Report shows Cal Poly freshmen rank highest in college readiness

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Freshmen Cal Poly students ranked highest in the recent California State University 2005 annual report in mathematics and English proficiency and high school grade point average for entering freshmen.

The study, published on March 15, 2006, analyzed freshmen students' readiness for college based on three components.

Cal Poly students ranked the highest among all the CSU schools in all three areas.

"Our newly-selected students are college-ready," said Jim Mattingila, assistant vice president for admissions, recruitment and financial aid at Cal Poly.

Ninety-five percent of freshmen Cal Poly students were proficient in mathematics and 91 percent were proficient in English, according to the CSU Web site.

The report also included the percentage of Cal Poly students that required remediation in mathematics and 9 percent required remediation in English during their first year.

For more information, see Proficiency, page 2.

Report: Facebook wants $2B

Angela Cai & Tatiana Lau
THE DAILY PRINCETONIAN (PRINCETON)

PRINCETON, N.J. — The creators of facebook.com, the online social networking Web site for college and high school students, hopes to sell the private company for as much as $2 billion, BusinessWeek Online reported March 28.

Facebook spokesman Chris Hughes, however, refused to discuss the rumor.

"The BusinessWeek story is based on nothing but speculation, and we do not comment on rumors," Hughes, a senior at Harvard, said in an e-mail to The Daily Princetonian. Hughes declined to comment further on the issue.

According to the BusinessWeek article, "senior industry executives familiar with the matter" said Facebook's owners had already turned down a $750 million offer.

The article also strongly suggests that corporate media giant Viacom might comment further on the issue.

Created two years ago by then-Harvard sophomore Mark Zuckerberg and his friends, Facebook is now one of the most popular Web sites in the world. Market researcher comScore Media Metrics ranks it as the seventh most frequent site, behind sixth-place Google, second-place MySpace and first-place Yahoo.

MySpace said for $850 million last summer to News Corporation, a media company headed by tycoon Rupert Murdoch. ComScore reports that the site has not negatively affected MySpace's popularity.

For more information, see Facebook, page 12.

Forestry and Natural Resources

Lumberjack-and-jills compete in logging events for Cal Poly

Jennifer Boudevin
MUSTANG DAILY

While lumberjack Paul Bunyan and his big, blue ox Babe are characters of myth, the sport of logging is no tall tale.

The Cal Poly Logging Team knows this firsthand, carrying on the legacy of traditional forestry field skills on campus.

The coed team has been a part of the natural resource's management department for nearly three decades, carrying on the legacy of traditional forestry field skills on campus.

The team recently competed in the annual Association of Western Forestry Club (AWFC) Conclave, where the team currently stands third among all the CSU schools in all three components.

For more information, see Logging, page 2.

Anti-hazing bill strides closer to being law

Jennifer Schoebel
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Debbie Smith was so nervous Tuesday she didn't think she could walk across the courtroom to speak about why an anti-hazing bill should become state law, she said.

But Smith, whose son died during a hazing ritual, was strong enough to not only walk across the room but to clear the first hurdle in her mission to get the law passed.

The California Public Safety Committee voted unanimously in support of the Matt's Law bill Tuesday. Although the committee supported the bill, it will go through seven more committees before becoming a law.

Smith helped write the law after her son Matthew Carrington, a 21-year-old California State University-Chico student, died Feb. 2, 2005, during a fraternity hazing ritual.

Carrington drank from a 5-gallon jug of water and did calisthenics throughout the night, police said.

Smith told the committee how her son died and why she thinks hazing needs to stop.

"It's not about sisterly or brotherly love," she said. "It's about power to reduce our children to nothing."

Smith was nervous the first committee wouldn't pass the bill, she said.

"Oh God, what a great day today was," she said. "I have been such a wreck."

For more information, see Hazing, page 2.
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VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE — Former first lady Nancy Reagan will be on hand as the Air Force dedicates its Central Coast missile defense complex to her late husband.

It was former President Ronald Reagan, who died June 5, 2004, who championed the weapons system — dubbed "Star Wars" when proposed in 1983 — designed to shoot down intercontinental ballistic missiles fired on the U.S.

The Ronald W. Reagan missile defense site includes four silos that house two interceptor missiles. Two silos are being used for testing.

— The Associated Press

HEALDSBURG — A 78-foot-tall oak tree crashed into a residence along the Russian River, narrowly avoiding hitting a resident in the second-story apartment of the house.

"It felt like an earthquake," said Sam Metz, 30, who was alone in his apartment when the tree fell about 11:15 a.m. Monday.

Part of the multi-trunked tree came through the ceiling before coming to rest atop a brick wall. It did not hit Metz or damage any of his possessions.

— The Associated Press

DEVORE — Eleven cars on a mile-long freight train derailed in the Cajon Pass near Interstate 15, spilling at least 10,200 gallons of corn syrup.

No one was hurt and the train was back on the tracks by the time of the newspaper's deadline.

— The Associated Press

Levee break floods neighborhoods Merced

Two Central Valley levees broke Tuesday, forcing evacuations from residential neighborhoods and inundating farmland amid soaking rains that forecasters said could pound Northern California for two more weeks.

