City and regional planning students offer community services to Ventura

Kendra Deutsche

The program was designed to give students the opportunity to work on an actual project to help them get first-hand experience and gain knowledge in their prospective careers.

"The students prepared a community plan and did a lot of research on what there is now by talking to community members and developing ideas ... about what the community may look like in the future," Howard said.

In preparation for the project, they attended several public meetings and workshops to develop an effective plan for the community.

"This was a very successful project," Howard said. "The students were able to engage the community, and the community warmed up to the city."

Additionally, students worked with "state-of-the-art" methods of planning development this year as they worked with professional consultants at Crawford, Mahari and Clark Associates of San Luis Obispo, Howard said.

"We learned just practical knowledge," said Katherine Belton, a city planning student.

At one of the first meetings, Ventura community members gave feedback and worked with developers on the project.
Fit

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In order to get free food, students had to complete a scavenger hunt that had participants searching for various things and features located in the “Fit.” Questions such as “How many different configurations can you make with the scale?” were used to puzzle the participants. The questionnaire was bright orange and could be seen throughout the UU.

The scavenger hunts were not only for the free food, but for a raffle. Students who turned in their bright orange papers were entered into a raffle to win gift certificates, T-shirts and even an iPod Nano. The band playing was The Chairs, a band that uses the words “American, Guitar, Rock” to describe themselves, according to their Web site. Students surrounding the stage and moved along with the music for the entire UU Hour.

The event went from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and there were representatives from Honda to answer any questions and to observe the event, Littlefield said.

Other students were impressed with the idea. “It was a great way to spread the word about the Honda Fit,” said Damus Pasion, business and psychology senior. “Using a crowded area was a great idea.”

Students were obviously interested in what was going on, said Jaci Brownlee, nutrition sophomore.

“The set-up was very impressive, with the red carpets and stars and booths with the street names. They did a good job of drawing attention to the event,” she said.

Littlefield said he was pleased with the event.

“We got very lucky with the weather,” he said. “It is supposed to rain tomorrow. It worked out perfectly.”

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and regional planning senses. Petron explained that it was helpful to obtain such practical knowledge with help from the city, citizens and industry professionals.

“When we go out into the field, we will be going through this exact same process,” she said. “It was a very good experience. Knowing that we are working on something that will impact the future, (it) is exciting to see some of our decisions being shaped in the future.”

“You work a lot with the public in trying to find out what the city and the citizens want,” said city and regional planning senior Jonathan Schupper, explaining the need for strong people skills in the business.

“It was a challenge in that we were working with a local firm and trying to combine everything together (to please) the city, citizens and the firms,” he added.

“Even though it was challenging, I still had fun,” he said.

The first-hand experience often leads to job opportunities since students are still finalizing their Web site. Students surrounding the stage and moved along with the music for the entire UU Hour.

Education

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than double the rate of inflation over a three-year period would have to explain why and create a plan to prevent future increases.

Schools that increased tuition will still have to report to the U.S. Department of Education, but the department cannot reject a school’s explanation for raising tuition.

If the amendment hadn’t passed, schools like the University of Oregon, where tuition and fees have increased more than 11 percent for in-state students over the past three years, would have needed to report the price increases and make a plan to prevent similar increases in the future. Although the University’s price has increased overall, the rate of increase has declined over the past three years.

The amendment, introduced by Rep. Louise Gohmert, R-Texas, also removed a provision that would have changed the way colleges are accredited.

Private-school interest groups opposed the provision because it would have given states authority over the private institutions.

Many of the provisions and amendments introduced by Democrats were defeated, including one that would have set a fixed interest rate for student loans at 3.4 percent, half the rate new borrowers will pay starting this summer.

“This is a down payment on reversing the raid on student aid,” Rep. Dale Kirkie, D-Mich., said, referring to the $12 billion reduction in federal-student-loans programs that Congress approved in February, according to the article.

H.R. 699 contains dozens of changes to the original act.

