Husband-and-wife students hit the books

Many students at Cal Poly choose to tie the knot before graduating: for some, finding time for each another is not an easy task

Emily Rancero Mustang Daily

This is the first part of a two-part series about married couples that attend Cal Poly.

After a long day of classes, many Cal Poly students arrive home to plenty of favorite television shows and of course a roommate.

But for some Cal Poly students, that roommate is a husband or wife.

Many young couples tie the knot while still in college, not wishing to wait until after graduation.

"Back in high school, I knew she was the woman I wanted to marry," said communications junior Luke Llamas, 22, of his fiancé Emerald Gammill, 20. The couple plans to wed in June.

"We never really thought it would wait until after college. It was just how long we would wait while in college," he said.

Although marriage is often associated with an extra dose of adulthood responsibility, many married student couples already possess exactly that, even if they haven't received their diploma yet.

Ornela, 24, and Chris Campbell, 26, married on August 11, 2002 after dating for two years. The couple, both seniors, felt they were mature enough to handle a marriage despite their young age.

"I just thought whenever it was the right time I'd do it," said Ornela, a modern languages and literature senior. "And it seemed like the right time." Having a husband provides more consistency to her life than when she was just dating, Ornela said.

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Anne Godden, a counselor at Cal Poly's counseling center who specializes in couples therapy noted that stability is a huge advantage to being married while still in college.

"They don't need to think about socializing or meeting people," Godden said. "They're able to focus on their studies better. They're also less likely to be in the whole party scene or other social activities that can affect academic performance than students who aren't [married]."

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Cal Poly

Ethnic studies major coming in fall

Major will be offered as a bachelor of arts degree and will require 76 major units

Amanda Strachan Mustang Daily

Beginning next fall, ethnic studies will be added as a major at Cal Poly. The subject has been a minor for years, but for the last two quarters officials in the department worked to get it added as an official major.

"The idea has been there for about 12 years, since the origination of the ethnic studies department," said interim dean for the College of Liberal Arts Linda Halksy. "The major has passed the Academic Senate and will now be forwarded to the Chancellor's office for approval there."

"The major will start small, focusing on internal transfers and build from there."

"We are looking at possibly 12 students the first term (fall '06), moving to 42 by year three and on...

Business junior Amy Philippo reads her textbook for ES 300, a Chicano/a non-fiction literature class.

to 50 in five years," Halksy said. In the current budget crush the addition is not expected to create more financial strain.

"In terms of funding, this major is a great bargain for the university," Halksy said. "Essentially we can do it with only one additional position."

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Poly students to send books to Africa

Books for Africa was founded in 1988 and has distributed more than 10 million books

Jonathan Drake Mustang Daily

Throughout this week, students can donate books that will be sent to Africa to aid literacy and educational advancements.

A donation booth will be set up in the University Union plaza and will be collecting donated books from 11 a.m. to noon this week.

Originally part of PSY 351, called Group Dynamics, six students teamed up with the community center on campus to help the Books for Africa organization.

"Cal Poly has never done something like this before," said journalism senior Ashley Wolf, who is part of the six-student group in charge of the book donations.

Books for Africa was founded in 1988 and has distributed more than 10 million books, according to their Web site.

Cal Poly will join ranks with 300 other campuses to donate textbooks to Africa.

The campus library donated several hundred books.

Donation resident as well as Cerro Vista residents will have a chance to donate when volunteers visit the dorms.

The book drive was no small feat for the six psychology students in the Group Dynamics class.

"We only had a week to plan and a week to execute the project," Wolf said. "We only have this week to make our flyers, to get in contact with people, send out e-mails to different departments and then collecting them this week.

Microbiology junior Jeremy Hicks found out about the program and brought the idea to the group.

"We have a goal of 1,000 donated books," psychology senior Kristal Pritz said.

"The goal is not impossible but challenging, and we are trying to apply all the information we learned in the Group Dynamics class this quarter," Wolf said.

Students can have their books picked up from their home by contacting Jeremy Hicks at 756-4339.

The coordinator of student development for soyride events and residence hall will also be able to provide further information.

Chinese food take-out boxes full of candy go to everyone that donates books.

