Students raise funds for education in Kenya

Tonya Strickland
MUSTANG DAILY

Broadening life perspective, supporting education and encouraging travel abroad are some of the ideals that back the Cal Poly chapter of Student World Assembly (SWA). The organization is pulling in funds to send direct aid to African schools via travelers who will document their excursion on video to show in fall 2006. “It will be an amazing experience for anyone coming from the United States,” said Vuk Pavicevic, SWA chapter president and architecture senior. “They will be able to directly help an African child; that’s huge.”

The plan is two-fold: instead of sending money through a government organization, SWA chapter members are seeking out someone who already plans to travel abroad in summer 2006, ideally to Africa. Pavicevic said, SWA will hand off seven months of fundraising efforts to that traveler who will directly give it to a designated Kenyan school. Along the way, the traveler will video tape the experience so third world images can be brought back to Cal Poly, potentially encouraging others to pursue similar ventures. “These ideas fit very well with the mission of SWA,” he said. “We support knowledge because knowledge is power.”

Vuk Pavicevic

SWA chapter president and architecture senior

— VUK PAVICEVIC

Typical primary school classrooms in Kenya are constructed with wood and sticks, one of many reasons SWA is fundraising for the children. Pavicevic said. “With every penny from fundraising efforts going to the Kenyan schools, SWA will not cover travel expenses, but may loan a camcorder to those wanting to participate,” Pavicevic said.

Laura Meredith and Diana Collins, both June 2005 Cal Poly graduates and former SWA chapter members, helped to inspire this plan – having much of it on what they learned from their travels to Africa in August. Through international networking with other SWA chapters across the globe, they met up with Wills Alada, SWA chapter president of the University of Nairobi, to aide education efforts to an orphan school there lacking essential resources.

Laura Meredith and Diana Collins

SWA chapter presidents

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The Advising Awareness Week is coming

Tiffany Dias
MUSTANG DAILY

For any Cal Poly student looking to graduate on time, pay attention. The Advising Awareness Week, Oct. 24 to 28, will include a campus-wide fair for all students to talk to their advisors and visit the Career Center and the Office of Academic Records in an attempt to help students graduate on time.

The Advising fair was created to help students understand the importance of advising and to help them get organized. The fair will also encourage students to take advantage of all of the advising services provided on campus, according to a press release issued by Cal Poly Public Affairs. “We hope students will be more informed about the resources on campus,” said Kristi Weddige, an academic advisor and health professions advisor. “The ultimate goal of the fair is for students to be better informed and take a proactive stance on their education.”

— KRISTI WEDDIGE
Academic and health professions advisor

The theme of the academic fair is "See an Advisor — Graduate on Time" and is sponsored by the Academic Advising Council, a committee that also advises the provost. The council also received support from Advisement, a group of staff, faculty and advisors.

The fair, scheduled for Oct. 27, will be held in the Chumash
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Agriculture on Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon in University Union room 216 and at 7 p.m in Sierra Madre.

To find out what to do with a chosen major, students should visit the Career Services Center. They will offer information on career opportunities for business, engineering, architecture, environmental design, science, math, agriculture, liberal arts and education on Oct. 24 to 26, in UU room 219.

For seniors who need to check their graduation requirements, Cindy Jelinek, Director of the College of Science and Mathematics Advising Center, will offer a check list on Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the University Union room 216.

For a complete schedule of events, please visit www.advising.calpoly.edu/AAdvising/index.htm.

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tual school supplies including books, pencils, pens, paper, chalk and lessons in English or Swahili, Collins said.

"Laura, Willis and I planted mango and avocado trees at the school during our visit to help with development," she said.

In describing the orphan school set up, Meredith said the characteristics represent some of the potential schools SWA may plan to aide. She said the school is very basic, lacking windows and doors. One structure has been built while the foundation has been laid for other buildings. However, further development is delayed because of the steep costs of cement and roofing in Africa.

"The main classroom is basically a bunch of bricks stacked up to a corrugated iron roof," Meredith said. "I'd say it's comparable to half the size of one of my elementary school classrooms at home except there are roughly 50 to 60 children on the floor." She also said the people who organize the school show true commitment to its development. "They sacrifice a lot when they don't have a lot to sacrifice," Meredith said.

The funds generated from the Cal Poly SWA chapter could either be used to assist in the building of primary schools, which provide free tuition under government programs, or to cover tuition to individual students with the desire to attend secondary schools, Pavicevic said.

"People are very passionate about education — the desire to become educated is high," he said. "But few people there can afford it." Collins said the cost of secondary schooling is close to $300 a year to attend, which is a total of four years schooling and comparable to a high school education in the United States.

"That amount of money is less in Africa than it is here," Pavicevic said.

