marijuana, Yasun said. Yasun was told when he told the man that he either needed money or the pizza, the man began to yell and punched him in the face.

After calling police and waiting for officers to arrive, Yasun delivered two more orders that were waiting in his car.

Officers who arrested the man said he was intoxicated, Sgt. Shannon Ruziska said.

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Experts: Saving money needs to be a bigger priority for young adults

With credit card debt and student loans piling up, more twentysomethings will never be able to buy a home

Martha Irvine
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — At 24, Jeffrey Berman is in better financial shape than many of his peers.

He has no student loans and about $1,200 in credit card debt, which he plans to pay off with his income tax return. He also just started contributing $50 each month to his 401(k).

Berman knows he should be saving more money. In a time when more companies are cutting pensions and Social Security remains a question mark, he is in better financial shape than many of his peers.

"The twentysomething generation, more than any other generation, is going to be left to fend for itself," said Bill Demo, a nonpartisan public policy group. Their analysis of the most recent Federal Reserve data also found that average credit card debt for adults age 24 to 34 was $4,088 in 2002, an increase of 55 percent since 1992.

While some data indicates the current generation is saving more than previous groups of twentysomethings, the stock market was doing great; it's a real shock getting out into the real world," said Catherine Williams, the consumer credit counseling service.

"Through high school, the stock market was doing great; unemployment was low," says Catherine Williams, the Chicago-based vice president of financial literacy for Money Management International, a consumer credit counseling service. That caused many young people to have high expectations about their own financial futures.

One example of the financial pinch: Student loan balances for the average college graduate were $18,900 in 2002, more than double the amount a decade earlier, even when adjusted for inflation, according to researchers at Demo.

"It's impossible. No one teaches you what you're supposed to do," said Berman, who graduated from Syracuse University two years ago and now lives in Los Angeles, where he works as an assistant to an entertainment studio executive. "It's a real shock getting out into the real world."

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— MICHAEL WILFORD
23-year-old aspiring author

Shortly after graduation from college in 2002, she moved in with her parents to simultaneously save and try to pay off her student loans. She recently began earning money automatically deducted from her paycheck and put into a savings account, with the hope of buying a home in five years.

The rest of her pay goes to more immediate concerns, including a car that breaks down "every other month" and to the credit card debt she just can't seem to shake.

"I always get the idea in the back of my mind that at least I have a job and I'll be able to pay off the credit card later on. But of course, it never happens," said Mott, who has yet to enroll in her company's 401(k).

Other twentysomethings, including 23-year-old Michael Wilford, fear that credit card debt will keep them from ever buying a home.

"If I knew then what I know now, I would never have gotten myself into the debt that I am still struggling to climb out of," said Wilford, an aspiring author in Cape Neddick, Maine, who works at an electronics store to make ends meet. Wilford got his first credit card at age 18, and now suggests that no one younger than 21 should have access to one. He and others say they also wish they had a chance to take classes that would teach them to better handle their finances at a young age.

For Lia Dowd, a 24-year-old paralegal in St. Louis, who plans to go to law school, "it's hard to envision life beyond her immediate goals." "I don't sit around and think about when I'm 60," she says. "It's been more helpful to receive tangible, practical advice — namely from financial experts who've suggested placing a set amount of money into an interest-bearing account each week, even if that amount is small right now."

For Berman, the 24-year-old in Los Angeles, it took an honest review of his finances, which revealed that he was spending too much money eating out at restaurants. To remedy that, he recently started buying more groceries so he can cook for himself.

"But if I don't try to save now, he says, "when am I going to start?"
Action abounds in 'XXX' sequel

Amanda Strachan

Despite the triple X title, the sequel "XXX: State of the Union," bears little resemblance to the original film. That is not to say that this is a waste of $80 and an hour and a half of moviegoers' time. "State of the Union" is still fast-paced and entertaining action movies in the arena right now.

"State of the Union" carries all of the trademark features moviegoers expect from a film starring Ice Cube — light on plot and heavy on explosions.

