Alcohol Awareness Symposium

James Mellor
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California Secretary of State Bruce McPherson gave a speech in the University Union Friday encouraging Cal Poly students to participate in the upcoming special election on Nov. 8.

McPherson, a Cal Poly alumnus, stressed the importance of voting to the student body.

"In particular, for the 18 to 24-year-old vote in California there is a very poor turnout of those who are eligible to vote who cast a ballot on election day," McPherson said.

"Last November, in the presidential elections, only half of those in that age bracket were even registered to vote and only half of those who were registered voted. That's a pathetic statistic and our democracy deserves better than that," he added.

McPherson emphasized every vote counts and gave several examples of elections that were won by a single vote.

"It happens somewhere all the time and it probably will in November in California," he said.

The special election will contain a very poor turnout of those who registered to vote and only half of those who were registered voted. According to the Department of Agriculture, Africanized bees propagate quickly because they are indiscriminate in their nesting habits and breed with local honey bees, quickly multiplying.

When chased by a bee swarm, run in a straight line, cover the face and head with a shirt or jacket and find shelter in an enclosed structure. After being stung, remove the stinger by scraping it out with a fingernail or card (squeezing the stinger can release more venom) and wash the area and apply ice to help reduce swelling.

Karen Velie
MUSTANG DAILY

The first Africanized Honey Bees, also known as killer bees, have recently been detected in San Luis Obispo County, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner Marty Settevendemie said.

An unidentified Italian beekeeper discovered that the aggressive strain of bees had invaded his Arroyo Grande hives. The California Department of Food and Agriculture confirmed that the bees were of the Africanized variety through lab analysis.

"They (Africanized bees) are not as dangerous as it was once thought that they would be," Settevendemie said.

"People have to disturb a hive for the bees to swarm."

The Africanized bees look like normal honey bees and their venom is no more potent. However, they are more aggressive when defending their hives, attack in greater numbers and will protect a larger area around their hives, according to the Department of Agriculture.

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eight propositions, some of which may directly affect Cal Poly stu­
dents. Proposition 76 deals specif­
ically with the state budget and school funding by adding a new
spending limit, giving the gover­
nor greater power to cut state
spending and change how the
minimum funding level is calcu­
lated for schools and community
schools. McPherson said, "There could be
nuisance affect to a college stu­
dent," he added.

Although the event was sup­
posed to be non-partisan, some
spectators did not see it that way.
"I was a little concerned at the
end," Bruce McPherson did a
great job staying right down the
middle of the road," local demo­
crat Mark Buchanan said.
"But when we started doing
question and answer what we
were getting were very partisan
responses. Those were straight,
party-line, governor responses on
to those propositions, Buchanan said.
"Students here are smart and
knowledgeable enough, they'll
make the right decisions, but this
should have been a non-partisan
event," he added.

However, ASI President Telor
Middlestadt said the event
remained non-partisan.
"I personally felt (the event)
was respectfully conducted in a
neutral fashion," Middlestadt said.
"The Secretary of State's
keynote presentation was not
pointed towards any of the mea­
sures in the ballot, totally regarded
student participation and electoral
process," he said.

"When you open up to ques­
tion and answer, you have no con­
trol over what students will ask
and what the representative will
say," he said.

"I don't think you can avoid a
certain level of bias in the
response, but I think he was very
respectful in not addressing specif­
ic questions that might have
revealed those partisan positions."

Other spectators agreed with
Middlestadt in that the event was
fairly represented.
"I was glad to see the secretary
of state come out and was encour­
aging people to vote and didn't
seem to have any partisan opinion
on the issue and was just trying to
inform us," said Pete Keegan, a
political science and environmen­
tal studies senior.

The last day to register to vote
was Oct. 24; however, those who
are already registered can find the
nearest location to cast a ballot at
www.omarvoter.org/ca/id.

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His "Zero, one, two, three plan" proposes that some nights students
should not drink, such as when
they are sick, tired, haven't eaten,
their parents are coming or they
have a midterm. But, there are
other nights, he said, when a stu­
dent can drink. He suggests to
drink only one drink per hour.
Lastly, the plan advises to drink no
more than two nights a week and
never drink more than three drinks
per night. These guidelines, he
explained, would help students
drink more responsibly.

After Haveson finished speaking,
Peer Health Education held the
first of three raffles for iPod shuf­
fles. Kinesiology freshman Nick
Berger won.
"I'm on the tennis team and had
to come anyway, but I'm really glad
I did," he said.

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The Aussie Gonade bee keeper
took action by killing the next gen­
eration of bees and introducing a
dozen European honey bee queen
into the infested hives to counter the
aggressive characteristics of the
Africanized bees, Settevendemie said.

The Americanized bees introd­
ued to the Americas by a geneticist
that was hoping to create a honey bee
more suited to tropical conditions
than the European bee. He impor­
ted the bees to Brazil in 1956.

The bees began their northward
journey covering up to 300 miles
per year.