"I got a sweater, a top, a pair of pants — only what I had on my back," said Cora Ramirez, who was trapped in her house by rising water and had to be carried by firefighters. She waited out the flooding at an American Red Cross shelter.

"You see these things in the paper, but you never think it'll happen to you," said the wheelchair-bound Ramirez.

The levees gave out as record-breaking rains continued to pound Northern California, forcing some residents from homes near San Francisco because of the threat of landslides. Authorities were bracing for more rainfall into mid-April.

The bad news is rain stays in the forecast basically until the end of the month, said Ryan Walbrun, lead forecaster at the National Weather Service's Monterey office.

The weather service was holding regular conference calls with state disaster-management officials in preparation for possible additional evacuations.

Floodwaters breached a 30-foot section of levee along a creek in Merced, sending up to 18 inches of water pouring through a mobile home park, said Michael Miller, a spokesman for the Department of Water Resources. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

About 200 people from three trailer parks were evacuated, said Elaine Post, spokeswoman for the Merced County Office of Emergency Services. About 25 families took refuge in the Red Cross shelter inside a high school cafeteria.

The floodwaters also climbed into a nearby residential neighborhood, peaking at about 2 feet above sidewalks, then receding, leaving a grimy ring of debris on homes marking the high water.

Mario Ortega carried out his elderly parents' belongings into a waiting pickup truck, wading through standing water that covered what was once their front lawn. "How long will they have to put up with this? It's frustrating to see them in this situation," Ortega said.

Joe and Karen Hart said their Merced neighborhood was "surrounded" by water, though their house stayed dry. They weren't taking any chances, though, dropping by a sandbag distribution center set up by the California Department of Forestry.

"We're doing what we can," Joe Hart said as he loaded sandbags in his pickup truck. "We don't want to end up like in New Orleans!"

At the Golden Wheel trailer park near Merced, floodwaters crept up to doorways. Barbara Cabezut said she awoke to a knock, and found a sheriff's deputy waiting.

"I looked out the door and said, 'God, we're flooded,'" Cabezut said as she waited at the Red Cross shelter for the waters to recede. The elderly woman waded through deep water to get to the deputy's truck. By Tuesday afternoon, the Golden Wheel trailer park was effectively cut off from the outside world by road closings.

"South of Sacramento, a Consumnes River levee east of Highway 99 gave way, swamping fields and posing no threat to homes, highways or railroad tracks. A levee in the same area broke in January during heavy storms. With no end in sight for the rains, the levee breaks heightened anxieties here about this region's fragile levee system.

In Washington, D.C., a key Senate spending committee approved $22 million for high-priority levee repair projects on the California Delta. That is a tiny fraction of the $8 billion Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger sought earlier this year.

"It think it just shows, again, how important it is for us to concentrate on repairing and fixing our levees," Schwarzenegger said Tuesday.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved the money as part of an emergency spending bill for hurricane recovery and military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who sits on the committee.

The House version of the legislation does not include the levee money, so even if the full Senate passes the bill, only two houses would have to reach a compromise.

Sacramento had 5.29 inches of rain in March — 2.49 inches more than average, according to the National Weather Service at Sacramento, Oakland, San Rafael and Santa Rosa.

All broke rainy-day records last month.

Reservoir operators released water from a variety of dams in the valley, including Friant Dam outside Fresno, to make way for the rainwater.

"We don't have a concern with what the releases are right now," said Gary Barbin, chief hydrologist for flood operations. "It's cumulative and manageable.

In Broadmoor, south of San Francisco, a handful of residents left their homes after a voluntary evacuation order was issued when a hillside above their neighborhood threatened to give way.

And Highway 1 south of San Francisco was closed in three places, including at Devil's Slide, long prone to rockslides.

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Apparent human smuggling attempt uncovered in Seattle; 21 held in connection

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SEATTLE Twenty-two Chinese nationals were in custody Wednesday after apparently let themselves out of a 40-foot cargo container that had been used to smuggle them from China, officials said.

The 15 men and four women, all believed to be in their 20s and 30s, seemed to be in good physical condition after about two weeks in the container, said Michael Milne, a spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Port of Seattle security guards spotted the group about 1 a.m.

Milne said there was no evidence of "any real criminal or terrorist activity...just an alien smuggling operation."

He said the stowaways were believed to be part of an organized smuggling ring, but he had no information about how much they paid for the voyage or who ran the operation.

Milne said it could take investigators several days to determine whether they people were deported, be held as material witnesses or face other proceedings, such as asylum hearings.

The shipping container, the second from the bottom in a stack of four, had been flagged for a special examination, but that had not been conducted before the group was caught, Milne said.

It had been loaded on the ship in Shanghai and had water bottles, food, blankets and toilet facilities.

"The conditions are certainly not deluxe, but everyone came off in apparently good health," Milne said.

The group apparently tried to press the container open early Wednesday and lowered themselves about seven feet to the ground, he said.

About half were found within the terminal and the other half were spotted trying to get out through a gate, Milne said.

Once they were intercepted, "there was no attempt to flee or hide," he said. "They were cooperative."

The ship is owned by China Shipping Line, Milne said.