Because of this, he said he believes that the funds collected through hosting events, selling baked goods, writing donation letters and setting up booths throughout the campus and San Luis Obispo community will be significant to bettering the lives of many children in Africa.

"Any kind of help will make a tremendous difference in their lives," Pavicevic said.

Those wishing to donate money to the Kenyan education fund or interested in traveling abroad for SWA should contact Vuk Pavicevic at vpavicevic@calpoly.edu.

Spam not deterred by law

Tonya Strickland
CAMPU.S DINING

"I often sit with the students at Light House dining hall and ask what they want out of a campus eatery," said Alan Cushman, Campus Dining's Associate Director.

Several focus groups and committees have been formed over the years, each committed to customers' satisfaction, but Cushman said that getting to know the patrons has also proved to be effective.

During spring quarter, with Garden Grille plans fresh in his mind, Cushman took a seat at a table of ten patrons and asked if they would prefer locally grown produce provided on a regular basis, as opposed to regionally grown items; nine out of ten raised their hands.

"Then when I asked if they'd pay 50 cents more per salad for Cal Poly grown produce, the same nine out of ten raised their hands again," he said.

According to the Sustainable Agricultural Resource Consortium (SARC) Web site, The Cal Poly Organic Farm consists of approximately 10 acres of land used for vegetable and fruit production and is largely student managed. "It's very important to our patrons to support Cal Poly," Cushman said.\n
He added that because green, red tomatoes and several other salad items are now being brokered from the Cal Poly Sustainable Agriculture program and other local growers to Campus Dining's Garden Grille, students have more in Africa than it is here," said Pavicevic.

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Hurricane 'Wilma' grows into most intense Atlantic storm ever

Freddy Cuevas
ASSOCIATED PRESS
SAN PEDRO SULA, Honduras — The threat of Hurricane Wilma lashed Caribbean nations on Wednesday, forcing schools to close and thousands to evacuate as it churned toward Mexico's Cancun resort and Florida after killed at least 12 people and caused millions to lose power and thousands to evacuate, according to the hurricane center. Lower pressure translates into higher wind speed.

The strongest Atlantic storm on record, based on pressure readings, had been Hurricane Gilbert in 1988, which registered 888 millibars. With heavy rain, high winds, and rough seas already pounding coastal areas, flood-prone Honduras warned that Wilma posed "an imminent threat to life and property." The country closed two Caribbean ports.

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UC Davis researchers find life-prolonging genes

Tanya Shah-Ganai & Peter Hamilton
THE DAILY BEACON (UC DAVIS)

DAVIS, Calif. — A collaboration between researchers at University of California-Davis and Harvard University resulted in the discovery of a set of genes that contain the potential to increase lifespan.

Su-li Lin, professor of microbiology for the Center for Genetics and Development, is the primary investigator for the study at UC Davis. For this research, Lin focused on longevity regulation and used yeast as a model system to identify new genes.

The main focus of Lin’s research — a gene referred to as Sir2 — is now known to reduce caloric intake in tested species, a trait that has been shown to increase the lifespan of an organism.

But specimens lacking Sir2 are still able to live longer than average, due to a different gene, called H62, which prolongs lifespan when over-expressed.

When both these genes are not present in an organism’s DNA, a third gene — Hst2 — kicks in to maximize the benefits of caloric restriction. Thus, this triplet of genes plays complementary roles in promoting caloric restriction and prolonging the onset of the effects of aging.

In yeast, signs of aging appear when certain DNA molecules get accidentally copied from a specific type of repeated DNA sequences, causing a buildup of similar genes, which is toxic.

This buildup, according to Lin, is permanently housed in the mother cell, thereby causing the risk of aging to compound with each generation. Though this characteristic has not yet been identified in more advanced organisms, similar processes come into play and the Sir2 research sheds more light on the issue.

Although mammals are not used in the research, perhaps the findings can be applied in some ways to projects at the UC Davis Cancer Center and other pathological research projects, according to Lin.

“By understanding metabolic mechanisms of longevity regulation, we can provide insight to metabolic diseases associated with aging, such as diabetes,” Lin said. “The center is different from other facilities and very open-minded.”

Other labs in the CGD focus on diverse topics not related only to microbiology, such as the applications of DNA recombinatino in reproduction and the applications of DNA methods in cancer. Much of the CGD research facility is affiliated with the UC Davis Cancer Center as well. The increasingly interdisciplinary slant of biological sciences at UC Davis is reflected by the center’s multi-departmental faculty.

“The purpose of all these facilities is to bring together new hires and promote interaction,” Lin said.