In the original "Triple-X," Xander Cage (Vin Diesel), or X as he is called by his friends, is a tattooed professional X Games athlete. Cage is a nonconformist turned secret agent who must save the world before Russian terrorists. No top-scoring sniper, urban recon or ex-navy seal, just a quick-witted, muscular skateboarder deeply imbedded in hard rock subculture with a distain for authority.

Diesel was perfectly cast for the role and backed up by Samuel L. Jackson in the role of Agent Gibbs. The original "Triple X" movie is further backed up by an incredible rock and rap sound track. With a movie this spectacular, why not create a sequel?

There was just one problem. Diesel was either unswilling or unavailable. So Revolution studios did the same thing they did with "The Fast and the Furious." They made a sequel with out the star. The resulting film has a completely different feel. Much time was put in trying to explain why Diesel was no where to be found, and to some extent it worked.

Despite all the mix-packing details a critic can find to complain about, the "State of the Union" is entertaining packed with action from start to finish. Thirty seconds after the opening credits, the body count begins to rise. Agent Gibbs (Jackson) and Agent Shavers (the care package from the first movie) escape an attack on the NSA headquarters, only to discover that Secretary of Defense Decker (Willem Defoe) may be planning an attack on the White House. Cut off from the government, Gibbons looks to his past for someone hardcore with attitude and comes up with Dee (Ice Cube), an ex-military convict in the prison system.

Together, the three saviors of democracy team up with gangster car thieves to battle the might of the U.S. military. The result is a series of fast-paced scenes that remind the audience of a James Bond film.

The most distinguishable part of the movie are the fight scenes. Typically there are two types of fight scenes those choreographed out of reality and shot with such a jerky camera it's hard to tell what's going on. "State of the Union" doesn't do either. The scenes are clear with rough and tumble fighting. The characters don't dodge each other's punches; instead they use anything within reach to knock one another around.

One thing worth knocking about the film is the meager attempt at a romantic sub-plot. Free from prison, Dee seeks out Nona (Lola Jackson), his former girlfriend. The two reminisce about time spent in the back seat of Dee's car and spent the movie tearing up cars together. In the end, their relationship is summed up, leaving Nona's character pretty much unnecessary.

AVOID THE LURCHER.

You woke up and walk downstairs to find that your house is about to be demolished to make way for a freeway bypass like the beginning of a very bad day.

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There have been two popular book series already sent to the silver screen, including the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy and "Harry Potter."

Harry Potter fans will hear a familiar voice as character Professor Snape lends his voice to Marvin the robot. Marvin has a couple problems with an implanted prototype personality that made him mentally-depressed. This is the source of much of the dry, witty humor throughout the film.

Unfortunately, some jokes fail to register with those that are unfamiliar with the books, including the importance that a hitchhiker's most essential possession as he travels through the galaxy is a towel.

Movegoers can also expect to learn the answer to the question of life and the universe.

The film is hilarious and you should see it as soon as possible. You never know when the Earth is scheduled for demolition.

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Bolton passes the presidential torch

Right when you were about to party because you thought that voting over, you have one more opportunity. It’s not just the referenda or the marketplace, it’s time to vote on the next student body president. Historically, the president has had the lowest voter turnout, but why? How do you determine who represents you to the city, university and state legislature? Isn’t it important to determine who represents you to the city, university president, staff, administration and any external bodies of the university? That is why this position is important to consider and vote accordingly. In speeches to industry leaders, this president will be the face of the student body. In legislature, in representing to the legislature, this president’s views will represent the students. That is why voting is important.

If you haven’t done so before tomorrow, make sure you check out the president’s Web sites, issues, face book groups and voter information. You never know if you will face an important issue in which you will need a student advocate to work on your behalf! Of course the president isn’t the only position you will be voting on; the ASI Board of Directors are representatives elected through your college to serve as student advocates, as well as the decision making body for ASI.