Officials at Norton Lilly, a Mobile, Ala., company listed as the agent for the cargo container in Seattle, did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

Liu, the ship's agent in Seattle, did not immediately return a message seeking comment. U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., said the incident demonstrated the need for greater port security.

"This appears to have been a case of human smuggling, but that cargo container could have been filled with anything from a dirty bomb to a cell of terrorists," Murray said Wednesday in a speech on the Senate floor.

It was believed to be the first detection of a human smuggling attempt via cargo container in Seattle since a flurry along the U.S. and Canadian West Coast in 2000 and 2001. Almost all of those caught were deported. Three found in a shipping container had died before reaching Seattle in January 2000.

This image made available by U.S. Customs and Border Protection shows the interior of a 40-foot cargo container used to transport 22 Chinese nationals believed to be part of a human smuggling operation who were detained after they were arrested in the Port of Seattle aboard a ship from Shanghai.

Wednesday morning, Port of Seattle security guards spotted the 15 men and four women about 1 a.m. at Terminal 18, determined that they were not crew members from the China Shipping Line's Rotterdam and summoned federal authorities, said Milne.

Michael Milne, a spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The cockpit recording from the hijacked jetliner that passengers tried to retake on Sept. 13, 2001, will be played in public for the first time — at the sentencing trial of al-Qaida co-founder Ramzi Yousef.

Moussaoui — the judge ruled Wednesday — is eligible for the death penalty on 19 counts of conspiracy to commit air piracy and to use weapons of mass destruction. As a result, natural disasters and pandemic influenza joined the list of things federal and state governments must plan to meet responsibilities of state and local governments.

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Blue October's 'Foiled' brings new light to rock

Brigette Barbosa
SENIOR EDITOR

Blue October isn't a household name — at least not yet. The once up-and-coming band from Texas has finally achieved semi-stardom. They might not have a glass case full of Grammys, or even an Oscar, but they do have a growing fan base and catchy singles.

"Hate me today/ Hate me tomorrow/ Hate me so you can finally see what's good for you," lines like this might not win any "Lyric of the Year" awards, but they certainly convey the message.

"What message is that? Blue October lets you decide. Their storytelling songs allow listeners to relate and understand the underlying problems.

Blue October's fifth album, "Foiled," hit stores April 4, but the single "Me" recently peaked at No. 5 on the Billboard Modern Rock music chart.

The song "Hate Me" is about a man going through the various stages of a relationship and understanding the mistakes he has made. He eventually realizes that his self-loving attitude may be the reason for the problems in his relationship. And the girl, is better off without him, according to frontman Justin Furstenfeld.

You might not break down and cry based on the lyrics ... but you will find songs that rival the heart-filled, emotional lyrics of bands like Coldplay and Dashboard Confessional.

"He speaks the truth. It's all real-life experiences everyone can relate to," said fellow band mate, guitarist and vocalist CB Hudson on the band's official Web site, blueoctober.com. "Our music touches people in the heart. I'm really proud of that."

You might not break down and cry based on the lyrics, or even find the key to love hidden deep in the rock anthems included on this album, but you will find songs that rival the heart-filled, emotional lyrics of bands like Coldplay and Dashboard Confessional. But unlike Dashboard songs that force you to pull over for fear of hitting the car in front of you as tears stream down your face (not that anyone I know has), Blue October invites you to reflect and just listen.

The best part about "Foiled" is being able to listen and analyze the content based on personal experiences. Blue October doesn't force listeners to take their view of life, but allows the opportunity for fans to agree and add personal input to make the songs what they want.

Track No. 11, "Everlasting Friend," provides the best example of this capability. Lyrics like "Please take the message that you taught me how to live at last/ But I said my confidence, it gets stronger when you're next to me/ But will you have respect good bye in quest for what we long to be" lead into the repetitive, but not boringly hypnotic chorus. "I might crumble and take a fall again/ I just want to know that you'll be coming home/" is the chorus segment that gives the listener time to interpret their own thoughts and understand the message at their own level. This song, like the others on this album, is only what you make them.

Nothing more, nothing less. Blue October's other albums include "History for Sale," which features the track "Calling You" from "American Wedding," and "Consent to Treatment," the first album produced under their current label Universal Records.

Fans of Blue October will not be disappointed with "Foiled," and new listeners now have a spring-board to enjoy the highs and lows of life in a new light.

Blue October released their new album 'Foiled' this week and will perform on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno on April 14.

RATING: Buy It or download it, either way it's a must-have.

Should become a new favorite.

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Go download a couple songs.

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I recently turned 22 and as I reflect back on my first year of legally being allowed to drink, I can't help but feel guilty as I try to estimate — if they work, that is — yet we can cost more than what a whole day's worth of work to support themselves, being over 21 leads to a predicament. For the minority of Cal Poly students who actually do have to work, that much. The solution is complex. I feel for my future brother-in-law just as I feel for a withdrawing drug addict. I'm embarrassed for him because he wastes so much money investing in albums that have run amok. I also feel sorry for him because there is a good possibility record stores will become nothing more than a tale of the past for future generations. But for those who don't care and download songs as frequently as porn stars have sex, get off your computer and go buy a CD. Don't do it for the music industry. Don't do it just to support the band. Don't do it because it's legal. Do it because it's fun. Then I let my mind take me back to my first album purchase. It was NOFX's "White Trash Two Heebs and a Bean." Every time I pull out the CD, it brings back memories no computer screen will ever be able to give me. One of the best music investments I ever made was that NOFX disc. I love the cover. I love the inside. I love the album name. I love the song names. I love the songs. Making memories of CDs is more rewarding than sitting and watching your belly flab flop onto your thighs and waiting for a quick download.