The Department of Agriculture
considers the following counties
infested: San Diego, Madera, Tulare,
Imperial, Los Angeles, Kings, Inyo,
Kern, Ventura, Riverside, Orange
and Santa Barbara. Residents and
bee keepers in these areas have
adjusted to living with Americanized
bees.

James Gentry, a manufacturing
engineering senior came out of
curiosity.
"I just wanted to hear what
(Haveson) had to say. I think
that typical college student's view on
alcohol is pretty skewed and I came
to see if I could un-skew that," he
said.

There were even students from
San Luis Obispo High School.
"I am a member of Friday Night
Live, an alcohol awareness club
and just came to check out the speak­
ers," Katie Rehakurger, a senior said.

Campus Catering provided a
free lunch that was followed by
short skits by Peer Health Educa­
tors Mary Peacca and Frank
Warren and a skit by Vines to
Wine. Haveson then held an hour­
long lecture called "Training for
Leaders." The day was finished
with activity stations, where stu­
dents could play games like Twister
and Ping Pong with Beer Goggles
(goggles that blurred their vision).

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In a showcase of poetry and fiction "Byzantium," Cal Poly's student-produced literary annual aches to be a channel of creative expression and much-needed opportunity for designers, editors and writers who get published in it.

"It is the culmination of the excellence students have to offer," said Kevin Clark, English professor and advisor of "Byzantium" production.

Clark also said that many other successful Cal Poly endeavors, Byzantium was one of a senior project 15 years ago was created by an undergraduate student and has since "grown considerably," he said.

Once finished, the journal will be unveiled during Open House weekend and exhibits poetry and fiction of 12 writers: six poets and six fiction writers who won an annual creative writing contest held by the English Department for all majors, said Jessica Barba, English senior and "Byzantium" co-editor.

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Happy Halloween
from the Mustang Daily

Madeline and JP with their feather-haired pumpkins.

How William Whalen, an aerospace senior, shows his Cal Poly pride.

Psychology seniors Diana Youngquist, right, and Natalie Pope, left, gave their pumpkin too much to drink.

Photo submitted by Lisa Dinger

Kelli Carreau, Mustang Daily
From Polyratings to Gap, it is a race to the bottom

Regulation for winter quarter began last Thursday. If you're like me, you have a list of web bookmarks at hand: one for POWER, Hall.com ... and Polyratings.com. Conceived by fellow computer scientists, Polyratings is the premier source for professor evaluations, and indispensable when choosing classes. But this little tool has major implications for our curriculum.

Free markets, often characterized by perfect information and competition, can create a phenomenon called "The Race to the Bottom." Sometimes, with the objective of reducing costs or increasing sales, producers will outdo each other by racing to the bottom, touting ethics or proper standards aside. We're witness to this phenomenon every day when we turn on our TV and watch news, shows and sitcoms that panders to the lowest common denominator. Some activists point to things like grade inflation and the endemic classmom use of PowerPoint.

For example, when a clothing retailer like Gap Inc. outsources its manufacturing abroad, it will seek to produce at the lowest cost. Candidate countries establish "Special Economic Zones" to compete for Gap's business, one-upping each other in the process. Countries may dismantle regulations against pollution or labor standards in order to compete. In essence, countries race to the bottom to win over Gap's business.

Polyratings provides an illusion of perfect information, thus creating a market for professors where there arguably shouldn't be one. Like eBay's transactional nature of a market, Polyratings will remain a valuable tool as long as it's used properly. I'm as distressed about the way students rank classes as the customers who post reviews on Polyratings. It's a dangerous situation even worse, Congress is evidently on the verge of cutting back on Pell grants and other forms of financial aid for needy students (as well as trimming Medicare and other programs for the poor).

That is how the Bush administration will find the funds to award more tax cuts to the rich. And those people really don't care all that much about public institutions and the underclass, since they can send their children to private schools and pay health care costs out of pocket.

Jay Devore
Statistics professor and chair

Come on Cal Poly, make your voices heard and represent us! On Thursday, October 27th, myself and other representatives from Cal Poly attended a CSU board of trustees meeting in Long Beach. We were part of a statewide CSU student movement to prevent the continued unfair taxation of students through tuition increases.

Every school in the CSU system was represented. Almost 200 of us packed the meeting room to hear the board discuss and vote on the 06/07 budget. Several students spoke to the board and delivered the message that we are fed up with exponentially increasing tuition.

Those 200 representatives, however passionate, are not enough to change the current regime. A new administration says students can afford the burden of the increase fairly, and who can blame them? Higher education system benefits society as a whole and we need society's help to maintain this great institution.

The students of Cal Poly can make a difference by helping us put pressure on our legislature to vote in favor of higher education. The time is now to make our voices heard and keep the CSU system accessible for all Californians.

You can get involved with this effort by coming to the student government office and joining the campus campaign. We all know that fair taxation requires adequate representation.

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The defending Great West champion Mustangs are 3-1 in conference games. UC Davis became the first team to suffer losses in the series to win at Aggie Field, and the Aggies are now 16-13-2 in the series with C'al Poly.

