ROTC Vandalized

I will never accept defeat
I will never quit
I will never leave a fallen

Students and ASI not on same page, survey says

Erick Smith

The first part of this two-part series focuses on a survey of ASI from the student perspective.

Associated Students Inc., a student-based program funded by student fees is not entirely understood by the student community, a recent survey found.

In a small field survey of nine Cal Poly students, results came back showing that five of the nine were unsure about what ASI does and how it helps students. Of those students who understood ASI's contributions to the campus, most either participated within ASI or had dealt with the program by way of club support.

One student who knew how ASI helped students was art and design junior Diana Madsen who served on the ASI executive staff two years ago. Having been part of the organization, she said students must understand it is a corporation for students, by students. Students are not entirely aware of everything within the program because ASI fails to explain what it does and what students expect.

Architectural engineering senior and ASI Vice President Tyler Middlestadt echoed part of Madsen's statement when he was approached about students lack of understanding as to what ASI offers.

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Students thinking about afterlife in recent survey

Elizabeth Engelsman

In a survey put out by Campus Crusade for Christ where approximately 3,000 students where questioned, 79 percent responded by saying they believe in an afterlife.

"I was excited for the idea for students to start discussions about the afterlife," agribusiness senior Jonnalee Henderson. "People tend to ignore the subject and put it off for later in life but college is really the perfect time to talk about it."

The survey was written by Brian Weins and Caitlin Dizinno, and consisted of nine questions ranging from yes or no format to multiple choice.

The last question was open-ended and asked, "If you knew that in two weeks you would be confronted with death, how then would you live out the next two weeks?"

Most of the answers focused on family but others were inventive.

"Charge my credit card," and "Assassinate President Bush and then flee the country" were two responses.

To get people interested in the topic, Campus Crusade first put large boards on Dexter Lawn and in the University Union to get people thinking about what they believe. The question asked, "Where will you be in 10,000 years?"

Answers ranged from "Sitting in Heaven" to "Sti11 at Cal Poly."

"Our society along with more specifically our generation, tends to stagnate death and what happens after," said Crusade, page 2

Saddle up at Swanton Ranch

Megan Alpers

A group of students will experience a working cattle ranch first-hand this summer, thanks to a program created in 1987 by Cal Poly alumnus Al Smith.

Smith, creator of the Orchard Supply Hardware chain, graduated in the 1940's with a degree in crop science and then returned years later to obtain a teaching credential in agricultural education.

For more than 40 years, Smith bought parcels of land 12 miles north of Santa Cruz, which eventually became the 3,200-acre Swanton Pacific Ranch with irrigated farmland, forests and grazing land for cattle.

Smith believed that hands-on experience was irreplaceable to students, and worked with Cal Poly to create the program.

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"The door is always open for students to come in and make suggestions about how to improve student life on campus," Middlestadt said.

Middlestadt, who was elected as next year's ASI president, also said he hopes that during his term he can empower the students to have their voices heard on campus. He acknowledged that over the past year, only 10 to 15 students approached him during the year to ask for help regarding ways ASI could better serve the student community.

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ROTC continued from page 1 or drinking.
Another target taken aim at by those who wrote on the posters was the casualties of Iraqi citizens, mainly women and children which have come as a result of the war. One reference was made, on a poster showing the head of Jesus, which said: "Do loots kill Iraqi babies, like you?" Yet, on another poster to continue with the theme of casualties resulting from war, the vandal added to the phrase "I will never quit" by writing "killing" in the margin. While on the following line, a revised phrase was created to say, "I will never leave a fallen citizen."
Of the vandalism Weeks’ said: "This doesn’t make a political statement valid. People should do things and use proper channels such as voting if they want to make a point or see change.”
Opinions of other members of the staff seemed to concur with that of Weeks in it seemed universal that the officer’s support people used their rights to protest the war, however they do not support vandalism as a way to protest.
"Everybody has the right to make any political statement but I wish they would not destroy property when they making that statement," Maj. Russell Clark said.