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**'Scary body' weaves a new dance**

The Performing Arts Center will feature an array of local and national dance talent tonight and Friday.

Kelly Cope

**MUSTANG DAILY**

Dancer, choreographer and video editor Ashley Friend will be bringing her progressive post-modern performance entitled "One-Off Weaving" to the Spaso Theatre tonight and Friday starting at 8 p.m.

Inspired by her father, who was a local visual artist, professor, gallery owner and weaver Dennis Friend, who died at age 32 from Anthrax-poisoned wool used in his weaving just six weeks after his daughter was born, Friend has created a thrilling tribute to him in three parts. She will perform the first two — "Weaving I" and "Weaving II" — and will debut the third, plus a piece showcasing what she calls the "scary body." Conception of the tribute series will be an ongoing, lifelong endeavor, as Friend plans to complete all 32 parts for each year of her father's life.

Friend's "scary body" composition utilizes prothetic props, which are attached to the dancers' bodies. An interesting struggle ensues when the dancers try to deal with the choreography with the extra additions. The difficulty is representative both literally and metaphorically of the limitations humans impose on themselves and each other. The "scary body" technique has also been used in some of Friend's previous performances such as in 2005's "Triage: PART I" and 2004's "Anamorphosis," both performed in Columbus, Ohio.

The audience's experience will not only involve the dancers on stage, but also cutting-edge video, sound design, lighting, prothetic props, set and costuming, which will help to convey Friend's message that dance is not only entertaining, but also stirring.


Rachel Boggia, assistant professor at Ohio State University, spoke of Friend in a graduation speech in June 2005, telling the crowd, "Her body expresses the dark and scary side of life with a specificity that most of us can only dream of..."

Ohio State University assistant professor Kelly Cope will provide a tribute for her father called "One-Off Weaving.""Students should not only explore the city map of PMOs actually woven into the plot for the most part very good, with the exception of the video game version of Michael Corleone, who fails utterly to look or sound like Al Pacino. Especially well-rendered are the hot-headed Sonny Corleone and the (Godfather himself, Don Corleone. The video game Don resembles late actor Marlon Brando down to a T, with that same dead stare, preposterous jaw and raspy mumble.

While it remains faithful to the film, the game's true fun lies in allowing the player to embrace his or her inner gangster. Tired of being a "button" for the powers-that-be? Feel free to take to the streets and dodge the cops en route to achieving capo status.

Also, "Grand Theft Auto," "The Godfather" encourages players to both beat their way down and shot their way up to the top of the criminal food chain. While piloting his or her self-created Slim Shady around town, the player is required to earn a dishonest living by shaking down local businesses for their hand-earned cash. Having the freedom to rule with an iron fist quickly goes to the player's head, as the player hunts, extorts and intimidates the various denizens of New York City.

Should the locals refuse to comply with diplomacy, do as any true Godfather fan would — simply make them an offer they can't refuse. Like Don Corleone, it helps in the game to speak softly, but carry a big stick. Or a lead pipe.

EA Games creates a new addition to the Family

Tae Andrews

**THE CORDOVA,. NOTORIE, DANE**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Prior to the video game release of "The Godfather," fan speculation about its quality was high — would it do justice to the video game release of "The Godfather." Especially well-rendered are the (Godfather himself, Don Corleone. Perhaps the most hilarious part of the game is hearing lines of the film version of "The Godfather." Players can name and create their alter egos, as the player hustles. extorts and intimidates the various denizens of New York City.

Unfortunately, despite all its fun, the game has definite drawbacks. The game's playing aesthetic has a kick for the arcade — after special gangland-style executions, different catchphrases flash on-screen. For example, after whacking a guy with a baseball bat, the player is rewarded with the words "Grand Slam Execution" flushing on-screen.

Also, button instructions advising players to "Press Triangle to Execute" and "Press R2 for Execution," while humorous, fail to capture the grave and somber nature of the classic film.

While the game's high graphics, it recycles the same character models and build weapons over and over again, to the point where wandering around feels like the film "Groundhog Day" — every backdoor gambling ring and back alley hustler on the street looks like the same dead stare, preposterous jaw and raspy mumble.

Videos gamers can now roll up their sleeves and try their hand at playing Michael Corleone in "The Godfather,"

Or a Tommy gun. To rustle up some cash, a veritable armory of dashboard tools is available for use as instruments of destruction. However, if gamers get tired of using the tools of the trade, they can simply lose the jackets, roll up those sleeves and get their hands dirty with an innovative fist-fighting system.

Remember, spare the rod, spoil the child.