The CGD established within the College of Biological Sciences in 2000, aims to develop advanced research capabilities that can contribute to the study of biological sciences by putting more of a focus on medicine and developmental biology. Advanced methods are used to concentrate on the relationship between genes and expression potential in an organism.

In just five years, the CGD has already become a prominent establishment in the university research community. Its faculty includes recipients of the prestigious Davis Ramon Scholar Award — only five in the country are given annually — and three Research Awards from the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

Most of the center’s research focuses on the use of model organisms, such as mice and bacteria, which possess genomes that are sequenced or have the potential to be sequenced.

Some of the CGD goals include recruiting two outstanding faculty members per year, as well as qualified graduate students for research purposes. The CGD also aims to foster interaction with similar campus facilities, such as the UC Davis Medical Center, UC Davis Genomic Center and the Rome Program in Human Genetics, which researches the genetic and resulting physiological backgrounds of human disease. UC Davis receives more than $1 million per year for administrative support, equipment, and remodeling from the National Institutes of Health, and it is becoming an increasingly significant campus in molecular biology.
Body found in Sierra Nevada glacier believed to be WWII airman

Juliana Barbassa
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRUSSO — Rangers in Kings Canyon National Park and a military recovery expert on Wednesday started excavating a glacier-entombed corpse that is believed to be a World War II airman who died in 1942 plane crash.

Two ice climbers spotted a frozen head, shoulder and arm while climbing on the glacier at the side of Mount Mendel in the Sierra Nevada on Sunday, park spokeswoman Alex Picavet said. The body was 80 percent encased in ice, and still wearing an Army-issued parachute.

A crew of rangers and specialists are on the mountain side, in sub-freezing temperatures, and are ready to stay there during the entire excavation process, which is expected to last for days, Picavet said.

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The crew includes an expert from the Joint Prisoner of War Accounting Command, which recovers and identifies missing military personnel.

Park officials believe the serviceman may be a member of the crew of an AT-7 navigational training plane that crashed on the mountain on Nov. 18, 1942 — one of several military planes that have crashed among the craggy peaks.

The wreckage and four bodies were found by a climber in 1947. This body may be connected to that expedition, although it’s hard to tell until the recovery is complete, Picavet said.

The remains were found at the base of the glacier, in remote and stark wilderness that takes days to reach by foot, Picavet said.

Military officials said they’ve handled cases like this before, recovering bodies of U.S. airmen from extremely remote locations such as a Tibetan glacier.

There are 80,000 Americans missing in action from past wars, military officials said. Most of them, 78,000, are from World War II, but many were lost in crashes over the ocean. Only about 35,000 are deemed recoverable.

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command has an operating budget of $46 million to locate and identify as many of those as possible. They work on hundreds of cases a year, averaging two identifications a week, said spokeswoman Rumi Nielson-Creen.

“We have a very daunting mission,” Nielson-Creen said.

Finding bodies preserved in a glacier is unusual, but not unheard of, command officials said. Two years ago, the unit recovered the body a Cold War-era officer who died in Greenland.

“Glaciers are slow-moving, melting and receding,” said Bob Mann, the deputy scientific director with the command’s Central Identification Laboratories. “As they move...remains often times will melt out and become exposed.”

Often, bodies found encased in ice will be well-preserved, facilitating identification, said Mann, explaining that soft tissue like muscles and skin can be preserved as well as hair, clothing and even documents.

But each case is different, and the speed of identification will depend on the state of the body, Mann said.

“We’re hoping that he will be well-preserved, and that the ID will be rather easy,” said Mann.

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A dose of photorealism

Jennifer Boudevin
September 29

"Don't Get Excited," an exhibition of photorealistic oil paintings by applied art and design student Randy Scudder, will open with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. today in the UU Gallery, located in the Epicenter.

The opening will feature complimentary refreshments and live music by Randy Williams III.

"The paintings in this show were inspired by photographs that I've collected over the years," Scudder said. "I like to use found images from the news, family snapshots and generally unimportant images."

Scudder claims to shift styles frequently, but would roughly classify his pieces as a form of photorealism.

"All of the pictures in the show somehow deal with family relationships and the painting's relationship to memory," he said. "Painting a photograph transforms it in a subtle and mysterious way."

The exhibit features a diverse selection of Scudder's work in various styles. "It's a really interesting combination of pictures," said Amy Whittaker, student supervisor of fine arts. The pieces displayed cover a large spectrum of subject matter, ranging from family photographs to more socially aware displays.

Scudder cites his influences as the German artist Gerhard Richter, as well as California painter Robert Bechtle, and also includes Vija Celmins, Francis Bacon, Chuck Close and Luis Fittipaldi.