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For history senior Amy Frasca, marrying her husband John Frasca in July 2003 allowed her to focus more on her schoolwork. Before the couple transferred to Cal Poly in 2002, they attended different community colleges and had to keep their relationship afloat mostly by phone. “We live together so we’re able to communicate face to face,” Amy said of her life now. For bioscience and agricultural engineering senior Leslie Speer, 24, holding off on marrying her husband Matthew, 28, until after college was “too long to wait.”

The couple dated for 14 months after meeting during an internship and wed in August 2004. Although Matthew graduated four years ago, Leslie decided to finish her studies at Cal Poly and face the time crunch that marriage can impose. “Just like anything else, you just find the time to do it,” Leslie said. “You just have to plan everything out so you have your weekends free.”

Finding time to include marriage in a daily schedule was said to be the most difficult aspect of being married as a student, according to nearly every couple interviewed. “Sometimes our dinner schedules are kind of crazy,” Amy Frasca said. “Sometimes (John) has work until 9 p.m. so we have to wait until then.”

Cal Poly psychology professor Basil Fiorentino said that time constraints can add unexpected difficulties for many married students. “I think being a student is stressful in general,” Fiorentino said. “That you have to balance the commitments and responsibilities to another person and that makes it all the more difficult.”

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Under Four?

or Overindulging?

54% of students go to parties or bars once a week or less. The average CP student drinks less than 4 in a sitting.

Based on a survey collected by Cal Poly Reality of 577 randomly selected Cal Poly students with an error margin of ±3%.
the son of Walt Disney Co. co-founder, the late Roy O. Disney.

SAN FRANCISCO — A masked, shotgun-carrying man shot by an off-duty Oakland police officer during an attempted carjacking is recovering from his injuries, authorities said.

Cesar Johnson, 19, of Oakland, remained hospitalized Tuesday at San Francisco General Hospital. He was arrested on suspicion of carjacking, attempted robbery and illegal possession of a shotgun.

Oakland police Officer Ted Jew just finished working Sunday when he stopped at a gas station to fuel his Mercedes Benz.

Police said Johnson, wearing a mask and carrying the shotgun, began walking toward Jew, who pulled a semiautomatic pistol he carries while off duty and fired at Johnson, hitting him several times. Jew was placed on three-day administrative leave.

WASHINGTON — The White House said Tuesday that the United States' image abroad had suffered irreparable damage from a now-retracted Newsweek article alleging that American interrogators of suspected terrorists at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, desecrated the Quran, the Muslim holy book. The administration used the Newsweek inci­dental as the United States has claimed.

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And the son of Walt Disney Co. co-founder, the late Roy O. Disney.

LOS ANGELES — A judge agreed Tuesday to release the files of 14 priests and one layperson from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange who were accused of sexual abuse. The files of eight other defendants were withheld.

The decision was heralded by alleged victims, who reached a record-breaking $106 million settle­ment with the diocese in December after nearly two years of negotia­tions.

WASHINGTON — -British lawmaker George Galloway denounced U.S. senators on their home turf Tuesday, denying accu­sations that he profited from the U.N. oil-for-food program and accused them of unfairly "airbrushing" his name. Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., questioned Galloway's hon­esty and told reporters, "If in fact he lied to this committee, there will have to be consequences."

WASHINGTON — The Republican-controlled Senate brushed aside a presidential veto threat Tuesday and passed a $295 billion highway bill, arguing that massive spending on bigger and better roads was necessary to fight congestion and ease roadways.

The administration, while pressing Congress to pass a new highway bill, said the Senate ver­sion was too expensive in a time of war and debt and could result in the first veto of the Bush presi­dency.

Baghdad, Iraq — Iran's for­eign minister made a historic trip to Baghdad on Tuesday, pledging to secure his country's borders to stop militants from entering Iraq and saying the "situation would have been much worse" if Tehran were actually supporting the insurgency as the United States has claimed.

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Prosecutor-General Rashid Kadyrov and President Islam Karimov held a news conference in the capital, Tashkent, blaming alleged Islamic militants for last week's violence in this U.S.-allied Central Asian country. The top prosecutor added that in a country as violent as Afghanistan, "human beings must be aware that in a country with an acknowledged war on terror — and recognizing that having a tongue and using it to do bad is the same as having dynamite in your mouth," says an official municipal decree issued last year in Economos, 40 miles southwest of the capital, Bogota.

While some residents may denounce the decree as ridiculous, Mayor Jesus Ignacio Jimenez insists that in a country as violent as Colombia, gossiping can have seri­ous consequences.