COURTESY PHOTO

Ashley Friend performs parts of a dance tribute for her father called "One-Off Weaving."
The wingman formation

A wingman, as defined in the dictionary, is a pilot who supports another in a hostile environment filled with bogies. The wingman must support the pilot by engaging his target, as well as defending the pilot against possible intruders in a hostile zone. The "wingman," as we know it, is a buddy who makes another man look good in a hostile bar scene filled with babes. It is the wingman's duty to intercept the plus-sized, beaten-with-the-ugly-stick, or can't-and-won't-talk-women who present an obstacle to the pilot's pursuit. Whether they may defend the sexuality of their pack like Jarome, cracking Cyrus, or hunt out men in the vicious hope of satisfying their own Cathy's sexual desires, the wingman must, for his pilot, neutralize a sexy girl's friend by any means necessary.

But do not take your responsibilities as a wingman lightly. Do not enter into the position of wingman without knowing what to do. You must study your responsibilities as a wingman. To let your guard down will behoove you to learn them, especially the legal ones. According to greatwingman.com, a site that offers a selection of wingman stories and advice, "A great wingman understands the great laws of wingmanship. The laws of 'wingmandom' are laws that have been passed down through generations, and a great wingman has taken a sacred oath to honor and respect those laws."

Wingman Law No. 7

The wingman should, wherever possible, make his pilot out to be a living legend.

What does the other sex have to say? 

Although I found Vogue's cover story on Ashlee Simpson less than stimulating, one feature in March's Details awakened me to a new sexual trend sweeping the Internet...

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Attention illegal immigrants

All right, now I'm pissed off. I don't know if other people feel about this, but I am about ready to go postal over this issue of illegal immigration. These little rallies they have been having over the last couple of weeks are getting old really fast. Here's a word for illegal immigrants: Stop waving the flags around, purposely trying to antagonize people who actually belong here, perhaps you would do all a favor and return to that nation and stop using our tax dollars for free education, free medical care and every other service you take for granted.

Honestly, this situation should not even be an issue. Very few Americans have a problem with immigrants, per se; we're all immigrants after all, even the Native Americans got here somehow. We are very appreciative of the contributions of immigrants and the work they have done to make America the great nation it is today, but we do not appreciate people illegally pouring into our country by the millions. And we really don't like those same lawbreakers waving their foreign flags and holding rallies in Mexico as if they have a right to be here.

The government needs to get on the ball and start enforcing existing legislation and reinforce our border patrol to stem the tide of those who would break into America. Haven cities in the southwest need to stop making it so that police officers cannot report the presence of illegal immigrants to federal authorities.

Americans are not going to let many elected officials get away with not listening to our concerns and this next election may spell the end of many a congressman's time in office over this issue.

Ryan Hunter
Mechanical engineering senior

"Under 4" campaign drinking the haterade

While Facebooking I noticed that the "Under 4" people are trying to further spread their hatred of drinking. They spent perfectly good money on putting an ad on Facebook. I thought the lame posters and ads in this fine paper were bad enough.

I hate the stupid "Under 4" campaign that Cal Poly has. It's tough to say if it hate it more than the study "25-35 hours a week" thing. Anyways, the studying thing will be bitched about later in the quarter.

I hate seeing the sign telling me that 67 percent of Cal Poly students have less than four drinks when they drink. Forty-nine percent of Cal Poly students go to a bar or party one time or less per week.

When I look around at school, I've noticed that about half the people in my class are not drinking. I don't want to be compared to need, grades do that. Oh yeah, I have a 3.41 GPA overall and I drink all the time.

I was fortunate enough to take the survey last year and I answered the maximum number of drinks for every question. I'd like to see the full results of the survey because I'm sure it indicates that there are drunk Cal Poly that drink a lot. As one of my professors always says: There are three types of people, liars, damn liars and statistics.

There really isn't anything to do in school other than go out and drink on the weekends.

Anyways, getting drunk recreationally a few times a week is a lot of fun.

Jon Haines
Journalism senior

Views on immigration and the pending bill

I am simply shocked at how people are reacting to the fact that the government wants to criminalize illegal immigrants.

Don't get me wrong, but aren't you a criminal when you commit an illegal act. Therefore, all ILLEGAL immigrants are already criminals. Now, does this mean we should round up all the illegal aliens in the United States and ship them back to their propective countries? No. What I do believe is that the new bill HR.4437 offers the best solution so far. For those of you who do not know, this bill will grant ALL illegal immigrants amnesty. They just need to do three little things: 1. Pass a background check (How dare they ensure we aren't allowing dangerous criminals into the UN). 2. Pay back taxes (For once they will have to pay taxes just like you and I). 3. Learn English (enough said). The problem most have with this bill is not the granting of citizenship, but the increased penalties after the bill passes.

Some of the provisions include: Increased penalties for aliens reentering illegally and alien smuggling, crackdown on alien gang members, aggravated felony provisions and bursting terrorist aliens from naturalization. To me, all of these things sound like they should already be enforced. The fact is that illegal immigration is a problem in the U.S. This bill simply strives to prevent further illegal activity from happening, and to fix the problems we have.

My biggest problem has to deal with the amount of money spent on illegal immigrants. Although they take advantage of some of the social services in the United States, such as schooling and hospital care, they don't put money back into the economy like other Americans. I have no problem if they are over here, but if they are, simply pay for the right to be here just like the rest of us. I work hard for my money and pay my taxes. It's not fair for me to have my tax dollars going to people that don't pay themselves.