The Board of Directors determines the corporate policy of ASI, represents student’s voices through resolutions and allocates ASI resources through the budget. Don’t overlook those elected officials as they have the ability to make progress for students. Many things are accomplished through student initiatives and your elected ASI president and Board of Directors can make it happen. Make sure you have a representative who can get things done, represent your voice and as the ASI Vision Statement claims, “Be every student’s connection to the ultimate college experience.”

Bolton Bolton is the ASI president who loves voting in general, and especially for his presidency. He originally allocated $800 of his own money for his campaign and collected $189 from family members. He will spend a total of $1,100 in a quest for the presidency.

Bolton’s campaign strategy centered around providing an artistic appeal to students, by allowing them to decorate T-shirts with stencil and spray paint. This also allowed him to keep costs low. In addition, Bolton said that if elected, he will dedicate himself solely to the position and make sure he maintains active membership in any other campus organizations. With complete dedication, Bolton stressed the need for ASI to be more visible on campus. He said a wall display of every student organization and administration is in accessibility. He believes more footwork on the part of the executive staff will keep ASI accountable to the students. He identified his greatest strength as the ability to facilitate discussion among people with varying opinions. If elected, Bolton said he would try to raise the level of respect and equity on campus, advocating the voice of minority communities at Cal Poly.

He has not yet chosen a chief of staff, a process he will undertake if elected. Bolton said he will open up the position to the entire student body, accepting applications and choosing the most appropriate fit. Bolton’s single-most influential experience that will help him in the presidency is his current position as ASI vice president. The relationship he makes with campus administrators and community members and lobbying student causes in council and fraternity members. We regret to think these pledges may sway his decision-making process in the future.

Letters to the Editor

Women are predisposed to babymaking, not engineering

First, let me say that by no means are 22 percent of engineers female. As engineers, we are deprived souls for being female. What is meant by this is that women are nowhere near being accepted in the engineering category. However, this would be akin to saying that business majors are college students. I would also like to say that this ratio has nothing to do with society not encouraging women to enter engineering, nor does it have anything to do with an intimidating environment for females in the engineering department.

The simple truth is that women are more predisposed to other tasks, such as baby production, dish washing and ironing. These are things that they have a natural talent for. I don’t understand why people complain so much.

Mechanical engineering senior

Teach a man to fish and he might earn his own living

Liberals seem to have open minds when it comes to choosing the most appropriate fit. People who work harder than others do not make more than the next person. This is an idea of the Industrial Age. For those of you that have yet to notice, we have moved on.

The Information Age is what is upon us now. Hard work is still essential but you have to combine creativity and risk to the picture to go beyond. I suggest picking up the book “Rich Dad, Poor Dad” by Robert Kiyosaki.

Maybe the simple minded can learn why the rich stay rich and the poor stay poor.

Carl Mueller

Bountiful and agricultural engineering sophomore

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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OPINION OF THE MUSTANG DAILY

Tylor for ASI president

There is no doubt that both candidates running for ASI president are more than qualified. We are confident that both Bolton Midlestadt and Mike Tylor are competent, effective leaders; however, in a 7-4 vote, the Mustang Daily editorial staff chose to endorse Tylor for president. Tylor’s private campaign funding was the winning point for the decision. He originally allocated $809 of his own money for his campaign and collected $189 from family members. He will spend a total of $1,101 in a quest for the presidency.

Tylor’s campaign strategy centered around providing an artistic appeal to students, by allowing them to decorate T-shirts with stencil and spray paint. This also allowed him to keep costs low. In addition, Tylor said that if elected, he will dedicate himself solely to the position and make sure he maintains active membership in any other campus organizations. With complete dedication, Tylor stressed the need for ASI to be more visible on campus. He said a wall display of every student organization and administration is in accessibility. He believes more footwork on the part of the executive staff will keep ASI accountable to the students. He identified his greatest strength as the ability to facilitate discussion among people with varying opinions. If elected, Tylor said he would try to raise the level of respect and equity on campus, advocating the voice of minority communities at Cal Poly.