"It's a tradition for gossip to spread through small towns and it's a part of life, but what is worrying is that people are going to jail or being murdered due to gossip," Jimenez said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Monday.

Jimenez recalled a case in which a man was killed because someone claimed he belonged to a leftist insurgent group. Others have been thrown in jail based on simi­lar allegations.

So far nobody has been arrested on provoking charges, Jimenez said, while insisting that sooner or later it will happen.
For many students graduating this spring, the 9/11 attacks deeply affected their freshman experience and academic careers.

Justin Pope
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Four years ago, the class of 2005 arrived on campus like any other group of freshmen. Then, just a few days into their college careers, came the horrible job of fighting the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Some were shuffling in and out of morning classes when the news hit, followed by the realization they would have to sort out the hundreds of pages that were written about the attacks were a defining experience of their lives.

In l a i i t  a small dass o f unfamiliar faces.

Many of those students are graduating this month. For this group, the attacks were a defining experience of their college years, the moment when the identity of the class of '05 was forged.

"We were all shocked together, and we were all confused together and we were all mourning together," said Elizabeth Tomber, who graduated last week from the University of Dayton in Ohio.

For some, like Tomber, the attacks nudged their academic trajectories.

"My first two years of college, looking back I think the biggest thing I was lacking was some kind of direction, some kind of structure," said Rusch. He had dropped out of the University of Wisconsin and was working in a hotel at the time of the attacks.

Watching the World Trade Center towers workers inspired him to join the National Guard.

"I realized I wasn't doing what I should be doing," Rusch said. "My parents' generation had the opportunity to contribute and try gradu­ants' generation definitely had their opportunity to contribute. Here was music.

Later, he returned to Wisconsin in the ROTC program. After finishing up some coursework this summer, he will graduate and receive his commission in August.

"It was a horrible tragedy; but I'm lucky I had something to redirect my life like that," he said. "Had Sept. 11 not happened, I probably would have gone back to college, but I wouldn't have been as motivated and as disciplined as I am."

For most students, the effects were less clear-cut, but still real.

Academically, many students signed up for courses in areas such as Middle Eastern studies and history. Enrollment in Arabic nearly doubled in 2002. But after that, Professor Eugene Gallagher said, life, and the students' academic interests, more or less returned to normal.

Some students say the attacks brought them closer to their classmates for the four years that followed.

"That event did make us open up to each other in a way we would have eventually, but it happened much more quickly," said Paige Wallace, who said the attacks initially caused her to question her decision to come to Amherst, a school far from her home of Healdton, Okla.

"Any time you go through that amount of pain, experiencing it as a group ties you together," she said.

That was especially true for the students who were physically close to the disaster.

"It wasn't so much the events of Sept. 11 that shaped our class as how we responded," said Keith McGilvery, a senior at Fordham University in New York who recalled watching the twin towers burn from his freshman-year residence hall. "We were new freshmen, but within minutes students were on the phone, trying to console friends, help them find parents."

University of Wisconsin Army ROTC student Clinton Rusch stands outside Bascom Hall on campus Friday, in Madison, Wis. Rusch says the 9/11 terrorist attacks were life-changing for him.

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Legislative interns watch, learn, flee the process

Work experience offers students an inside look at the political process — drafting bills, party lines, interest groups

Elizabeth White
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CARSON CITY, Nev. — Chris Ho, a registered Democrat, didn’t think he’d end up interning for a Republican senator during Nevada’s legislative session. Now that he has, he’d rather call himself a “Democrat.”

Ho, who is studying political science and plans to graduate in December, said interning for Sen. Barbara Cegavske, R-Las Vegas, provided a rude awakening to the realities of partisan politics.

“Unfortunately, I got to see what the American dream is all about: You scratch my back, 1 scratch yours,” said Ho, a UNLV student studying political science.

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student Senate intern

The more that we can teach and help young people learn about the process, I think the better it is,” Cegavske said.

“I personally don’t care what party you are,” he said.

Ho has a 30 student interns who got a front-row seat at the Legislature this session, according to Lorne Malkiewich, director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau. Half, now gone because the school year is over, came from the University of Nevada, Reno and interned part-time; six attend UNLV and intern full-time; and nine are students at Western Nevada Community College in Carson City and are at the Legislature part-time.

“I’m always astounded by the level of access they get to the process that the rest of the state never sees,” Malkiewich said.

Over the years that access has resulted in many interns becoming jaded about the political process.