Matthew Neal
Aerospace engineering junior

Immigration policy and the pressures of economics

As a credit card-carrying member of the Asian race, ablood relative of Native Americans and a descen-

dent of migrant monkeys, my opinions on immigration are instantly relevant.

America always has crappy jobs. So we import: indentured white guys to farm, black slaves for cotton, Chinese for railroads, Irish for drinking I guess, Italians to organize crime, Germans for rockets and so forth. We even imported people from Nebraska to cities as factory drones, but they didn't pass over arbitrarily defined borders. In either case it's safe we are addicted to migrant labor.

I once had dreams of building robots to replace those crappy jobs, but with all this cheap labor and expensive robo-gas, my dreams may go unfulfilled. These immigrants fulfill their dreams of prosperity filling the very jobs I wanted to replace fulfilling my dreams. A native born American forced to work like migrant labor.

Monday! In order to gain access, the cushy lifestyle I've been led to believe, I must have and nay be forced to move to Mexico, where my engineering peers make me feel like an American CEO. But they may not let me, what with all those American-born Latinos and whites escaping an America that bankrupted itself trying to maintain the illusion of security.

I'll look back and realize how quickly our immigration reform became obsolete under the pressures of economic factors. I'll remember Latinos booting Mexicans out the door as the cities swell and jobs dwindle. Maybe I can create a hovel out of chunks of the old border wall that couldn't stop the attack, and keep myself warm burning piles and piles of felled guest worker files.

Morgan Elam
General engineering senior

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NAMELESS IN A DARK MINE BY SERGEI CHILD SLAVE.

JAMES GLEN MUSTANG DAILY

Got something to say?

Send a letter to the editors!

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Facebook means a boon for student business initiatives. "Colleges, especially Princeton, a school without professional schools, should encourage students to get into entrepreneurship, especially for some of the departments that feed themselves directly to starting your own business, like engineering," Halperin said.

"I think college entrepreneurship is an amazing way to go because you get to do anything you want. " said Zeaky '06, one of Princeton University's most recent entrepreneurs, took an indefinite leave from Princeton three years ago to co-found TerraTide Inc., a company that uses waste from wastewater as fertilizer.

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Rise of Facebook

In high school, Zickenberg and Adam D'Angelo classmates at Phillips Exeter Academy, created Synapse, a plug-in for Winamp media player that automatically creates user playlists based on previous song preferences. After the program was posted online, many large corporations offered to buy it for as much as $2 million. "I think college entrepreneurship is an amazing way to go because you get to do anything you want," said Zeaky '06, one of Princeton University's most recent entrepreneurs, took an indefinite leave from Princeton three years ago to co-found TerraTide Inc., a company that uses waste from wastewater as fertilizer.

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American Bar Association study: Women unequally represented in top law jobs

Alejandra Del Real

BOSTON — Despite statistics showing that women are increasingly underrepresented in law firm partnerships, Boston University School of Law continues to enroll even numbers of both sexes. According to "Facts About Women and the Law," a study published by the American Bar Association, law firms employ an almost even number of male and female associates, but this does not hold true for the higher posts. In 1997, only 14 percent of law firms considered women as partners. When IM evan graduated from the School of Law, only 10 percent of the class were women, but according to her, those were different times.

"We graduated during the time of the feminist movement and we really wanted it," she said. "I wanted to succeed very badly and I had the drive to do it."

According to Plevan, who has been voted one of the "Best Lawyers in America" numerous times, women do not reach high posts for various reasons, including the amount of time necessary to succeed and society's expectations.

"Some women have a feeling that they do not have the support necessary to make it in this career, and there are always expectations of society that women should, for the most part, dedicate more of their time to the household," she said. "Achieving a partnership and bringing in the clients for the firm requires time and effort that a lot of women do not have, and if they do not have the right support like I did, it is very difficult to do."

For O'Rourke, another reason for the low number of female partners lies in the law firm's incentive tactics. "The hard problem for the legal profession is not so much in hiring female partners, but in retaining them," she said. "Firm and other legal employers need to find ways to offer flexible schedules for those women who wish to have a family or take some time off for whatever reason."

Law professor Maria Hyton graduated from Yale and Harvard universities. She left private practice to reach out more research, and she also has seven children ranging in age from three to sixteen.

As for the lack of female partners in big law firms, Hyton said she believes it is the result of a combination of boredom with big firm practice and a desire to manage things well at home. "I'm interested in popular perception, raising one's own children is not dull or uninteresting work," she said. "I'm sure the two things a lawyer can do big firm practice as a partner is one of the most incompatible with a hands-on style of parenting. Not impossible, but not easy."

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According to the "Facts About Women and the Law" study, there is a "glass ceiling," a level beyond which women and minorities are unable to advance in a workplace.

Under Four ... or over budget?

The average Cal Poly student drinks under four drinks in one sitting

49% of Cal Poly students go to parties and bars less than once a week
Saddam Hussein dodges questions from prosecutors as he faces first cross-examination

Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein testifies during cross-examination at his trial held in Baghdad's Green Zone on Wednesday. Saddam followed, 148 Shiites who were killed and hundreds were imprisoned. Many say they were tortured. After a six-hour session, the trial adjourned until Thursday. Prosecutors appeared to have finished questioning Saddam.