He has not yet chosen a chief of staff, a process he will undertake if elected. Tylor said he will open up the position to the entire student body, accepting applications and choosing the most appropriate fit. Tylor’s single-most influential experience that will help him in the presidency is his current position as ASI vice president. The relationship he makes with campus administrators and community members and lobbying student causes in council and fraternity members. We regret to think these pledges may sway his decision-making process in the future.

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If Cal Poly officials decide to keep the new policy, they can expect to continue to rack in the dough. One fan said he was having a great time, except that he had to keep buying hot dogs too. San Diego State, USC and Sonoma State have all been successful in their beer sales at games. Cal Poly is certainly off to a good start so far.

"Selling beer at the baseball games is an amazing idea," agriculture senior Rachel Medeiros said. "It's an incentive to come out to the game." Medeiros said that she hadn't been to a game all year, but she would make it back for the final two home series of the year. Beer might be just what Cal Poly baseball was missing. It's obviously not the winning streak as the team has been beating up on opponents all year including outscoring its opponent 32-6 over the weekend.

Even with the blowouts, 3,391 fans attended Baggett Stadium over the weekend, and, at least on Sunday, not one citation was given to any fan. Overall, the sale of beer made more fans come out to the game. It put a smile on the faces of the parents that bring their kids to the games every weekend. They could finally enjoy an ice cold beer while their children ran around chasing foul balls.

"This is exactly what the baseball games were missing," Medeiros said.
**FIVE-WAY MADNESS**

The track and field team had its last meet preceding next week's Big West Championships, posting 12 victories at its own Cal Poly Five-Way.

New Cal Poly athletes and three Mustang relay teams won events at the meet, held Saturday on the Cal Poly campus, with Sharon Day missing on a chance to tie the school record in the high jump. Meanwhile, the men's and women's teams had five victories collectively.

Fresno State, UC Santa Barbara, Cal State Northridge and Sac State also competed. The Cal Poly men's team fell only to Fresno State, 98-89, beating UCSB 96-91, Northridge 90-85 and Sac State 99-84.

Meanwhile, the women beat Northridge 89-79 and Sac State 104-75 while they fell to Fresno State 99-87 and UCSB 95-87.

Day won the high jump with a season-best 6-02.75. However, the sophomore could not clear the school record of 6-04.00 on three attempts. Among the women, Kelly Dahl also posted a career best 15-02.2 in winning the pole vault while Cortney Stafford won the hammer.

**COMMENTARY**

More hot dogs, more fans, more fun with beer at Baggett

Garrett Leight  
SPORTS STAFF REPORT

It was almost like any other game at Baggett Stadium. The sun was out, there were kids running around chasing foul balls and fans were eating hot dogs and ice cream. The only difference is that fans were washing it all down with ice cold Coors Light.

How Cal Poly could go this long without serving beer at a baseball game is a mystery. Beer and baseball go together like bread and butter. So, what were they all worried about?

Communications Specialist

Stacia Momburg said that the weekend went smoothly and authorities never expected any problems.

Momburg and authorities are right; there were no problems and it's likely there will be no problems in the upcoming series against Cal State Fullerton.

Some problems that sporting events have experienced are fights between fans of opposing teams and obscenities yelled within the vicinity of children. Obviously, this could be a problem if students were to take advantage of the new

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**POLY STAT RACK**

5 pitcher Garrett Olson's place on the Mustang all-time season win list
24 former Titan Pape

Sow's avg minutes per game with the Raptors

**WHAT DID YOU SAY?**

"Before the game started, I think I would've felt really good about a split. But after seeing how we played ... I'd rather have two."

— Softball coach Jenny Condon on their series with powerhouse LBS

**GAME SCHEDULE**

Friday vs. Fullerton (Baggett), 6 p.m.
Saturday vs. Fullerton (Baggett), 6 p.m.
Sunday vs. Fullerton (Baggett), 1 p.m.
5/13 vs. Long Beach State, 1 p.m.
5/14 vs. Long Beach State, 2 p.m.
5/15 vs. Long Beach State, 1 p.m.

**WERE YOU AWARE?**

Besides Jordan Beck, two former Mustangs, Jimmy Childs and Robbie Martin, were selected in the NFL draft.

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