Ho, for example, now says he’d never consider running for office.

“This experience has opened my eyes to the fact that there’s no way on God’s green earth I will ever run for a position, ever,” he said.

There are a lot of legislators who do their darnedest to get legislation passed that would benefit people. But a lot of times they can’t put the party line behind and vote their conscience,” he said.

Other interns, however, become bona fide politicos after just three months in Carson City and start sounding like the diplomatic younger counterparts of their political mentors.

Annette Magnus, who became Titus’ intern after taking a class on women in politics from Titus at UNLV, said she’s become convinced that public office is the job for her.

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Throw a party the facebook style

Anyone who hasn’t been living in a cave for the past year probably knows about thefacebook. Maybe you’re addicted, maybe you’re boycotting, but regardless, you know.

Perusing profiles, groups, friends and classes has taken voyeurism to the next level. Wondering if your hot lab partner is in a relationship? Want to know his favorite movies, books or music? Just go to www.facebook.com and talk away.

The Web site describes itself as “an online directory that connects people through social networks at colleges and universities.” These social networks span across the country. Now thefacebook has a new feature: My Parties. Users can now send and receive invitations to parties from other students at their school.

“The idea came from our users, and we thought it was a good one,” said Chris Hughes, co-founder and spokesperson for thefacebook.com.

“Thus, we implemented it. Students go online and invite their friends to parties they’re hosting. In turn, these parties turn up on the individual user’s home screen, making it much easier to keep track of busy social schedules.”

Users have a number of options when creating their invitations. Party invites can be private or visible to everyone on the network. There is the option to R.S.V.P. via thefacebook. Users can also choose whether to make their party guest list visible on the invitation.

Students must decide on a party description from the 20 listed. These can range in everything from a “cocktail party” to a “Night of Mayhem.”

Business administration junior Tyler York noticed the My Parties addition around the same time he was planning a party.

“I decided to try it out, so I sent out a quick invitation,” he said. “Word got out pretty quickly and about 80 percent of the people actually RSVP-ed.”

Thefacebook groups will often send out mass invitations for events. Sounds Like Awkward Silence is a local band that uses this method too.

“I decided that sending out a party invite would be a good way to get people excited about a show, so I sent one out to our band’s group on thefacebook,” the band’s lead vocalist Michael Amundt said. “It was very effective. There were at least 20 people who attended just based on thefacebook party invitation alone, about 150 to 200 in all.”

**ART BEAT**

**COMMENTARY**

TheSexyMagazines: A guilt-free pleasure

The Sexy Magazines will eat you alive — or so its stickers, Myspace account and assorted propagandas declare. But if they’re already full, buy one for a friend who’s hungry.

Bred in New York, the punk-rock quintet moors as fast as the city. They are by no means a improvese music. They’ve opened for the Reggae and Countertones, Love, appeared at Little Steven’s Underground Garage Festival and SXSW and landed a dream gig at the Coachella Festival. The band’s live show is an explosion of energy with scalding songs and A-Plus guitar face. Ooh, and they’re still unsigned and just 21 years old — except for one lone guitarist, who is only legally allowed to rock.

The Art Beat caught up with the magazines backstage at the Coachella and wasn’t disappointed. The Big Apple products (and underclass college students) proved charming, wickedly funny and enthralling. It’s a pity word count exists, because limits are not conducive to these motor-mouthing gents; the full interview includes corny conspiracy theories, derisive Rivers Cuomo anecdotes, accounts of shoe-related paranoia and a dealer joke about evening on Igor Pop.

Damn, I love New York boys.

Art Beat: So tell me how you guys got together.

Marc Eskenazi (guitar/vocals): Well, it’s basically the formation of two sets of childhood best friends, Franco and Brison and Mark and me.

Franco Isacks (drums): Senior year of high school we formed and started playing. We all went to our prospective schools — Harvard, NYU, Skidmore, Hartford — then one of our group of guitar players went to Cornell (and left the band). So Franco and me, and Mark and Marc, went on a mission to find a cute-looking guy with long hair. We saw Casey eating pizza and I said, “Well, I don’t know if he’s that good-looking. He’s kinda ugly. He’s disgusting.”

(Casey Smith [guitar/vocals] seals)

Franco (vocals): I said, “No, he’s beautiful.”

Marc: He’s an amazing guitar player, amazing musician and he performed for us when he auditioned.