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opportunities for internships and clan trips to the ranch.
Since the program began, hundreds of students from various majors have benefited from Smith’s dream to see this place kept intact and natural, a lab and a classroom for the College of Agriculture for ‘Learn-by-Doing’.
When Smith died in 1993, he left the ranch to Cal Poly in his will. This summer, students will live on the ranch full-time and do everything from vaccinating cattle to building fences.
Currently, there are two herds of cattle on the ranch. Earlier this year a group of 500 steers and heifers arrived at the Swanton Pacific from Hawaii to stay for five months, and another herd of cows on the ranch are used for breeding.
"We have a herd of 40 cows that stay on the ranch year-round," said Jonathan Beckett of the animal science department. "Students work on projects around the ranch, doing everything from rotating the cattle between pastures to water development."
"The cattle are kept in large pastures overlooking the Pacific Ocean. "It is a beautiful ranch," said Wendy Bruce, an animal science junior who worked on enterprises for two quarters last year. "There are not that many times when you have the opportunity to gather cattle near the ocean."
Marc Kooman recently finished an internship and enterprise on the ranch, and said he would "go back in a heartbeat."
"Any major that could be connected to the ranch could benefit from going there, whether it be just on weekends or an internship," Kooman said. "It is one of the more beneficial things you can get out of Cal Poly."
As part of her internship, Kooman lived in the ranch’s bunkhouse for a quarter and worked six days a week. "It is a manual labor," she said. "I am completely sunburned and wind-beaten, but I loved every day of it.
"Besides the cattle operations, students from various majors participate in organic farming and harvesting redwood trees.
Every year, forestry and natural resource majors trek to the ranch for tree harvesting and replanting in order to maintain a sustainable resource.
According to the ranch’s Web site, every year more than 20 classes visit the ranch on field trips, and campus clubs use the facilities for retreats.
Beckett said the Swanton Pacific was a great opportunity for students, regardless of major.
"I wish all Cal Poly students took the opportunity to visit the ranch," he said.

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perspective on campus and community issues, Middelstadt said.
In some aspects it does appear that ASI has enlightened some students to the potential assistance ASI has to offer the student community. Civil engineering senior Matt Arellano said he was unaware of what ASI could offer students until the swing club, which he is a member of, received financial support totaling close to $2,000.
"The help is there if you ask for it but people don’t know that," Arellano said. "The money is there for the taking."
The results of the random field survey appeared to demonstrate a disconnect between the students and the student government which Middelstadt said could be bridged by students who are willing to serve on any of the 45-50 open executive staff seats to serve as student representatives.
In the second part of this two-part series, the political and structural side of ASI will be described ranging from how student fees are distributed through the ASI budgets and also who is ASI reports to whom.

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What I Did This Summer...
STATE NEWS

LOS ANGELES — The mystery of who gunned down Notorious B.I.G. — and why — has frustrated and fascinated the hip-hop world for eight years.

With FBI and police investigations falling to net even a suspect, a swirl of theories implicated corrupt cops, gang bangers, hin tacular bers — or all three at once. None have been provable, so far.

The case finally is in court, as a wrongful death lawsuit filed by The New York rapper's family against the city of Los Angeles and its police department. On Tuesday, a nine-person jury was selected. The panel is expected to at least get a peek inside the so-called murder book, showing whom the Los Angeles Police Department interviewed and which leads were followed.

Both sides also presented opening statements, and B.I.G.'s mother Voletta Wallace dabbed at her eyes with a tissue as an attorney recounted the night of her son's death.

SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc. CEO Eric Schmidt on Tuesday denied recent media and analyst reports that the online search engine leader is gearing up to compete directly with eBay Inc.'s pioneering PayPal service, although he acknowledged some kind of electronic payment product is in the works.

Although he declined to provide any details about the project, Schmidt made it clear it won't trespass on PayPal's turf.

““We do not intend to offer a person-to-person, stored-value payment system,” Schmidt said during an interview with The Associated Press.

—Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

PHILADELPHIA, Miss. — Forty-one years to the day after three civil rights workers were beaten and shot to death, an 80-year-old former Ku Klux Klansman was found guilty of manslaughter Tuesday in a trial that marked Mississippi's latest attempt to atone for its bloodstained racial past.

The jury of nine whites and three blacks took less than six hours to clear Edgar Ray Killen of murder but convict him of the lesser charges in the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

WASHINGTON — Under fire from Republicans and some fellow Democrats, Sen. Dick Durbin apologized Tuesday for comparing American interrogators at the Guantanamo Bay prison camp to Nazi and other historically infamous figures.