Among them are an increase in the maximum Pell Grant award to $6,000 per year, more scholarships for students pursuing master’s or doctoral degrees in math, science and certain foreign languages, and a requirement that the Education Department make information about tuition, graduation rates, student-faculty ratios and average financial aid packages more easily available online to students and their families.

Several other provisions and amendments were defeated.

One would have required universities to accept transfer credits from educational institutions accredited by national agencies rather than the six regional accrediting agencies currently recognized.

Another would have required colleges and universities to report how students’ race was taken into account during the admissions process to the Education Department.

The Senate will vote on its own version of H.R. 699 in April, and if the bill passes, the two bills will be reviewed by a committee and combined before being sent to President Bush.
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Year: eighth grade student
Hometown: Cayucos

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Name: Caitlin Streeter
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Favorities

Place to go on vacation: Europe
Food: Brownies and watermelon

If You Could ...
— have any superpower what would it be and why?
The ability to have every superpower.
— meet anyone, who would it be?
Dr. Phil, to learn the mysteries of the world.
— win the lottery tomorrow, how would you spend the money?
Buy all the skateparks in the world for my pleasure.

Other
— What scares you most?
— What do you want to be when you grow up?

If You Could ...
— have any superpower what would it be and why?
To fly.
— meet anyone, who would it be?
Orlando Bloom
— win the lottery tomorrow, how would you spend the money?
Travel around the world.

Other
— What scares you most?
Excited dogs.

If You Could ...
— have any superpower what would it be and why?
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Dan Brown
— win the lottery tomorrow, how would you spend the money?

Other
— What do you want to be when you grow up?
A fashion designer.
French prime minister brushes off resigning as students block international traffic

Jenny Barchfield
PARIS — Some 2,000 angry students massed on railroad tracks in Paris Thursday, halting international train traffic in a fresh push to force a new youth labor law off the books.

Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin refused to say whether the measure would be repealed.

Villepin spoke more clearly about his own destiny, brushing off growing speculation that he would resign.

President Jacques Chirac "gave me a mission, and this mission, I will lead it to the end," Villepin told a news conference. "All the rest is pure speculation and fantasy."

Calling for calm, he said he was listening to the voices of discontent over his reforms aimed at deterring sky-high joblessness among youth by making it easier for employers to hire and fire younger workers.

Lawmakers from the governing Union for a Popular Movement, or UMP, met for a second day with students and in search of a way out. Protesters are demanding the measure be withdrawn.

"The immediate priority, as we all know, is restoring calm," Villepin said.

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"It is time to get out of the crisis," the job law has inspired disruptive protests at hundreds of universities and high schools and spurred massive demonstrations and violence by some protesters.

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Students see what they can do with nothing

Liz Soteros McNamara

The art and design department opened its annual contest exhibition of student artwork today in the Dexter building.

Students are required to enter pieces that appear in five categories ranging from two-dimensional studio and three-dimensional studio, graphic design, photography and freelance entries. Students were able to enter up to five pieces in the show, however, not all the pieces entered were selected.

“We have really good work from all areas of art and design,” said Nara Lee, a coordinator for the project and a design senior.

Only students in the art and design department were eligible to enter pieces in the freelance category, which is work not completed in a Cal Poly art class.

“There are many more pieces in this show than in others,” said Christine Kuper, Cal Poly’s University Art Gallery coordinator.

Pieces range from silver jewelry to projections on the wall. The show divides the gallery into three major sections: graphic design, photography and studio art.

Students will be able to handle certain graphic design works, like bound books.

Kuper called the show a “splendid demonstration for students to know what’s going on in the next classroom.”

An added bonus for art and design students is that their accreditation board, the National Association of Schools of Art and Design will review the exhibit.

Each year the department selects a different panel of local judges from the community for the competition. This year the judges came from Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo.

“Some of the pieces were well put together and well thought out,” said Judge Missy Reitner with Design, a local design firm.

She said that judging the contest was “the hardest thing I’ve ever had to do.”