Brison: I didn’t see it, but I heard he went around their living rooms just like, “Shredding. He’s a prodigy. He’s only 20.”

Franco: Let me tell you something — Casey’s eyes, in the morning, when the sun hits them, when you’re lying in bed ...

Marc: So with the testicles ...

Brison: Franco lies down the skeleton, and we all put on the meat, the skin ...

AB: So how do you guys write your songs?

Marc: Well, usually Franco will come in with an idea, guitar parts and then we’ll throw it back and forth, add parts and subtract parts. It’s like the genesis of the world. You’ve read Genesis, right?

AB: I have, yes.

Marc: So it’s like that.

Brison: Franco lies down the skeleton, and we all put on the meat, the skin ...

AB: The tendencies?

Brison: Yeah, and in my case, the hair on the chest.

Marc: The testicles actually. Usually he has the testicles already.

AB: So what do you guys think of Coachella? Who do you really like here?

Brison: Well, we came here last year, almost the exact same crew. We rented a house, had an amazing time. It just became our dream, like we had to play here. And we worked all year, writing new songs.

Marc: Yesterdays, just walking around, talking to bands, it was just a feeling that this is where I’d like to spend the rest of my life. This is probably heaven.

Brison: Don’t you feel like you’re here, you’re kinda on an island? Were you here last year?

AB: Yeah. And my goal for this year was to get a press pass, so I know what you guys are talking about.

Brison: Awesome. So we both reached our goals. High lives, everyone.

Marc: High flies exchanged all around — but Marc is not paying attention, so Brison just slaps him hard.

AB: What are your majors?

Marc: I was going to be an English major to be a writer. Now I’m probably gonna be a government major to graduate as soon as possible. Plus, I want to become a governor.

AB: Is that what they hear at Harvard?

Marc: Sometimes. Usually it’s economics.

Brison: I never know what I wanted to be until I noticed that every time I look at art, my mouth just droops. I know there’s nothing I can do with it — I may as well use my mouth as well — but I may as well become an art history major. That’s like I said, I’m so well put up, I can’t do it. I don’t know how it’s going to help me do anything besides nothing.

Mark: Sugar (bass/vocals): The school that I am at, NYU, lets me make up my own major. I’m working on minor in Creative Writing.

Marc: So we can do anything with our lives or nothing.

AB: Do you guys foresee being in a band for the rest of your lives?

Marc: No.

Marc: Music for me is the only thing that has been self-fulfilling at every stage of the game. A lot of things are satisfying in the end, but even practicing, for me, is just an amazing experience. So the result of making a career out of...
**Sexi Mags**

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We throw a party, Shindig, every month. It's an art party — we have four bands and six artists, open bar.

Brion: It's a straight-up house party in New York.

Brion: No one gets paid; it's all about making enough money to pay for the next party.

France: A lot of the venues in New York have bills with, like, one cool band and six death metal bands, and a funk band all together on one bill. Nobody wants to be a part of that... so we try to pull all the good things that we possibly can together and make it different.

Brion: Even if we don't make it to the point where we want to, if the bands (that make it) did it through Shindig, and in 10 years were like, "Yeah, it was the Sexi Mag party,' that's kinda what we are about.

AB: We're the whole LA/New York rivalry? You feel it?

Brion: No rivalry.

Marc: El, East Coast, West Coast...

AB: Well, I hear New Yorkers are supposed to hate Californians.

Brion: If we could record an album, we'd want to do it here.

New York is so... you get a lot of dark, minor stuff. Come to California, you can record and chill out on the beach. Good vibe.

Marc: It's inherent in the sound, the atmosphere. But then again, if somebody West Coast fronted, then we would throw down. We'd kill them.

Marc: We've done some drive-bys.

Brion: We fuckin' killed Tupac. (scratches into tape recorder) Don't fuckin' mess, West Coast.

Marc: Tupac is still alive.

All (shout back, erotic prayer) Tupac...

Brion: He's gonna read this and kill us.

Marc: Cue it. He's still alive. He reads this paper.

AB: He's that good publicly?

Brion: I don't know. He has a new album every year, which is more than we have.

AB: OK, so what do you guys have coming up in the near future?

Brion: Lots of songwriting, lots of recording, lots of playing with new ideas. Breaking out — no, fears (again into recorded) No fear — we rule.