“Some may believe that my remarks crossed the line,” the Illinois Democrat said. “To them I extend my heartfelt apologies.”

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said Tuesday he would keep pressing for a vote on an amended U.N. nominee John Bolton's confirmation after President Bush insisted that throwing the towel was not an option.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas failed Tuesday to resolve a dispute over the term "couch potato" as a "person who spends leisure time passively or idly sitting around, especially watching television or video tapes."

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—Associated Press

OTHER NEWS

LONDON — British potato farmers are getting steamed over the use of the term "couch potato," a popular phrase.

A group of about 30 farmers demonstrated outside Parliament Monday to publicize their bid to remove the term from the Oxford English Dictionary, arguing that the description of dothy TV addicts harms the tuber's image.

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The search for the magical green fairy

Absinthe may make a comeback as more college students search for a better buzz

Cory Harris

Anyone who has seen the movie “Ennio Trip” knows about the green fairy and the ever-magical alcoholic drink absinthe. But the question is: Does this mysterious drink actually bring the hallucinations and wonderous dissolutions that the alcohol says it does?

According to an online buyers guide for absinthe, the alcohol grew in popularity in the late 19th century among artists and writers. Some of the frequent users of absinthe were Pablo Picasso, Vincent Van Gogh and Edgar Allen Poe. The absinthe buyer’s guide goes into further detail on how popular the drink was a few centuries ago.

In France, it was as popular as wine, and in the cafés of Paris, the cocktail hour became known as “L’Heure Verte” or “The Green Hour.”

The drink soon lost its luster, however, in 1915 when France put a ban on the drink. According to www.fevertree.net, a Web site devoted solely to absinthe, one French politician who supported the ban claimed that if absinthe remained legal, half the population would eventually be in straight jackets.

While it is illegal to sell the vibrant green alcoholic in the United States — the FDA has determined this substance “has arduous” many people are going abroad to import the drink, which provides a level of clarity not usually associated with alcoholic drinks.

Bobby Latinos, a city and regional planning junior, has tasted absinthe, but was o t impressed. “It’s all just overrated,” Latino said. “It’s like a really powerful liquor, but I did not see any green fairy.”

However, if a visitor from the fairy doesn’t occur, excessive drinking of absinthe will surely make drinkers go projectile-wild on the porcelain throne as it typically comes 136 proof.

Mike Holan, an accounting and finance sophomore, traveled to Israel and tasted a knock-off drink similar to absinthe.

“Everywhere you go, there is real absinthe and fake absinthe,” Holan said. “The stuff I drank tasted like Jagermeister and kind of sweet.” But I didn’t get really drunk off it.”

While absinthe may be a common illegal alcoholic liquor, there are other drinks out there that have intrigued the adventurous alcoholic.

Eric Galas, an information technology junior, has not tried absinthe, but traveled to Mexico and tasted a similar mind-altering drink called Mescal.

Mescal is a mixture of tequila and mezcaline, a naturally occurring hallucinogen that is found in the peyote cactus.

Galas said he found the drink to be high-light enlightening. “It’s more like a spiritual drink with the whole preparation of it,” Galas said. “Mescal was really hard for me to find down there though.”

With many college students pushing to find new and exciting ways to party, absinthe and other exotic drinks will likely continue growing in popularity.

The ‘longest’ laugh-fest

Adam Sandler and team deliver a major hit in a remake of a 70s classic

Amanda Strachan

The newly released film “The Longest Yard” carries the usual trademarks one would expect from actor/pro­ducer Adam Sandler. Sandler, probably best known for his goofy role in the movie “The Waterboy,” tried some­thing different with “The Longest Yard.” Sandler changed his style slightly to deliver a comical, but straight-faced performance reminiscent of his role in “Big Daddy.” The result: a funny film less focused on the comic ability of Sandler and more focused on the humor of the movie in its own right.

For good reason, “The Longest Yard” has a great sup­porting cast of big name stars including Chris Rock, Butch Reynolds and Nelly.

However, though popular names were among the line-up, the whole cast is made up of supporting actors who, although not “super stars” themselves, lend a lot to the humor of the film.