Every year the exhibit takes on a new title and this show’s title is “State Funded,” a title selected by students in the art and design department.

“It’s to see what we can do with nothing,” said art and design junior Leonard Besemer. “We don’t get any money but we still create radical things.”

Besemer has five pieces on display in the competition, including an installation piece (a non-permanent sculpture), a poster and three photo works.

The art and design department celebrates the event tonight with a reception and awards ceremony.

The free event runs through April 26 in the Dexter building, room 171.

Music faculty unite for spring concert

Jennifer Boudavin

Katharine Arthur’s father flew in from Windsor, Ontario, Canada to see her perform this weekend at Cal Poly.

But she’s no student.

In a unique ensemble, the Cal Poly music faculty is banding together to present “Spring Bouquet of Chamber Music” at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Spanos Theatre.

The recital features several faculty members: Katherine Arthur, soprano; Paul Severson, violin; James Edwards, lute; George Obbink, cello; Clinton Swanson, bass; Caroline Tobin, clarinet; Keith Snell; and David Arntz, harpsichord; and Susan Azaret Davies, piano. Also performing is violinist Brynn Albanese, a string coach for the music department.

Arthur, who teaches performance and private voice lessons and organizes the recital, came up with the idea of a faculty performance last year, and received an incredible response from her colleagues. In her four years at Cal Poly, she hasn’t heard of anything similar.

“It’s so unique in that it is the first time I’ve seen so many of our music faculty share with their students. Meeting for private voice lessons and organizing the recital is a great opportunity for them to spend quality time with students,” said Arthur.

This concert offers an opportunity for the music faculty to perform together so that our students can see us in action. We don’t just talk about music,” said Clinton Swanson, music department professor emeritus.

It’s important for the music faculty to perform together so that our students can see us in action and not just talking about music,” said Clinton Swanson, music department professor emeritus.

Featured are late sonatas by Thomas Campion, “Sara la Spedale de Tebro” by Alessandro Scarlatti, “Der Hird auf den Delfen” by Franz Schubert, and songs by Charles Ives. Students, faculty and community members alike are invited to attend.

“Nothing is more enriching than exposure to positive creativity in any genre,” Snell said.

“(Attendees) will not be disap-
HUMOR COMMENTARY

Brack Jack Ingram

BY JORDAN CAPOBianCO

Hollywood needs to acknowledge liberal bias

by Jordan Capobianco

Tampa, Fla. — Hollywood certainly seems to be liberal in political persuasion. If that is not the message actors and directors intend to convey, much needs to be done to dispel that belief.

Michael Moore, stone Olivia, Timothy Robbins, Susan Sarandon, Spike Lee, Janeane Garofalo and others actively voice their liberal ideals; Harry Belafonte and Danny Glover have both taken trips to Venezuela to meet with and praise communist dictator Hugo Chavez.

The 2006 Academy Awards served as further evidence of the dominance of liberal themes, which were rife in the movies nominated for Best Picture.

Nominations for Best Picture at the 78th Annual Academy Award consisted of a proverbial buffet of topics that make most conservatives wince. "Brokeback Mountain," a film about two bisexual shepherds, Capote about a homosexual author, "Crash" about multiculturalism, "Good Night, and Good Luck" about McCarthyism and "Munich" about assassinations committed by Israel. No matter what one's point of view is regarding such issues, it certainly must be conceded that these movies have strong liberal leanings.

Hollywood's political views were also highlighted during the Academy Awards in another way. When George Clooney accepted the Oscar for best actor, he said: "This Academy, this group of people, gave Hattie McDaniel an Oscar in 1939 when blacks were still sitting in the backs of theaters. Truth is that it wasn't until 24 years later that another black, Sydney Poitier, won an Oscar, and only three black actors won Academy Awards between 1939 and 1962.

Clooney's defense seems less progressive and more an offensive, pandering display of tokenism. It's not progressive to engage in tokenism of Letters to the Editor in any way.