The UU Gallery provides a free and easily accessible venue for students to check out artwork by fellow students. "I feel it is important for students to see their peers' artwork on display in the UU Gallery," said Becca Swanson, ASI chief of staff. "It is a unique opportunity for students to be able to display their art in the Union and a great chance for others to support their work."

~ Poly Poetry ~

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Student designed furniture and competed in a contest hosted by Vellum last week.

Jennifer Boudevin
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly students took home honors last Friday at the Vellum/College of Architecture and Environmental Design (CAED) second annual design exhibition. The exhibition encouraged CAED students and faculty members to craft original furniture designs to be judged by a panel of experts on function, individuality, beauty and production characteristics.

Architecture major Nitsan Yomtov took the grand prize with his submission, nicknamed “the dust catcher” by judges—a chaise lounge in a basket weave of ash wood with steel rod legs and a compression ring to hold it all together.

“My chair is the first step in developing my senior thesis project,” Nitsan said, “I’m looking into structural and spatial adaptation in response to environmental and social change.”

“In addition to being lightweight and easily transportable, my lounge/daybed/wood mat can be configured to suit the individuals’ need and physically adjust to the weight and shape of the person who occupies it,” he explained.

The “Vellum” prize—awarded to a piece Vellum will manufacture and sell in the store—went to Kezhen Cao for what the judges deemed “the support hose chair.” Made with aluminum rods and white leather. Runners up were Jai Srithambaraman with “the lead bird,” a cantilevered table made of concrete and resin, and Hugo Martinez’ “Battlestar Gallactica chaise lounge,” constructed by bending a single stock-size piece of aluminum. Honorable mentions were awarded to Matt Hofmann, Joseph Casey Lytran, John Mabe, Justin Choy, Simon Diesendruck and Leon Kost.

“Our motivation for this competition is to inspire creative thought and practice, and to challenge students and faculty to press the boundaries of material design,” said Vellum Principal Paul Abbott.

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WHISTLER CANADA

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swing dance lessons from 7 to 8 p.m.

Students and people of all ages and
dancing experience are invited to
learn and practice some moves before
the live concert begins at 8 p.m.

"Swing is really hard," Rinzler said.
"But it's fun and educational music."
The University Jazz Band has
been putting on swing dance con­
certs for the past four years, and is
offering three additional concerts in
January, April and May. In the past,
the concert featured a student vocal­
ist with the band.

"We have a guest vocalist this
time, and we're really looking for­
toward it as Sunny Wright is the
premier jazz vocalist in the county," Rinzler said.

Sponsored by the Cal Poly music
department and College of Liberal
Arts, admission to Friday's dance is
$5 for students with a student ID
and $8 for the general public.
"It's a long night of great musi­
cal fun," Putt said. "There's not a
lot of it (swing dance music) going
on around Cal Poly so we wanted
to open it up to a lot of different
people."

Proceeds from the concert will
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equipment and to go on tours
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I'm a 22-year-old, 6-foot-2-inch, 265-pound, athletic male. I play rugby, have been in wild land fires and have moved to a foreign country by myself. Not a lot of things frighten me, but one thing I am afraid of is horror movies.

Unless you count when I watched "Jurassic Park" in sixth grade. I have never seen a scary film. Not even when "Scream" was a must-see in middle school did I dare venture to the theatre to witness some guy in a mask terrifying attractive young girls with creepy phone calls.

And the only reason I know that much of the plot is because I watched the Wayan brothers' comedy "Scary Movie," and someone explained the parody to me.

I haven't always been this way. In second grade, I always wanted to rent "Jason" and "Freddy Cougar" movies, but my mom wouldn't let me.

"Go watch them with your dad," she would say. She must have known there was no way my dad was letting his 8-year-old son and 6-year-old daughter watch those films.

You think horror movies would have sort of a "forbidden fruit" appeal to me, but they don't.

By the time I was old enough to rent scary movies without my parents' permission, I was more interested in making myself laugh than being afraid to turn out the lights when it was time to go to sleep. I'll admit I'm just plain afraid to watch the latest Stephen King novel-based film in theatres or on DVD.

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Bestselling author to speak today

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said. "We did that for a year and then finalized the nine chapters that we were going to do. It was probably about a two-year process."

All nine authors lived in different areas of the country, making communication take place at national conferences and through tele-conferencing. After completing each chapter, authors sent their manuscripts to Petersen and Fusarelli, who co-edited each one.

"Professors are like herding cats — they have their own ideas of how things should go," Petersen said. "But these are very brilliant people and they are very well known. They are the top in their field and I was editing their work. It helped my own learning by editing the top scholars in the field."

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Petersen and Fusarelli's new publication costs $31.95 online at www.infoagepub.com and copies are available in the Cal Poly Kennedy Library.