Chief Prosecutor Jafar al-Moosawi asked Saddam about his approval of the death sentences handed down by his Revolutionary Court, which prosecutors have argued gave Saddam the rights to carry out a conspiracy against Shiites launched after a 1982 assassination attempt against Saddam in the town of Dujail. In the sweep that followed, 148 Shiites were killed and hundreds were imprisoned. Many say they were tortured.

During the questioning, Saddam cooperated with the court at times, grinning at the chief prosecutor and reciting poetry to the judge, whom he casually addressed by his first name as "Mr. Raouf." But at times, his relaxed demeanor gave way to a more condescending and irritable side.

Diplomats: Mideast nations held secret talks on Iraq

The four diplomats said intelligence chiefs from Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and non-Arab Turkey had held a series of meetings over the last few weeks to assess the situation in Iraq and work out plans to avoid any regional backlash that may result from sectarian conflict in Iraq. The diplomats said several Middle Eastern capitals, expressing concern about the sensibility of the issue, said Iran and Syria have been excluded from the talks.

One diplomat whose country is involved in the talks said the officials are focusing on the proposed U.S.-Iranian dialogue on Iraq and the implications of Arab and Turkey of any "American-Iranian deal."

Government officials in Egypt and Jordan declined to answer questions on the meetings. Reports in the Arab press have suggested that any agreement between Washington and Tehran will be at the expense of Arabs. Arab nations, mostly Sunni and traditionally suspicious of Iran, are deeply concerned about what they see as Iran's growing influence in Iraq. Iraq, also a key Sunni nation, is worried about Iran's split between sectarian and ethnic entities that will give rise to Sunni-Shia and Sunni-Sunni rivalries.

Last year, Jordan's King Abdullah II accused Shiite-dominated Iran of trying to influence events in Iraq. He warned that Iran was seeking to create a "Shiite crescent" that would disrupt the balance of power in the region.

Saddam Hussein speaking in front of a crowd of supporters.

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New Hamas government is broke, has missed its first pay day for public workers

Ibrahim Brazak

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The new Hamas-led government is broke and missed the April 1 monthly pay date for tens of thousands of Palestinian public workers, Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh said Wednesday.

It was the Islamic militants’ first admission they will have difficulty running the West Bank and Gaza without massive foreign aid. Haniyeh offered no solutions to the cash crunch, pledging only to try his best to make up for tens of millions of dollars in aid being withheld by international donors and appealing to the Arab world to send more donations.

The Palestinian Authority is the largest employer in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, providing salaries for one-third of the Palestinians. Haniyeh said it was unclear how the government will meet its payroll.

“The Palestinian Finance Ministry has received an entirely empty treasury in addition to the debt of the government in general,” Haniyeh told the first meeting of his Cabinet.

“We are going to do our utmost as a government to pay the salaries of the Palestinian Authority employees despite the cash crisis that we are facing,” Finance Minister Omar Abdel Razek said he is waiting for $80 million from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

“If they pay, and I hope they will, we will be able to pay salaries by the middle of the month,” he told The Associated Press. A collapse in the Palestinian Authority’s coffers will devastate an economy where 44 percent of the population lives under the poverty line of about $2 a day and nearly one-quarter of the work force is unemployed, according to the World Bank.

Weather in addition to the debt of the Authority will meet its payroll.

Israel also froze the transfer of tens of millions of dollars in tax revenues it collects on behalf of the Palestinians since shortly after Hamas’ January election victory. The United States and Canada already announced they are severing ties with the new government, and the European Union is to decide on its aid program next week.
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Despite the struggle, the team was satisfied with this season’s success and looking forward to finding strength in both its roster and the national championship.

The WCLL quarterfinal playoff will start April 22 at Cal Poly’s home field.

The first game will likely be against rival UC Santa Barbara, depending on how the last games of the season go for both teams. Chico faced Cal Poly last year in the playoffs.

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before Yoshizawa said.

The club also has a strong appreciation for the environment and works with Ecologic, a young adult environmental group. “Our hope is that we can start to give back to the environment,” Yoshizawa said.

This last Las Olas chapter is currently awaiting approval from ASI to become an official Cal Poly club. Additional information can be found at www.excursionclub.org.

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work together cohesive.

The Sea Otter Classic may not be a huge road cycling race, but it serves as a great example of an event that has been going on for years, yet a majority of the population of the California, let alone the United States, probably has never heard of it.

One might say that the success of the Tour of California is an indication of the growing popularity of bicycle racing in the United States.

I however, think that the popularity of the Tour of California is more of an indication of the sorry state of professional organized bicycle racing in America.

Yes, there are fans in the United States who do take pride when you have one large organized race in California, a bunch of little races, and a lack of coverage of the sport at all, a second rate sport with a lot of potential.

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The New York Times

Crossword

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Clue: Name of a city in Idaho, Austria and Germany

Answer:

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**Lacrosse looks for success in playoffs**

Amy Dierdorff

As the Cal Poly men's intercollegiate lacrosse team prepares for its final two games of the season and the Western Collegiate Lacrosse League (WCLL) playoffs approach, their winning spirit is unwavering, despite the challenge of practice-halting weather.