In Hollywood's political views, the idea of an extremely liberal Hollywood is unsustainable. Hard political stances do not tend to nur-

As such, it is to gambling as we are to jack

Let's be clear: This is a very powerful man. If Jerry Bruckheimer were to make a movie about Jack Ingram, it wouldn't be complicated, because Jack Ingram would be there to make technical mistakes on what Bruckheimer didn't do in the movie.

In Hollywood, with Jack Ingram has the possibility of being really complex, if only he would return our calls. Think about it this way: Wayne Gretzky is to gambling as we are to Jack Ingram. Gretzky is fun and Wayne Gretzky loves it a little too much.

You didn't go on a pilgrimage—

Therefore, we look for a wrong page? That's just a load of bulls—

Classy: Spring Break '06 in Cancun! Surprisingly, a much lower syllables rate than one would expect.

Uncaught: The Enlightenment, for being one huge tanto.

"I think I've officially the first person to ride a motorcycle in the journalism building."
Junior third baseman Josh Lansford, who had a nine-game hitting streak snapped by Washington, leads the Mustangs offensively with a .361 average.

Freshman first baseman/designated hitter Adam Basche owns a .327 mark after going 4-for-11 in a series for the second straight week. Junior pitcher Matt Camp is next at .312 while senior first baseman/right fielder Jimmy Van Ostrand is hitting .308.

Lansford leads Cal Poly and the Big West with 11 home runs and 40 RBIs.

Lee, in his fourth season at Mustang mentor with a 119-85-2 career mark, guided Cal Poly in 2005 to a tie for second place in the Big West Conference with Long Beach State, both 14-7 and two games behind 2004 national champion Cal State Fullerton. The Mustangs finished 36-20 overall, but were denied an NCAA Tournament berth.

Cal Poly continues Big West Conference action next weekend (April 13-15) with a three-game series against UC Irvine in Baggett Stadium. The series will be played Thursday through Saturday prior to Easter Sunday.
Cal Poly (18-14), which opened Big West Conference play by winning two of three games against Pacific last weekend in Baggett Stadium, continues conference play this weekend, visiting Cal State Northridge (15-17, 0-3) for a three-game Big West series at Matador Field.

Friday's game starts at 3 p.m., followed by Saturday and Sunday contests at 1 p.m. All three games will be broadcast on ESPN Radio (1280 AM) as well as on the Internet at www.GofPols.com.

Cal State Northridge, coached by Steve Rossy (fourth season, 66-133), has three position starters, six pitchers and four other lefthanded hitters from last year's 18-36-1 squad which finished eighth in the Big West with a 2-19 mark. The Matadors were swept by Cal State Fullerton in their Big West-opening series last weekend by scores of 2-1, 6-1 and 14-2.

Top Matador hitters to date are outfielder Brett Blumenthal (younger brother of former Mustang Kyle Blumenthal) with a .364 average, followed by shortstop Scott Lyons at .317, center fielder Johnny Coit at .313 and catcher Steve Lemmons at .311.

Cal State Northridge has a 108-82 advantage in its series against Cal Poly after sweeping the Mustangs two weeks ago by scores of 5-0, 9-7 and 7-6 in Baggett Stadium. The Mustangs look for redemption in the two starts, and will likely pitch Saturday against Cal State Northridge.

Cal Poly puts athletic twist on UU hour

Hundreds of students packed UU Hour Thursday for free food and prizes in celebration of National Student-Athlete Day. Attendees enjoyed food and prizes while they jammed to the live band that accompanied the special release of Honda's newest car, the "Fit."

The National Student-Athlete Day was created to acknowledge the hard work of student athletes who are able exceed both on the playing fields, in school and in the community.

Though the nationally sanctioned NCAA day of student-athlete recognition has been around since 1994, Thursday marked the first year Cal Poly has observed the April 6 event.

