City of SLO will take part in WOW’s Preface program

Rebecca Laman
MUSTANG DAILY

For the first time, Preface, Cal Poly’s Shared Reading Program, is inviting the San Luis Obispo community to join incoming students for a common intellectual experience. Since 2002, Preface has asked incoming freshmen and transfer students to read a pre-selected book as part of their college-orientation experience. The students then review and discuss the book during Cal Poly’s annual Week of Welcome with the help of volunteer discussion facilitators. This year, the book will be “The Kite Runner” by Khaled Hosseini. Preface is joining forces with the San Luis Obispo County-City Library to recruit and train community volunteers for the new joint program, which will include two off-campus discussion sessions designed specifically for community members.

The SLO City Reads discussion groups for the community will take place at noon and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21. The program also includes a free public reading and presentation by the author on Thursday, Oct. 20 in the Performing Arts Center’s Christopher Cohan Center.

San Luis Obispo Mayor Dave Romero said any relationship that involves cooperation between the library, university and city to encourage people to read is bound to be beneficial.

“Although our town and community relationship is excellent in San Luis Obispo, the collaboration between the university and the city will serve to make the relationship even better,” Romero said.

Patricia Ponce, the Cal Poly Preface coordinator, encourages those interested to pick up a copy of the book and dive in.

“Taking part in Preface and SLO City Reads will reward you with a wonderful shared intellectual experience and the opportunity to hear first-hand stories from a fascinating and engaging author who writes about Afghanistan — a current topic for all Americans,” Ponce said.

Ponce said the members who take advantage of the program are able to hear other points of view and share their own perspectives.

“This kind of engagement enhances our understanding of one another, strengthens our sense of community and also provides a source of mental pleasure,” Ponce said.

About “The Kite Runner” and Khaled Hosseini


Title: Kite Runner

Author: Khaled Hosseini

Genre: Fiction

Setting: Afghanistan

Characters:
- Amir
- Hassan
- Baba
- Sadiq
- Ali

Summary: The novel tells the story of Amir, a young boy in Afghanistan, and his relationship with Hassan, a member of the Hazara minority. Amir is haunted by the memory of a childhood event that forced him to flee Afghanistan with his father. Years later, he returns to Afghanistan to reconcile with Hassan and find closure.

Themes: Family, Identity, Forgiveness, Revenge, War

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From left to right, Cal Poly students Matt Gray, Ryan Mose, Paul Tabone and Colin Yamaska make up the group Men-So Forte, a barbershop quartet currently ranked fourth worldwide. To listen to some of their songs, visit www.harmonize.com/mensoforte/.

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"We really believe in the learn by doing approach," said K. Richard Zwiefel, associate dean for CAMD. "Both programs give students the opportunity to work in an environment suitable for an architect. Upper division students are given 24-hour access to permanent lab stations that serve as offices. Faculty also plays a large role in the students' ability to function in complex situations. "Within the constraints of state funding, we have managed to attract additional funding, we have managed to attract outstanding professionals," Jones said. "We have a great combination of very well-engaged and seasoned faculty." Zweifel said. "Each one of them has vast experience in their field and through them the students learn a broad range of disciplines." Throughout the five-year undergraduate degree, students gain exposure to more than just their area of interest. The CAED has five majors and each student is required to take classes from each discipline. The areas include architectural engineering, architecture, city and regional planning, construction management, and landscape architecture. According to Zweifel, the departments have made it a priority to "keep in touch with contemporary practices," and to find field, while leading the way in other areas such as sustainability, which is the balance between quality and cost-effectiveness.

Khaled’s family was granted political asylum in the United States and the Hosseinis lived on welfare and food stamps for a short time. Khaled attended Santa Clara University and graduated from UC San Diego School of Medicine. Hossein's first love has always been writing.

Ruehr
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"It was just great knowing that everything was taken care of," said Tonya Iversen, Director of Children's Programs for ASI, who has worked as Ruehr's supervisor for 14 years. "I never had to worry about anything or give it a second thought. Evelyn was wonderful to work with." Ruehr truly cared about the children and believed that the ways she could guide them would change their future. "She would lead cooking activities in the classroom and bring in exotic fruit for them to try," Iversen said. "She really wanted to teach them to try new things so that later in life they would expand their horizons in many other ways." Ruehr developed many lesson plans and menus, always adjusting to what the children needed. "I would never leave anything the same for too long," Ruehr said. I was constantly improving and changing recipes and lessons for the children." This ability to evolve with the needs of the children, while teaching them in ways they enjoyed influencing them far beyond the classroom.