Fusarelli said. "It is a way for them to see both the positive and negative aspects of these relationships and how it affects kids. There are cases in this book where they get along somewhat, but there are actually more instances of conflict, which is actually more interesting to read."

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Rancer's Recipes

Apples and honey are a great combination. But when you also throw tender chicken into the mix, all three become powerful-ly better.

By altering a recipe for apple honey sauce and then incorporating chicken, I found an entirely new and delicious creation. I try to make all my recipes as college-friendly as possible, both in time and taste.

This one is pretty easy and uses some of the best ingredients of the season. Apple Honey Chicken

2 Tbs oil
1 yellow onion, coarsely chopped
1 Tbs grated fresh ginger
3 cups apple cider
1 Tbs brown sugar
1/2 cup honey
4 chicken breasts
1 large apple, chopped
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
(about 10 minutes), let cool and set aside.

Stir to combine and let the honey sauce and then incorporate apples to the pan and stir. Reduce heat to low and cover. Let simmer for 10 minutes. Serves four.

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**COMMENTARY**

**Sex and European cities**

My sophomore year, I took a class where we held panel discussions at the end of the terms dealing with topics like abortion, politics and one that particularly interested me: American morality. A few people presenting the panel tried to argue that we here in the States have no morals left, that we are a nation of perverts. To those people I present a counter-argument to the form of a continent many of us are familiar with: Europe.

I spent the last year studying abroad in Germany, and the stark differences, specifically dealing with sex, are overwhelming. Nudity of both sexes is everywhere, as is bare porn. I spent many a night in front of the TV, unable to look away, watching the free pornography that came on after 10 p.m. My friends laughed at me for being so enthralled, but I have all night, right?

And what about the sex act itself? It's easier to tumble into bed with someone there, but somewhat surprisingly, in a lot of German, French and Swiss cities (in my experience), once you make that first move, it's on. At least here you can make out with a guy at a party without having to bring him home, pretend to enjoy it and then sympathetically explain to Tobias why you just aren't ready to commit at the moment.

In addition, there seems to be much more sensuality placed on sex in Europe. It's not so much about getting it and getting off—it's about connecting and enjoying it. After all, we have all night, right?

In most European cities, prostitution is completely legal. In Germany, city ordinances decree that whores must be away from the downtown area, but every time I went to the train station I saw in any of the perfectly respectable, older white building with the red lights in the windows, just imagining what kind of freaky sexual fascinations were occurring inside. A few gay friends told me it was mostly old men who frequented the places, and only one of my friends who would alone going out and said that the girls there (mostly beat-up looking Eastern European immigrants) fawned all over him because he wasn't past 60 and wasted. However, I would never call it anything exciting and even though it's legal, the dirty feeling kind of lingers over you nonetheless. I don't want so we need to make our culture more sexual— I think it is so we need to strike the right balance between strict Puritanism and all our perversion. But the best way to realize that is to watch another culture and see how they deal with sex. So, if you want to offer me the real men, are less often. They're more we want I'm happy that we stack to some of the decisions we made.

I wouldn't be surprised, either, if recreational druggins has its history rooted in cave men seeking the high in order to stay around on Friday and Saturday nights clicking each other on the cranium. Pretty much, what I want to offer you is the real people, are my thoughts surrounding sex, love and alcohol— three corners of a social triangle that underlie every human being, and stride into everythin: else. It is in my hope that these reflections can benefit us all, without baring anybody's manhood.

Lastly, if anyone knows a good way to remove the 'Bend It Like Beckham' stains from my wrists, please e-mail me at MustangDaily@cyphers.ucl. I am tired of going to school every Monday morning looking like an idiot.

Daniel Gingras is a civil engineering senior and Mustang Daily columnist.

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**Sex, love and alcohol**

For an amazing thing it is to be a college student in the 21st century. We stuff our brains, lives and suitcases to the point of explosion. We indulge in guilty pleasures like "text messaging" and "drunk-dialing." We speak to each other in keyboard acronyms (ROFLMAO/WMP) and so many different regional slang. We "hook up." We "road trip." We "best friend." We are capable of simultaneously fearing and desiring members of the opposite sex. We "have a crush on." We go shopping through our computer on an intricate network of information that hangs invisibly in the air, encoded into billions of ones and zeros.

If you time-travel 50 years back and told someone you needed to check your Facebook, you would be shot for being a communist. Or go 50 years back and scroll through the streets with white iPod ear buds coming out of your face and music blasting, you'd find a fiery death mean you, warlock. In a 300-year trip into the future, we might be side-tracked by a worldwide dispute over the ethics of permitting inter-dimensional marriage between humans and figures of virtual reality. Anything's possible, as was finally proven to me personally double in 1999, when the western-themed sequel to a sequel, Back to the Future Part III, was released.