“We have to remain focused because we haven’t been able to get on any type of grass for a month now,” said Brian Kelly, the team’s president.

Recent heavy rains have soaked the practice fields for the past few weeks and confined players to parking lot drills and watching videos of previous games to keep their skills sharp. As April ends, and an April 15 game against Santa Clara at Cal Poly’s home field will determine their seeding in the playoffs.

“Every week we’re improving in the pool,” Kelly said. “I’m pretty sure we’re going to win the playoffs.”

Cal Poly currently ranks No. 10 in the nation, according to a poll put out yesterday by the U.S. Lacrosse Intercollegiate Association. It is the highest we’ve been all season,” head coach Marc Lea said.

It remains a challenge that, even though the team is missing out on valuable practice time, it’s proven that they have what it takes to make it to the USILA National Championships in Dallas, Texas this May.

“We have a really good foundation we put in in the fall,” Lea said. “We’re shooting for a top 5 finish.”

A top-5 finish would be a vast improvement over last year’s national ranking of 21. Last year was the team’s first losing season in more than a decade, due in part to multiple player injuries and the departure of some key graduating seniors.

“We’ve definitely improved a lot from last year,” Kelly said. “We didn’t really know how to play as a team.”

Ryan Herchenroether, head coach for the last two seasons, stepped down to pursue a graduate degree, leaving the spot to the man who previously coached the team for 7 years, Lea. Kelly credits this season’s improvement to Lea, who returned to lead the program this fall, after a two-year hiatus.

“He taught us how to play all together, instead of as individuals,” Kelly said.

Cal Poly beat the No. 7 team, University of Oregon, 14-13 on April 1.

“This last game was really big for us,” Kelly said. “It showed our team that we deserve to go to the nationals.”

But they still faced their share of disappointment this season. Just a day after the victory against Oregon, the team suffered a disappointing loss against No. 2 ranked Sonoma State, 12-7 on April 2.

Cal Poly’s lacrosse team was ranked No.10 by the U.S. Lacrosse Intercollegiate Association in a recent poll, the ranking being the highest in recent years.

**Excursion Club offers adventures to SLO**

Jennifer Hall

OUTDOOR GUY

Outdoor enthusiasts can look forward to an increase in networking and organized trips by the new Excursion Club at Cal Poly.

The club began in January 2003 at UC Santa Barbara as an outdoor mailing list that connected people who wanted to organize trips for activities such as kayaking, backpacking and rock climbing.

“We started out as just a group of friends and from there we had a few events per week,” said Jil Yoshihara, co-founder and president of the Excursion Club.

Yoshihara and Lucy Skidmore started the club while they were students at UC Santa Barbara and it has now grown to include chapters in Westlake and the newest San Luis Obispo chapter.

Thursdays, at the UC Santa Barbara take place in fall 2004 and drew nearly 450 people and the mailing list now includes over 650 subscribers.

The purpose is to bring all of the outdoor enthusiasts in an area together, Yoshihara said.

The Cal Poly club began advertising in January 2006 and plans to hold their first meeting during the fourth or fifth week of April. They are expecting a turn-out of over 400 people.

The club has a website that has over 200 contacts.

“We have an awesome staff for San Luis Obispo,” Yoshihara said. “They’re very committed, and based on their performance, this is going to be a pretty big thing.”

The Cal Poly chapter has been organizing rock climbing trips every weekend and are currently planning a backpacking and fishing trip to Mammoth Bowl over Memorial Day weekend, as well as rock climbing trip to Joshua Tree later this quarter.

“We’re going to try to get a group of four or five people together, instead of as individuals,” Yoshihara said. “It’s a great way for friends to network together and find trips.”

After the first meeting later this month, the club plans to start registering at a cost of approximately $20 per quarter or $40 for the year.

“You really get great people that love the outdoors,” Yoshihara said. “They really inspire you to keep going.”

Many of the members have participated in numerous outdoor trips such as climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro and have a wealth of experience and equipment to share.

“They open up a window of opportunity that we never had before,” Yoshihara said.

If you have an idea, bring it to the club and we can formulate that into an organized event,” Yoshihara said.

The club also has a pilot that organizes rock climbing trips that fly as low as 500 feet for aerial photography as well as additional social events for club members. No experience is necessary to participate in the trips.

“With the potential is endless,” said Yoshihara.

The Sea Otter Classic is scheduled to begin today and run through Sunday, April 9 in Monterrey.

The event offers road racing as well as a series of downhills mountain bike racing courses, including the staple dual slalom course and the ever popular dirt jump competition, which attracts an international field of competitors. However, it remains to be seen whether or not the SOC will attract large crowds.

Clearly this race has a smaller impact than the Tour of California did back in 2005, because the event was held in the Golden State. The event, which attracts an international field of competitors, however, it remains to be seen whether or not the SOC will attract large crowds.

For a sport with a large fan base across the United States, there is flat-out too much discomfort with the sport. The events are organized individually and lack an umbrella organization, which controls advertising and marketing for the teams involved. So, as opposed to having an organization like, Major League Baseball or the Indy Racing League, you have a bunch of sponsors and individual organizers that do not see Excursion, page 15