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**STATE NEWS**

**YORBA LINDA** — Southern California firefighters battled wildland blazes in Orange County and in the San Bernardino National Forest on Tuesday. The Orange County blaze spread over 120 acres of grassland near Chino Hills State Park, said Polly Bouwen, a spokeswoman for the county Fire Authority. The fire was reported shortly after 2 p.m. and the cause was unknown.

**SACRAMENTO** — A state senator investigating a controversial California National Guard intelligence program said Tuesday he will subpoena the supervising colonel and his computer, after learning the colonel retired out of state and his computer hard drive may have been erased. "The Guard has given us no choice but to seek subpoenas with the full weight of California state government behind it," said Sen. Joe Dunn, D-D-Garden Grove. The Senate Rules Committee could act on the subpoenas as early as Wednesday.

**LOS ANGELES** — A man and woman were indicted on federal charges of prostituting two girls, officials said Tuesday. A federal grand jury returned a nine-count indictment June 29 against Juan Rico Doss, 36, of Reno, Nev., and Jacqueline Quin Ford, 26, of Sacramento. The indictment alleged that Doss and Ford prostituted the girls, ages 14 and 16, in California and Reno during the first two weeks of May. Doss was in federal custody in Nevada after his arrest Friday on an alleged parole violation. Ford was arrested on unrelated charges Friday by authorities in Sacramento.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho** — An abducted 8-year-old girl told authorities that a violent sexual predator tied up her family before he and her 9-year-old brother were taken away in a pickup truck, according to court papers released Tuesday. The affidavit makes no mention of the savage beating deaths of the children's mother, older brother and mother's boyfriend, or whether the girl witnessed the killings.

**WASHINGTON** — The Supreme Court retirement watch is far from over. After Sandra Day O'Connor's surprise announcement last week, the attention is focused again on ailing Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and the prospect of a unanimous high court opening for the first time in 34 years. President Bush, who is traveling in Europe this week, plans to focus on a handful of prospective replacements for O'Connor over the next few weeks, an aide said Tuesday. That gives Rehnquist more time to ponder his future.

**BURLINGTON, Ky.** — A judge granted preliminary approval Tuesday to the nation's largest settlement in the church abuse scandal. The settlement in the church abuse scandal in Kentucky will crack down on any further molestation and authorize a $120 million agreement between the Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington and hundreds of victims of child-molesting priests and other employees. The decision by Judge John W. Potter makes immediately available $40 million from diocese assets. The victims and the diocese are suing two insurance companies for the remaining $80 million.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Gunmen ambushed two more top diplomats from Muslim countries Tuesday in apparent kidnap bids that seemed aimed at scaring off foreign governments and isolating Iraq from the Arab world. Pakistan responded by announcing the withdrawal of its ambassador. The attacks, targeting diplomats from Bahrain as well as Pakistan, came three days after gunmen seized Egypt's top envoy to Iraq as he was buying a newspaper in the capital. The Egyptian envoy is still being held.

**EDINBURGH, Scotland** — Activists kept up pressure on leaders of the world's richest nations Tuesday to lift Africa out of poverty, but Britain's Treasury chief said those who believe human misery can be eliminated "with the stroke of a pen" may be disappointed by the results of this week's G-8 summit. As Irish singer Bob Geldof energized by his Live 8 concern's success — joined the demonstrators in Scotland, police warned they will crack down on any further violence by anarchists and others bent on spoiling the summit. About 100 arrested during clashes a day earlier appeared in court Tuesday.

**ORANJESTAD, Aruba** — The mother of a U.S. teen who disappeared in Aruba made a tearful plea Tuesday for countries to deny asylum to two brothers she accused of a violent crime against her daughter after a court released them from jail.

An Aruban court on Monday released the two Surinamese brothers who had been held since June 9 along with the 17-year-old son of a high-ranking justice official in Aruba. The three were the last people seen with 18-year-old Natalee Holloway the night of May 30, when she disappeared near the end of a vacation with classmates to celebrate their high school graduation.