As a generation that juggles a rapidly changing time with our oldest desires and emotions, sometimes we falter. And then we panic. Because the complexity of things distracts us, when we need only to be thinking about the simplicity of them to understand ourselves. There are the things that have been around for ages. There are the things that are forever to be thinking about. The most satisfying and meditative of all human thought is reflection on needs, on wants Do I have enough pleasure? Do I have challenging enough goals? If I stay up until 4 a.m. cramming all night, will I wake up in time for class? If I stay up until 4 a.m. and drink all night, will I wake up in time for class?

People have been killing each other and screwing each other since the dawn of that. That's good. I'm happy that we stuck to some of the decisions we made. I wouldn't be surprised, either, if recreational druggins had its history rooted in cave men seeking the high in order to stay around on Friday and Saturday nights clicking at each other on the cranium. Pretty much, what I want to offer you is the real men, are less often. They're more we want I'm happy that we stack to some of the decisions we made.

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"Can I hurt some very many many?"
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grow up people

We are largely unable to access the Cal Poly Salsa Club's posters. I have been greatly amused by all the antics of these men who firmly believe in the idea of censorship. I could completely understand the curiosity of the advertisement if it displayed bare-chested women amusing willing men in the unholiest of provocative positions, but they don't. Unless I need a new prescription for my glasses, I was not aware of any inappropriate material displayed in these attractive pictures. There were more scantily clad breasts flopping around at the beach (a public, family destination) than any of these tasteful posters. Censoring them is taking a huge step back in what some of our parents fought for.

I am not advocating that pornography should be allowed, but we should not force our values down others' throats. Perhaps UKL is easy to sneak a peak at some clearance or catch a glance in a campus restroom, but I don't see the censors slipping stickers over that. What would happen if they tried?

In Europe, topless game shows are shown on TV on a daily basis at all hours. They frolic topless and naked on beaches in Australia, both men and women. I'd like to see one of the censors slap a sticker on Crocodile Dundee's knife. That's precisely what it's not a big deal. Everyone has breasts, one way or the other. Some are big and some are little. They're all there. Some people just really need to grow up and understand for their bodies for what they are.

Mark Meaul Economics senior

Bush bathing has gotten ridiculous

In Tuesday's paper, an editorial referred to Deputy Prime Minister Shauli's claim that George Bush said he thought God was speaking directly to him. This led to his decisions regarding Iraq, Afghanistan and the War on Terror.

This supposedly occurred while in a meeting with Palestine President Mahmoud Abbas. What the writer neglected to mention was that the White House immediately denied such a claim and the Palestinian President himself said "he never heard President Bush making any statement linking what happened in Afghanistan and Iraq with any religious points of view." Deputy Prime Minister Nabil Shaath even changed his statement saying it was really just a "figure of speech." Now I don't think that Jack Logan wrote the editorial knowing what it was baseless, but it's obvious he's not a fan of Bush and didn't do much research. Do some people dislike President Bush so much that they will believe any negative story no matter how ridiculous? It seems the answer is unfortunately yes. The editorial was supposed to show how out of touch President Bush was with the American People. What it showed was how out of touch some people are with President Bush.

Adam Christiansen Industrial engineering senior

Only in America

It's Tuesday morning and I'm riding my bike to school. Admittedly, I'm riding on the sidewalk (but have just run two stop signs in the bike lane, where I keep comes running over full speed and jumps in front of me.

She proceeds to lecture me on how bikes are like cars and illegally obligated to follow the same rules. The whole time I'm being polite and civil, but I can't stop thinking that this is the biggest waste ever.

Only in America would we first write and then spend all kinds of time enforcing stupid idiocentric laws such as putting these tickets on bikers instead of drivers who are reprimanding us.

Training citizens beyond undergraduate degrees is a bad thing

I am so pleased that professor Devore from the statistics department acknowledges, in his letter to the editor (October 19), that "History is a wonderful discipline." I am also pleased to learn that statistics has been willing, for the greater good of engineering and science education and for our nation, to reject a graduate program of their own. Also, we in the history department have only been trying to live up to the Cal Poly Strategic Plan. How silly of us historians to think that Poly has a responsibility, beyond teaching undergraduates, to train with a further our country's school teachers and citizens. How silly of us to imagine that students in existing MA programs on campus might benefit from some deeper and contextual analysis of our national mana for training scientists and engineers, and even statisticians. Finally, I am thrilled that professor Devore desires for our history department to thrive, although with friends like him, I expect we don't need any enemies.