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Garrett Leight

If there were ever an essential album — an album any music lover couldn’t leave home without — it would be “Burnin’” by Bob Marley and The Wallers. The Wallers formed in Kingston, Jamaica in 1963 and were primarily a vocal group. The group, which consisted of Bob Marley, Winston McIntosh (Peter Tosh) and Neville Livingston (Bunny Wailer) — stack together.

By the early 70s, the trio began to incorporate more instruments into their sound, and added brother

new members. Keyboardist Bernard “Bouter” Harvey and lead guitarist Al Anderson joined, along with backing vocals by the I-Thieves (Marcia Griffiths, Rita Marley and Judy Mowatt).

“Burnin’” was released in November 1973 and was the second album for Marley and The Wallers on the Island label. The album was the last from the trio as Tosh and Bunny were unwilling to reach out to listeners beyond Jamaica.

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SLO Mardi Gras response still wrong

Students in CSU campuses around the state are outraged at State Sen. Abel Maldonado's proposed riot bill. The bill is so controversial towards student; media organizations like MTV news have picked up the story.

Senate Bill 337 threatens to expel students who are found guilty of rioting or participating in "riot-related crimes." The bill was written largely in response to San Luis Obispo Mardi Gras celebration in 2004, and its implications are huge.

This alarming legislation poses a serious threat to students' rights. Many of the bill's terms are broad, and border on infringement of the First Amendment. A number of the provisions are "frequently associated with expressive speech and process for denial of access to higher education ..." said Ravi Poorsina, spokesperson for the UC Office of the President, in a previous statement to University of California Los Angeles' s Daily Bruin.

As students, we value the right to free speech and the right to assemble. While not even students debate the problem caused by Mardi Gras in 2004, this year's celebration was vastly different. Students might like to party, but we know when to quit.

Mardi Gras took place. His bill is an obvious effort to gain greater political esteem at the expense of students' rights. Maldonado is taking the low road by highlighting problems in our community, and essentially slapping a Band-Aid on them. Not the best way to solve problems.

As Cal Poly students, SB 337 is an affront to us more than anyone else in California. We were the ones celebrating in the streets during the riot last year. Yes, some students got out of control. But a law that mandates their expulsion is unjust. If passed, this bill will only result in more problems between students and authorities.

Kevin Oato is the Summer Mustang managing editor

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Did you dream of being a big league baseball player? Then you've probably heard of the late Ernie 'Big West' Banks.

Today's answer: Ernie Banks

The 2005 draft represents the largest draft class from the Big West in the history of the conference, with 44 players drafted in the 52 rounds of the draft, according to the 2005 MLB Big West draft report.

For these five Mustang athletes the 2005 Major League Baseball Draft represented the beginning of the fulfillment of a dream, a dream dreamt by many, but one that only rarely becomes a reality.
**SPORTS**

**COMMENTS**

**Pitchers take precedence in '05 draft**

Erick Smith

The dust has started to settle within the Big West baseball ranks after a record 44 players were selected from the conference during the month.

This year, the players in the Big West sent a message saying the conference's talent depth is more akin to that of the Great Lakes than the shallows of Lake Loper. It appears as if general managers from across baseball looked toward the Big West and recognized the conference as a whole can produce quality ballplayers.

It was early during this past baseball season, in a conversation I had with Mustangs' coach Larry Lee, when Lee said he felt the Big West was one of the toughest conferences in collegiate baseball and it was his opinion that at least three teams would make the regional tournament. It is a shame that Lee could not be right on both accounts since the Mustangs were snubbed from receiving a bid to the regional tournament, although his words about the Big West's level of play seemed prophetic.

Erick Smith's representation in the draft would not surprise those who saw the Mustangs play this season. Leading each weekend series were the Mustangs' two workhorse pitchers, southpaw Garrett Olson and right handed starter Jimmy Shull, who put up two strong games against division rivals Fullerton and Long Beach; Shull was on the winning side of both contests.

Overall, it seemed the major league teams warmed to the top left-handed arms in the Big West and understandably so, since it was from the southpaws of Fullerton's Ricky Romero, Long Beach's Cesar Ramos and Olson which Friday night usually meant trouble for opposing clubs having to face a member of that trio. In grouping these three ballplayers statistics not only that they each was selected in the first round of the draft but also that they combined for an overall ERA while having an amazing 355 strikeout to 96 walk ratio.