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**ASSOCIATED PRESS**
The Cho show hits Poly

Margaret Cho performs at 8 p.m. Friday at Cal Poly’s Performing Arts Center. Ticket prices range from $35-$50 and can be purchased by calling 756-2787.

Jennifer Gongaware
MUTING DIAK

Activist and stand-up comedian Margaret Cho will perform at Cal Poly’s Performing Arts Center on Friday. This event marks the end of her “Assassin” tour, which has visited over 40 North American cities, the United Kingdom and Australia.

“Displaying a more aggressive political bent than in past shows, comic Margaret Cho scourched the right without toning down her naughty nature,” said the Chicago Tribune of her tour.

The May 14 show of the “Assassin” tour in Washington, D.C., was filmed and will premiere exclusively on the gay and lesbian premium cable network Here! this September.

“This must-see show represents Margaret’s best work yet,” said Paul Cohlmans, CEO and Founder of Here!. Friday’s event is presented by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of the Central Coast.

Cho has provided a voice for the gay and lesbian community, starting www.loveisloveislove.com, a website promoting tolerance of homosexuality and the legalization of gay marriage.

Cho has been honored by numerous organizations, ranging from the ACLU of Southern California to GLAAD and American Women in Radio and Television, among many others.

“T his is because she promotes equal rights for all through her work,” said Keri Smith, administrative assistant at Cho Taussig Productions. “Also because women are still held to different standards in terms of what they can talk about.”

In 1999, Cho’s first concert film “I’m the One That I Want” broke the record for the most money grossed per print in movie history.

The CD of her third sold-out national tour, “Revolution,” was nominated for a Grammy for the best comedy album of the year in 2003. Her comedy is sexually explicit and includes her fondness for gay men and her problems with prejudice, substance abuse and eating disorders. Her anti-Bush comments have also drawn intense fire from conservatives.

Margaret Cho could not be reached for comment.

Men-So Forte will represent Cal Poly at the International Collegiate Quartet Competition sponsored by the Barbershop Harmony Society.

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Past performances include private parties, sporting events, barbershop chapter shows, Cal Poly Choir concerts, airtime on KZOZ, KCI?-K and Barbershop Harmony Society functions and competitions.

Talbøe said that Men-So Forte selected their competition pieces in September and have been rehearsing them since. In preparation, the group had many recording sessions and multiple practices with coaches in Los Angeles who have helped with their vocals and sound quality.

“We’ve working with an incredible coach and he’s got us into the right mindset and moving to the next level,” Tabone said.

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Property in jeopardy of government takeover

David Thigpen
Daily Mustang

OXFORD, Miss. — On June 23, the Supreme Court ruled that local governments can take privately owned property through eminent domain for private developments, so long as doing so would provide appreciable benefits to the community.

This is a small part of a gradual government encroachment on the rights of Americans by the government that has been going on for long time. You can see examples of this in states like Washington, California, New York and other states where they have taken away the basic freedoms that Americans should be able to freely enjoy.

People who own land in Washington have had to put up with gradual government encroachment on what they can do on their own land. This is done through critical areas ordinances that are all justified by what the bureaucrats call the "best available science.

These ordinances take away a person's right to do what they want with their property by limiting things like the number of trees they can cut.

Doesn't it seem hypocritical that the Supreme Court used a created right to privacy, which is never mentioned in the Constitution or in amendments, to strike down a law against sodomy, but won't allow that same person, who committed the act of sodomy, to cut down a tree because of some ordinance?

Other ordinances that limit a person's freedoms can be found in New York, California and parts of the rest of the country, which are going up to stop people from smoking in public places, including bars, because of the harmful effects of using tobacco products and inhaling secondhand smoke.

Yes, smoking is bad for you, but what ever happened to the freedom of choice? If someone wants to smoke a cigarette in an outdoor public area, why should it be a big deal? There is plenty of space for those who don't smoke to go.

The funny thing is that the people who are for passing restrictions on how many trees you can cut or where you can smoke, hate Republicans for legislating morals, when they are doing the exact same thing.

It would be unfair to say that just the Democrats or just the Republicans are at fault for the gradual loss of rights, because, after all, the Republicans were responsible for the Patriot Act.

Hopefully, the Supreme Court's ruling was a big enough shock to the lawmakers that it will force them to place tighter restrictions on the government's encroachment on Americans' privacy rights, because one worry is that the Supreme Court has given local governments too much power to take land away from the people who own it.