George Cotkin Professor and graduate coordinator for history

Lies, lies and damn statistics

Professor Devore, chair for the department of statistics, is concerned that the addition of a master's degree program in history will muddle the stellar technical reputation of his beloved institution. He asks, "Does Cal Poly really need another master's degree in this discipline?" Well, I venture to tell the professor that does the world really need another statistics? I must admit that my opinion echoes Mark Twain's "Facts are stubborn, but statistics are pliable." Most statistics hold up about as well as a rooster boasting an AFI with a water gun. There are some stubborn facts, however, grounded in equally stubborn state Cal Poly technical students who writing an essay on intelligence, of the Water and, if our result, doesn't break their discipline.

Since we know the professor's feelings about the "discipline" of history, imagine him in the position of master's in English who was first proposed.

He should come to one of my WPE workshops; they are filled with "technical" students whose jobs at Boeing hinge upon whether or not they can write a coherent essay on surveillance cameras in Clinton, Miss.

So, professor, all the liberal arts are important. The study, not discipline, of history teaches students how to analyze the past so they can understand the present and better plan for the future. Oh, and don't forget, historians keep many statistics from the unemployment line.

Carson Medley English teacher assistant Master of Arts candidate in English and Education
New laws impede jobs for international students

Hyunjin Kim

AUSTIN, Texas—Economics freshman Marianella Foschi can't get a Social Security number. She can't apply for credit cards and she has to put more for cell phones, utilities and car insurance. But her sister, Angelina, an economics junior, has not encountered the same problems.

Both sisters are Colombian international students, but Angelina entered the United States two years before Marianella. During that two-year span, a new federal regulation, which went into effect Oct. 13, has affected international students who have moved to the U.S. since 2003, as did Marianella.

Under the act, international students must have two signatures from an employer and a verification from their campus' international office before obtaining a Social Security number. However, with a small number of jobs on campus available, this leaves international students in Social Security limbo. Employment for international students on campus has become increasingly harder. A search at www.hirealonghorn.com reveals that of the 232 part-time jobs posted during the last month, only 10 are on campus.

As Marianella has discovered, finding such a job has become especially difficult for international students because of visa like hers.

Under the U.S. Social Security law, students who have an F-1 or J-1 visa are limited to working only on campus. An F-1 visa is issued to full-time students seeking a degree or certificate in an approved school or university. For students in the United States for a shorter time, the U.S. Department of Immigration issues a J-1 visa.

A.Y. Kim, who came to the University of Texas in January, said it took six months to find employment. "When I went to Jester to apply for a job in April, the employer asked me to come back in August. When I returned in August, he said he would call me at a later time," Kim said.

But Kim didn't hear from the Division of Housing and Food Services. The only thing she could do was wait. In September, after she gained a position at Jester, she still could not start working because she did not have a Social Security number. Instead, she waited four weeks to begin employment.

Joe Leonor, food service supervisor of the Division of Housing and Food Service and hiring supervisor, said an applicant without a Social Security number has to submit two forms to the international office, which takes longer.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services must review passports and other immigration documents of non-U.S. citizens before they can receive a Social Security number because of security concerns resulting from the Sept. 11 attacks, said Aurora Lopez, spokesman for the U.S. Social Security Administration.

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Wilcox said the United States has more restrictive labor policies than other parts of the world concerning people from other countries, including international students.

"There are 500,000 international students in the U.S. and U.S. citizens do not want to compete for US jobs with that many people from other countries," Wilcox said. "Although the risk of getting caught seems small, international students risk their careers by working illegally. It is better to be safe than sorry."

Dawn Moyer, the director of the International Cultural Service Program at Oregon State University, said the program helps international students by providing work opportunities. I CSP has been running for 23 years, also helps reduce the level of out-of-state tuition to match in-state residence.

In the program, students perform 80 hours of community service, helping with translation, cultural events and making themselves available as "cultural ambassadors," Moyer said.

She said there has been positive feedback about I CSP from both international students and members of the community.

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In the west region, according to the need some of the young guys to step up. Conover spoke of senior Andy Coughlin who wasn’t in the lineup this past weekend.

"Andy is a runner with experience in the NCAA Cross Country Championships. We haven’t even had all our cards out on the table," Conover said.

Conover added that, while not having one of his "top runners" was detrimental, allowing Valliere time to advance personally was important.

"She went through a lot going through that process and I think it made her nature as a result," he said. Conover said that Valliere’s personality adds a unique aspect to the team.

"Rachel shows a poisefulness and a discipline in her demeanor that people can learn from: Never let ting emotions get the best of you and keeping an even keel to reach your goals with a calm peace of mind," Conover said.