Brion: O'Toole rules. But really, going out there, trying to play music, communicate to the crowd — that really seems to be what's going on now. Be unsualtle, but touchable at the same time.

AB: That was brilliant.

Brion: I worked on that for seven months. That was my thesis paper for University of Hartford. They kicked me out after and I got no credit.

Marc: Your parents are gonna read this.

Brion: I hope not.

Marc: They can't read.

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**REVIEW**

**Kicking & Screaming,’ thanks to caffeine**

Amanda Strachan

MUSTARD DIP

Will Ferrell's hilarious new movie, "Kicking & Screaming" is both a tribute and a lesson for psychics, sports parents.

While documenting the comical and sometimes erratic behavior of these strange individuals, the movie questions what causes these seemingly typical parents to lose the edge of normal social behavior.

Perhaps it stems from some early childhood inadequacies.

In the movie, Will Ferrell departs from his traditionally comical character to play Paul Weston, a man whose relationship with his father has always been a bit strained due to his inability to win at sports.

While this is humorous, it is also a serious issue.

Paul has no self-esteem from his childhood experiences, so when he takes over as coach of his son's soccer team it's a disaster. Incidentally Paul's son, Sam (Dylan McLaughlin), is trudging down the same unathletic path.

Sam was traded to his new team, the Tigers, by his own grandfather who benched Sam for most of the season's games.

So, here the failures of the father and the opposite team is funny but there is a more important underlying issue: pent-up aggression.

Sure sneaking onto the field to push down an unsuspecting member of the opposite team is funny but there is a more important underlying issue: pent-up aggression.

In the end, no one may ever know if it was the childhood trauma or the coffee that pushed Paul Weston over the edge, but the important thing is a lesson to be learned. The movie's moral is to remember, anyone addicted to coffee or suffering from years of unreleased rage should stay away from sports.

The Will Ferrell comedy, 'Kicking & Screaming,' finished No. 2 at the box office last weekend grossing more than $18 million.
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Learning disabled students win fight over medical school exams

OKLAHOMA — (AP) California students with learning problems have won the first phase of a court battle to win more time to take the nationwide entrance exam for medical schools.

A lawsuit filed last July against the Association of American Medical Colleges falls under California's powerful disability law — not the weaker federal law, an Oakland judge ruled Thursday.

The ruling could give some California students an advantage over test-takers in other states, said Ronald Sabraw, Alameda County Superior Court Judge.

The class-action suit argues that students who have trouble reading are capable of practicing medicine, but need extra time to complete the admission exam.

The college association, which administers the entrance exam twice a year to a total of 37,500 students, sought to dismiss the suit without a trial, arguing that one state's law should not affect a national test.

Sabraw's ruling allows the suit to go to trial in the judge's court.

"We'll proceed to trial and prove that they ignore California law and illegally discriminate against students with disabilities," said attorney Stephen Tollafield of Disability Rights Advocates in Oakland. He said he hopes the trial will end with a ruling in time to affect next year's exams.

Forty California applicants a year are currently being denied disability accommodations on the exam, according to attorneys.

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COMMENTS
Are you crusading for your principles?

Everyone on campus is talking about the guy in the University Union who held the sign that read, "These people make me sick. Lazy Christians, Jews from the synagogue, Non-believers, Catholics and Mormons just to name a few." Many people expressed their anger for Jeremiah, but from my analysis, there was something much worse. The most unfortunate event last week was not Jeremiah but rather the whole situation resulting in him. It was the few students here at Cal Poly who agreed with all or a majority of his statements. While Jeremiah was "preaching" last week, Campus Crusade for Christ conducted its "10,000-Year" survey to learn about students' ideas on the subject. It should be noted that it was a coincidence that Jeremiah and Campus Crusade were in the LRF at the same time.

As someone who enjoys these topics, I decided to take the survey. Unfortunately, the surveys seem to provide a "convenient" way for crusaders to preach about Jesus. Numerous students approached me about their experience with the survey, and almost every person sat through a lecture on the "Son of God."

"Not only is this misleading, but it's unconvincing. Tricking people about Jesus? Is that something they want? The fact of the matter is that students are more than willing to talk about religion. Why can't Crusade simply be straightforward about Jesus and not attempt to hide behind a survey? Jesus said many admiral statements that need no form of deception to get students talking.