A year ago at Mustang Stadium, Kays caught a 14-yarder from (irant with 13 seconds remaining to play, lifting U ('Davis to a 27-20 win.

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Without the services of senior quarterback Anthony Ciarnett, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in last week's 36-27 loss at Montana, C'al Poly turned to junior Jeremy Konaris, who averaged 48.5 yards on his eight kicks.

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Other Mustangs competing included Jennece Moore in 16th (26:44) and Nathan Brassnauwy in 19th (26:48). The individual champion was UC Santa Barbara junior Chris Ashley, who ran the course in 23:31.7, more than 17 seconds faster than last year's first-place finisher. Ashley's time also is tops among all Big West runners at any meet this season.

Rounding out the top 10 runners was Long Beach State senior Jim Grabows, who came in eighth at 24:09.2. The Pirates bested their best finish in 17 years, coming in third place with 89 points.

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**Sports Information Report**

The women's volleyball team rebounded from a crushing loss to UC Santa Barbara last Saturday to keep its playoff hopes alive, beating No. 23 Long Beach State and sweeping UC Irvine over the weekend.

Cal Poly (15-5 overall, 8-3 Big West) lost convincingly in three games at Santa Barbara last weekend, giving the Mustangs' coach Jon Stevenson some doubts about the team's ability to play at the national level this season.

But the Mustangs responded to Stevenson's worries with a come­back victory at Long Beach State (17-5, 6-2) Friday night. The Mustangs lost the first two games 30-27 and 30-26, only to battle back and win the final three games 30-27, 30-21 and 18-16.

"In 36 years of volleyball, it was in the top three matches I've ever been a part of," Stevenson said. "Long Beach has incredible talent far and away the best in the conference. Nobody in the conference even comes close to them. But that doesn't mean they're going to win every match.

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"This team has reached levels far beyond what anyone would've ever suspected," Stevenson said. "They proved that they are absolutely a tournament-caliber team."

Cal Poly had a .343 hitting percentage in game one and .141 in game two, but was much more efficient in the next three games. The Mustangs hit .279 in game three, .312 in game four and .211 in the final game. In four games, Cal Poly held the Aggies to a .023 hitting percentage.

Kylie Adherstone had her best game of the season with 20 kills on the night. Kyle Mulder chipped in with 17, Vanessa Gilliam had 16, and Jaclyn Houston finished with 12.

Long Beach State's Ali Daley had a match-high 23 kills. Defensively for the Mustangs, Kristin Jackson had 23 digs while Gilliam and Mulder finished with 14 apiece.

Cal Poly lost in four games to the 49ers on Oct. 1.

**Volleyball stays in playoff picture**

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"This team has reached levels far beyond what anyone would've ever suspected," Stevenson said. "They proved that they are absolutely a tournament-caliber team."

Cal Poly had a .343 hitting percentage in game one and .141 in game two, but was much more efficient in the next three games. The Mustangs hit .279 in game three, .312 in game four and .211 in the final game. In four games, Cal Poly held the Aggies to a .023 hitting percentage.

Kylie Adherstone had her best game of the season with 20 kills on the night. Kyle Mulder chipped in with 17, Vanessa Gilliam had 16, and Jaclyn Houston finished with 12.

Long Beach State's Ali Daley had a match-high 23 kills. Defensively for the Mustangs, Kristin Jackson had 23 digs while Gilliam and Mulder finished with 14 apiece.

Cal Poly lost in four games to the 49ers on Oct. 1.

**Punchless Poly football loses 20-13 to Aggies**

The Mustangs continued their dominance of the Big West championships, placing seven runners in the top 11.

**What's the Buzz?**

- For the first time since the creation of the Big West tournament, the women's soccer team will not participate in the Big West Conference playoffs.
- The men's soccer team has never gone winless in conference play. With two games remaining, they are 0-8 and on a nine-game losing streak.
- The men's cross country team dominated the Big West championships, placing seven runners in the top 11.

**Men's cross country is class of the field**

**Sports Information Report**

The Cal Poly men's cross country team won its third consecutive title while the UC Irvine women's team captured its first crown since 1999 as the 2005 Big West Cross Country Championships were staged at the UC Riverside Agricultural Operations course Saturday.

The Mustangs continued their dominance at the conference meet, earning their sixth title in the last eight years. Cal Poly tallied 24 points as five runners finished in the top 10, led by senior Andy Coughlin's second-place showing.

Coughlin ran the 8K course in a time of 24:02, and led a pack of three of his teammates who finished within one second and a half of his pace. Junior Matt Johnsrud was third in 24:05, senior Brandon Collins fourth in 24:06, and junior Brian Baker sixth in 24:09.

Freshman Alex Dunn rounded out the group of Cal Poly scorers in ninth place.

The other non-scoring members of the team included Luke Llamas in 10th (24:22) and Troy Swier in 11th (24:33).

**Gauchos spoil playoff chances for Mustangs**

**Sports Information Report**

Vanessa Gilliam and Co. rebounded from a loss at UC Santa Barbara on Oct. 22 to beat No. 23 Long beach and UC Irvine over the weekend.