In addition to leading the Mustangs last weekend, Valliere also led the team earlier this month at the UC Riverside Invitational. In that race, Valliere was the highest ranking mustang when she earned eighth place. Whether Valliere will turn professional after graduation is something she said is too soon to call. But she said that if the opportunity comes up later on, she might consider the option.

"I feel like that’s a long way away," Valliere said of the decision to turn pro. "I still have too many cross country seasons after this. And right now I’m not fast enough, so I’d have to improve quite a bit. Right now I’m not really thinking about it." The next race for Valliere and the team will be on Oct. 29 at the Big West Conference Championships, hosted by UC Riverside.

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As a San Luis Obispo native, cross country runner Rachel Valliere didn’t think she would stay local for college, much less race after high school. Now a junior (but a sophomore eligibility-wise after redshirting last year), Valliere has become the leader of the women’s cross country team. She was the highest placed Mustang at last weekend’s VS Athletics/Cal Poly Invitational, finishing in 10th place.

“Valliere was very dedicated and disciplined and wants to do well,” cross country coach Mark Conover said. “And those are all traits that make for an excellent runner and excellent student at Cal Poly. She’s matured into taking a real leadership role with the team, which is very important.”

Valliere didn’t start running cross country until her senior year at San Luis Obispo High School. “I ran track for four years in high school but I was just on JV,” Valliere said. “I wasn’t very good or anything. Then my junior year track season I did pretty well and the coach was like, ‘Hey you should come out for cross country.’”

“I wanted to do cross country. Put Valliere gave the new sport a try and decided she liked it better. She quickly became acknowledged as a cross country runner in her senior year, placing fourth in CIF and 15th in state. She was also named the top female athlete of her school.

“As the end of track season approached, I thought, well, I don’t want to be done running. I want to run at college somewhere,” Valliere said. “So that was definitely a factor when I was looking at schools, but it wasn’t my number one reason.”

Valliere said she is very close with her family and for that reason, knew she wanted to stay in California. She was drawn to Cal Poly for its kinesiology program and the interest the track and cross country coaches had in her.

“I prayed about it a lot so it’s where God wanted me to go to school,” Valliere said. “Opened and closed doors, you know?”

Valliere not only competes for the women’s cross country team, but for Cal Poly’s track team as well. Having such a heavy schedule, which usually includes running several miles every day, hasn’t put too much of a strain on her personal life.

“Being a student-athlete requires a lot of discipline,” Valliere said. “I’ve been a student-athlete pretty much my whole life coming from high school to college. But it’s all about priorities and balancing life and what you think is important.”

Valliere had to redshirt last year’s cross country season when knee problems prevented her from running. She said, however, that not being able to run allowed her to progress even more as a person.

“This is going to kind of seem against the stereotypical view but since I redshirted last year, I still feel like I accomplished a lot — obviously not in running because I wasn’t able to run — but just my character as a person and perseverance.”

In a homecoming of sorts, Rachel Valliere finished 10th at the VS Sports/Cal Poly Invitational on Saturday out of the 118 collegiate competitors.

Disappointing finish for men’s cross country at Pre-Nationals

Garrett Leight
MOUNTAINEER

The Cal Poly men’s cross country team placed 11th at the Pre-National Invitational in Terre Haute, Ind. over the weekend, but fell short of the team’s expectations.

The team entered the race ranked 10th in the nation in the Monon Cross Country Poll, and placed 11th behind nine ranked teams and one unranked. The team finished with 361 points in the “Blue” race.

“We all know that we can do better than this,” coach Mark Conover said. “The team knows this and everyone else knows that we are capable of doing much better.”

Conover said that even with the 11th-place finish, the team ran well enough at the Roy Griak race in Falcon Heights, Minn. to possibly gain some cushion for an at-large bid to nationals.

“We went in knowing that we already had most everything done to compete in nationals,” senior Brandon Collins said. “We were feeling confident, but we were unable to use it to our advantage.”

Redshirt freshman Alex Dunn led the team pack with a 50th-place finish in a time of 24:35. Dunn was followed closely by junior Matt Johansrud in 54th with a time of 24:37. Junior Jameson Mora, redshirt freshman Tony Swier, and transfer junior Brian Baker were the last three scoring members of the team with times of 24:53, 24:55, and 25:03 respectively.

Stanford won the race with 89 points followed by BYU (174) and Georgetown (222).

“This is an extremely competitive race,” Conover said. “All of the top teams in the country were there.”

Even with the performance, Conover feels that there is nothing to worry about, yet.

“All things can be rectified with the training that we do here...”

see Terre Haute, page 15 Freshman Alex Dunn competing at the UCSB Lagoon Open.

Be sure to check out Friday’s Game Day, a preview of Saturday’s game between No. 10 Montana and No. 3 Cal Poly.