In addition to their tactics of conducting the survey, Crusade might want to change its club name. Just imagine the upsurge that would ensue if the Muslim Students Association called themselves "Shah for Allah?" Crusade should also actively criticize people claiming to represent Christianity the way Jeremiah did.

The leadership of Crusade deserves a thank you for writing a letter to the editor Monday denouncing him, but on the other hand, club members still expressed their sympathy and agreement with this religious fanatic that should not go unnoticed.

My friend Dan Weiss and I watched Jeremiah speak and discuss him beforeclass. To our dismay, a few members of Crusade pointed out how Jeremiah did not "hate" these people, but rather he was painting them "sick." So I presented this question to the few Crusaders: "I'm Jewish, do I make you sick?" After they thought about it, they decided Dan and I made them "sad" and "pitied" because we don't have Christ. One student expressed his respect for Jeremiah and how he wished he had the "courage" to hold that sign.

Although those statements may sound bad, the worst was a student who argued God caused the tragedies because the majority of the people living in the area happen to be Muslims and were "dead already." Obviously, these members of Crusade are most likely on the fringe of the club and definitely don't represent the club as a whole. Nonetheless, it was shocking to witness students agreeing with what they were saying.

The survey to learn about students' ideas on the Son of God was shocking to witness students agreeing with what they were saying. The most unfortunate event last week showed the importance of freedom of speech and I feel like I need to lose about 20 pounds before I can even walk into the gym on campus.

I was athletic in high school; I played field hockey and soccer, ran track and was on the swim team. When I came to Cal Poly, I expected the gym to be full of athletes; instead, they were heavy, skinny girls trying to fit into their size zero jeans.

Thanks to the Rec Center, you don't have to wear tanks to work out. Now, if only they would do something about the girls. I go to the gym to sweat. I do not go to the gym so guys can read "Cal Poly" scrolled across my XS shorts. They should impose a minimum length on all shorts.

This brings me to the guys that are at the gym to seemingly just walk around and check out the women. They walk back and forth between the two weight rooms without ever breaking a sweat.

Even if you are one of the few people that are able to get in shape enough to enter the gym, it is a waste of time to see the equipment. It was riding a stationary bike the other day and a girl got on the one next to me. She just sat there hitting all the buttons on the screen. Finally, I told her that she had to start pedaling for the machine to start. She looked so embarrassed and avoided eye contact with me as she mumbled "thanks" under her breath.

So not only do you have to get the courage to actually go in the gym, but there's the curious factor of those machines that have little to no directions and look like possible torture devices.

I started going to the gym recently and I'm actually enjoying it. It took me 20 years, but I realized this is the body I have and all the running I have wishing in the world is just going to fit me in a size two. But it is highly unmitigating to be on the same track as a girl who looks like the poster child for an eating disorder as she complains to her friend about how she hasn't worked out in a few days and can see the fat building up on her waist.

I have a new appreciation for the gym, and am much less afraid. In the long run though, I would much rather spend my time in a pick-up game of soccer with real athletes and not working out next to guys who are looking for dates, fat girls so we are measuring the fat in their thighs.

Elizabeth Engelman is a Mustang Daily staff writer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Don’t think there is any reason why there should be any pressure on us because we’re not expected to go to them to amaze very many people.”

Both golfers acknowledged the team’s place in a unique position because few people are expecting them to place. They said their overall goal is to finish in the top 10 and advance to the NCAA Division I National Championship scheduled to take place June 1 to 4.

“We are in a position we should like because there is not a whole lot of attention on us and nobody is really worried about us,” Bertoni said. “Nobody really thinks we are threatening so I think that is perfect for us because there is no expectation to win, and I think we can win.”

For Wagner, this will not only be his first time playing the course, it will be his first time participating in the regional tournament. Bertoni, on the other hand, participated individually in the tournament for the past two years where he finished 16th overall his freshman year and tied for 71 last year.

“We’ve been to regions twice so I know what it is like and I know what the atmosphere is like,” Bertoni said.

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"You get out there not knowing what to expect. You don’t know where the hazard are and that can make it difficult.”

Wagner has not played the Stanford course, but Berrett played it four years ago and has a feel for the layout. His experience has led him to realize the one part of the greens. As he spoke of the course Bertoni seemed confident.

“I think the mindset should remain the same,” Bertoni said. “I
Envisioning what's beyond

Garrett Leight  
MUSTANG DAILY

To say Garrett Olson's junior season has been a success would be an understatement.