Commentary

Ivy tower gibberish? No.

Kye Ho Youn
Oregon Daily Emerald

EUGENE, Ore. — Suppose the Oregon Daily Emerald, the University of Oregon's student newspaper, is in trouble financially and thus depends on funding from the university administration.

Although its editorial decision-making remains the responsibility of student editors, the paper is no longer a public forum. But in its editorial resolve to publish this paper as the "independent" campus newspaper.

When the Emerald publishes news stories and letters to the editor that are critical of the university facility and administration, the university president tries unsuccessfully to publish his reply.

He now considers banning publication of any stories and letters to the editor that are critical of the university facility and administration, the university president tries unsuccessfully to publish his reply.

In this so-far-fetched a hypothetical scenario as to be dismissed as ivory-tower gibberish on First Amendment law? Probably not.

When it comes to their ever-shrinking freedoms, college newspapers are less different from high school newspapers than ever before. As the full panel of the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals stated last week, college newspapers, if subsidized and not a public forum, may be regulated the way school-sponsored expense activities are at elementary and secondary schools.

The federal appeals court held that "there is no sharp difference between high school and college papers." Yet Judge Frank H. Easterbrook's opinion for the court is devoid of thought. Easterbrook claims that the maturity of college students, if factored here, should be no big deal because high school seniors are older than some college freshmen.

Easterbrook also notes schools' desire to ensure that the student speech that is disseminated under their auspices is of high quality and that they don't want to be associated with political controversies other than in a neutral way.

His reasoning is tellingly strained when he makes a convoluted argument: Regulation of school newspapers is a matter of academic freedom for the university administrators, which deserves judicial deference, because freedom of the campus press is subsumed into the institutional autonomy of the university.

The Seventh Circuit Court ruling, which is clearly the most constraining decision for the college press rights, counters the widely accepted view among state and federal courts that a university may not censor in student newspapers like a high school does.

And the significant but little-noticed opinion of Judge Easterbrook highlights the continuing remembrance in the freedoms of the students' speech and press since the late 1980s.

In 1988, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier that school officials can censor school-sponsored student expression, including student newspapers, if it relates to a legitimate educational objective.

Yet the federal appeals court's cavalier expansion of the Hazelwood doctrine to the college press will tempt some authoritarian college administrators to resort to their newfound weapon to control a wide range of school-funded speech activities.

Thus far, six states have passed laws to curb the Hazelwood ruling, and two other states protect student expression through their administrative codes.
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best I can against these guys," Erica Templeton said. "I'm from Arroyo Grande. It's hard competing against pros and I'm also one of only three girls out here. It gets tough because some of them are really good and really aggressive." Many of the contests from surf teams came from all over the country. Eric Templeton, 15, from Newnuny Beach, Florida, traveled throughout the year to competitions like this one.

"I miss a lot of school and do a lot of traveling," Erica Templeton, 15, said. "But my teachers know I'm a good student, so they don't really care." With the blend of teams and individuals from many different regions also comes friction from locals.

"There's a lot of tension sometimes between surfers sometimes," Thomas said. "This beach is full of people from Bakersfield and other places and a lot of us just feel like they don't know what they're doing. They get in the way."

All surfers agreed, however, that the one to two foot waves recorded on Saturday were disappointing.

"They were absolutely huge," Ryan Boreng, 24, said sarcastically. "I was definitely scored. I mean, they were at least ankle to knee high. I'm just kidding, but they really did make it hard for anyone to look good out there."

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hold a record advantage with a 40-17 record against Cal Poly since 1995.

According to the contract with Fresno State, the Mustangs will play the Bulldogs at home in 2005, and then away at Fresno State in 2006. "An important part of the renovation of our stadium is our goal to recognize and honor all of the members of the 1960 football team who perished," Cal Poly President Warren Baker said.

Cal Poly plans to create a Memorial Plaza, thereby ensuring permanent remembrance of the 1960 team members who lost their lives that evening," according to www.gopoly.com. The plaza will stand as an everlasting reminder of the players lost and will serve as a focal point for the stadium, according to Baker.
The current rendering of Mustang Stadium. Construction on the stadium will begin in August and will run throughout the fall sports seasons.