Pitching is essential to winning ballgames, any player or coach will tell you that, and these three guys could flat out pitch. It seemed that philosophy was alive and well within the war rooms of the 32 MLB clubs because of the 44 Big West players drafted, 20 were pitchers.

The value of a strong arm can carry a team far into the post season; simply look at last year's display provided by Boston Red Sox starter Curt Schilling. Pitching a game's pace and can just baffle and rattle the bats of a great hitting club which might be the reason for the arm importance.

Every time you watch a pitcher's demeanor it is special, even when taking place, because in this era of home-run and power, to watch a pitcher

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**DRAFT FRENZY**

Chris Gunn

Throughout the childhoods of ball players around the country and the world dreams of the big leagues are just that, dreams. But for five Cal Poly baseball players what was a dream has become a reality.

Garrett Olson, Jimmy Shull, Brandon Roberts, Kyle Blumenthal and Bert Berglund were all chosen during 2005 Major League Baseball Draft.

Olson, a junior southpaw, was chosen as the 48th pick in the first round by the Colorado Rockies. During the 2005 season Olson was a third-team Louisville Slugger NCAA Division I All-American. Olson went 8-7 with a 2.77 ERA while having an amazing 355 strikeout to 96 walk ratio.

**Cal Poly students and rodeo enthusiasts can expect to see more of Londo next year; he is currently in his sophomore year at Cal Poly. Cal Poly's men's team benefited from Clint Miller's fourth place finish in tie down roping, John Wiersma's sixth place finish in team roping and Clint Cooper's split for second in tie down roping in the third go around. The rodeo team finished second in the men's team standings behind Tarleton State.**

Ben Londo entered in his first rodeo when he was 9 years old. He competed in a calf riding competition and has been at it ever since.

Karen Velie

Never before, in the history of college rodeo, has a Cal Poly team captured both the men's and women's best all around titles at the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Finals.

That is, not until last week when the 2006 rodeo team descended upon the National Rodeo Finals in Casper, Wyo.

Construction management major Ben Londo claimed the all around cowboy title, while agriculturist business major Marcey Teixeira won the all around cowgirl title.

They are the best of the best; National Champions; the premier all around college rodeo contestants.

Teixeira finished fifth in barrel racing (57.74 seconds in four runs) and split seventh in the first round of breakaway roping. She was awarded a trophy saddle.

Londo took first place in bareback riding (310 seconds in four runs) and third place in saddle bronc riding (294 seconds in four runs). He was awarded two trophy saddles.

His father, Ned Londo, was a national intercollegiate saddle bronc champion when he attended Cal Poly. He went on to make it to four professional National Rodeo Finals. He watched on as his son became a national champion.

"I was more nervous then if I had been competing myself," Ned Londo said. "It got as rough as it gets."

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Olson and Shull represented a dynamic duo for the Mustangs, assuming 20 wins between the two of them.

In addition to the dynamic pitching combination of Olson and Shull, the Mustangs were anchored by strong offensive and defensive performances from the other drafters this season.

As the 212th pick, the Mustangs chose the 2005 All-Big West Conference in wins (32), innings Pitched (136), and starts (19) while leading the team and finishing second in conference in strikeouts (128).

The second Mustang taken in the draft was Shull, selected in the fourth round by the Oakland Athletics as the 131st pick overall.

This season, Shull recorded a record of 8-7 with a 4.41 ERA as a senior. His season however was made during the final weeks of the season in which he was 5-0 with wins over Cal State Fullerton, Long beach State and

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Blumenthal, a senior catcher, was taken by the Colorado Rockies in the 14th round. During his senior year with the Mustangs, Blumenthal led the Big West Conference in batting Average (.410) and on-base percentage (.434).

Blumenthal was also selected as a third-team Louisville Slugger NCAA Division I All-American for his efforts behind the plate offensively and defensively for the Mustangs in 2005.

Finally Burglund, the Mustang's first baseman, was selected in the 16th round by the Colorado Rockies. During the 2005 season he held a respectable .272 batting average while hitting five home runs.

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