The Mustangs' left-handed ace is pitching with confidence and it's rubbing off on his teammates.

When Olson steps on the mound, the team is practically oozing with confidence, and they should be. The Mustangs have most 13 of the 17 games Olson has pitched in.

Olson has a 10-4 record and an earned run average of 2.69 with 116 strikeouts in 120 1/3 innings. Possibly Olson's most impressive statistic is his opponent's batting average, which is at .232.

Pitching coach Jerry Weinstein said that this statistic is so impressive because he's pitching against aluminum bats.

"With wooden bats you could probably take about 60 or 70 points off that average," Weinstein said.

Olson accomplished all this while being the Friday night starter, which means he's pitching against the opposing team's best pitcher every time he goes out.

He is in position to be Cal Poly's '11-time leader in career strikeouts and wins. He is second in career wins (22) as well as career strikeouts (275) and is fifth in wins for a season with 10, one short of the school record.

Although he will most likely break two of those records this year, he won't be able to be No. 1 in career wins unless he comes back for his senior season. Olson, however, said that statistics don't mean anything to him.

"It would be nice, but it's just icing on the cake," he said. "I just want to do whatever it takes for me to go out there and get outs."

Due to the recognition that the Mustangs have gotten this year and Olson's stellar season performance, Olson is expected to be one of the top draft picks in the 2005 MLB draft held June 7 to 8.

Weinstein expects Olson to be drafted somewhere in the first four rounds of the 50-round draft. Coach Larry Lee expects the same and that Olson won't be back for his senior year.

Neither Olson nor his parents has confirmed this. In fact, Olson says his education is important to him and he would like to graduate, but the opportunity to play professional baseball is his main goal.

"When I first came here I was more of a student-athlete. Now, I'm definitely more athlete-student," Olson said. "I'm not sure what my plans for next year are, but I think that about when the time comes."

For now, Olson says his team's performance is what matters most.

"It looks like we're going to get a shot at Regionals this year, and I think we have what it takes to go all the way," Olson said.

Gaining control

Weinstein said that what makes Olson so great is his command.

"He has a power breaking ball and a lively fastball," Weinstein said. "He's right there with the best guys I've been involved with."

Weinstein has coached for 40 years with organizations such as the Dodgers, Brewers, Cubs and Expos.

"Coming from him that's a big compliment," Olson said. "He has really taught me a lot and helped me become the pitcher I am today."

Weinstein compares Olson to Dodgers ace pitcher Odalis Perez.

"It's a huge compliment," Olson said. "He's an extremely accomplished pitcher."

As a kid, Olson tried to model himself after Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine. Olson said he would try to dissect the plate as they would. He would throw as many strikes as possible, but now with power pitches he has the ability to control bats.

Mustangs senior catcher Kyle Blumenthal said that Olson is in more control of the game than any pitcher he has caught for.

"He knows what he is going to do for each batter," Blumenthal said. "He's relaxed and confident with his stuff."

Blumenthal added that all of his pitches are good, but his curveball is his go-to pitch.

"It's his out pitch, when it's going good it's practically unhittable," Blumenthal said.

Erick Smith  
MUSTANG DAILY

Two versions of the same West Regionals

Top-level competition is not new for the Cal Poly men's golf team. For two Mustangs, the opportunity to take part in this weekend's NCAA West Region tournament provides two different perspectives.

Junior Travis Bertoni and sophomore Brycen Wagner's diverse tournament experiences offer a little insight as to why they feel differing levels of pressure. While Wagner expresses apprehension for the new tournament experience, Bertoni said he considers this just an other tournament with the exception that it's against the best teams.

Bertoni will lead the No.19-seed Mustangs into the 27-team field held at Stanford Golf Course. He is a two-time Big West Collier of the Year, was this year's Big West Champion and is the No. 5-ranked golfer in the nation, according to the Golfstat.com standings.

Currently for the season, Bertoni holds a 70.66 shot per round average, has won three tournaments, coming in second in two and third in another. He was also selected to be a member of the 2005 USA Japan Collegiate Golf Championship.

Wagner will take his 75.1 strokes per round average and his one top 20

It will be Brycen Wagner's first time playing the Stanford Golf Course when Cal Poly heads to West Regionals.

Playing at Stanford will be fun because it is an experience to play a new course, but that also makes it stressful. Playing at Stanford will be fun because it is an experience to play a new course, but that also makes it stressful.