Cal Poly pitcher John Daley Jr. started two games over the weekend against Pacific, going 1-1 in the two starts, and will likely pitch Saturday against Cal State Northridge.

Students and athletes alike were treated to food and games as a part of National Student-Athlete Day.

"We were really excited about the turnout. We thought it was a great PR event for the Cal Poly Athletic Department," said senior Michelle Henke, an academic services assistant. "Everybody seemed really excited about the event, there was a lot of camaraderie between all the athletes and they seemed to enjoy it," Henke said.

Despite it being the first year for the event, the student attendance proved to be high as the lines for the free meals stretched across the UU.

"I really didn’t know what to expect as far as attendance, but nearly 200 athletes stopped by to enjoy the food," Folz said. "We served over 400 meals which meant probably over 450 people stopped by the tent."

Originally, the event was slated to charge students for the meals, but a last-minute decision by The Mustang Maniacs had them step forward and front the bill for the food and donate manpower for the day's events, Henke said.

With nearly 500 people making it out to the event, some attendees said they had never seen the UU so busy.

"I can't believe how many people are out here today, it's pretty cool. I came for the free food, can't blame me in that," landscape architecture sophomore Tom Savage said. "But really, student-athletes have it a lot harder than the rest of us."

Cal Poly teams hit the road

Baggett Stadium will be empty, the tennis courts will be matched and no ovah will be put on around the Cal Poly track as all of Cal Poly's spring athletic teams will take to the road for their weekend competitions.

The baseball team heads to Cal State Northridge for a three-game rematch with the Matadors. Northridge swept the Mustangs two weeks ago in non-conference action.

The softball team will take on two-time defending Big West champion Long Beach State. The 49ers are 17-14 overall and 2-0 in the Big West while Cal Poly holds a 14-17 overall and 2-1 in the Big West — after a tedious non-conference schedule.

The men's tennis squad will play Northern Arizona on Saturday and Montana on Sunday, both games being played in Sedona, Ariz.

The women's tennis team will play a Big West match at UC Irvine. The Mustangs are undefeated in conference play this season.

In track competition, Cal Poly will travel to UCLA for the Rafter Johnson/Jackie JOYNER KI'NATON. Among those competing will be William Cisco, Adrian Roark, Aro Bases and Philip Reid.

The women's golf squad will take the weekend off, but starts the two-day Matador Spring Invitational on Monday.

The men's golf team will do the same as the women, but will compete at the Merrill Lynch/Saint Mary's Invitational.

ROLLINS' HIT STREAK ENDS AT 38

Rollins' hitting streak is over. The Philadelphia Phillies' losing streak is not.

Rollins went 0-for-4, ending his 36-game hitting streak that stretched over two seasons, and the Phillies lost 4-2 to the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday.

After finishing with a 36-game hitting streak last year, Rollins kept up his pursuit of Joe DiMaggio's major league record 56-game streak with hits in his first two games this season. But he was hitless in three tries against Jason Marquis — he's 3-for-25 against him — and one at-bat against Josh Hancock. Rollins bunted out to right field (first inning), left field (fifth) and center field (seventh), and was retired trying to bunt for a single in the third.

Rollins was the fifth batter up in the ninth, but Jason Jennings retired the side in order, getting Mike Lieberthal to ground out to third base to end the game.

Rollins' season-ending 36-game hitting streak was the ninth-longest over one season in big league history, and the longest in the majors since 1987, when Paul Molitor hit safely in 39 consecutive games.

Marquis (1-0) pitched 5 1-3 effective innings and had an RBI double, Jim Edmonds singled in the go-ahead run in a four-run fifth inning and the Cardinals swept a three-game series in Philadelphia for the first time since 1986.

Philadelphia hadn't started 0-3 since losing the first three games in Arizona in 2000.

Cory Lidle (8-1) allowed four runs on four hits, three earned, and six hits in five innings.

None of Philadelphia's starters, Jon Liebler, Brett Myers and Lidle — who pitched more than five innings and they have a 9.45 ERA in the first three games.