**Cal Poly celebrates Earth Day, takes steps to preserve environment**

Katie Hofstetter  

World-renowned environmentalist Peter Raven encouraged Cal Poly students and staff to inform the public about global sustainability, pointing to appropriate impact throughout the world. He shared that half the world lives on less than $2 a day while one-eighth of the population could be considered starving based on caloric intake.

Raven said to conquer the problems contributing to the earth's destruction, individuals must promote international understanding, learn, vote and act politically.

Peter Raven  

Raven, who was named Hero of the Planet by Time magazine in global sustainability, came to Cal Poly in preparation for Earth Day on April 22. His visit was sponsored by the Provost's Office.

In his lecture, given to an audience of approximately 1,000 people, Raven called on the school as a whole to set an example in moving toward global sustainability.

"Particularly appropriate to Cal Poly, we can improve the technologies we use, which themselves have an alarmingly tough impact throughout the world," he said.

During his visit to San Luis Obispo, Raven reviewed Cal Poly facilities as well as organic vineyards in Edna Valley and the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden.

Raven attended UC Berkeley for his undergraduate and received his doctorate from UCLA before teaching at Stanford for nine years. A California native, he praised the San Luis Obispo environment.

"Here it's the mixture of Northern and Southern elements growing together that make it so incredibly beautiful," he said.

But Raven warned about what the current state of consumption worldwide, and especially in the United States, will eventually mean for the planet. He estimated that half of the world lives on less than $2 a day while one-eighth of the population could be considered starving based on caloric intake.

He also predicted that another 2 billion people will be added to the world's population before there is global sustainability.

"We will reach sustainability at some point. We have to," he said. "I think the choice we have to make is will it be a soft landing or will it be a hard landing? Are we going to be clever enough to be limiting population, to be figuring out better and less wasteful ways to consume? Will we be finding better technology to use so that we can find this sustainable condition while this earth is still rich and diverse and beautiful?"

Raven said to conquer the earth's destruction, individuals must promote international understanding, learn, vote and act politically.

"It's extremely important to learn," he said. "The only way to learn effectively in these fields is by doing."

Raven's speech is part of Cal Poly's implementation of the Talloires Declaration, signed by President see Environment, page 2
Environment

cate students on the depletion of natural resources. The adoption of the declaration puns Cal Poly in the company of some 350 other universities dedicated to global sustainabil-
ity. "I wasn’t aware of how much our school is involved in sustainability,” said junior biology student Aneesa Masters.

Prior to Raven’s speech, Dean of the College of Agriculture David Wehner spoke of the environmentally sound steps being taken by the college. He cited the addition of environmental protection management and earth science majors, as well as research into improved grazing practices and reduced erosion, as a few of the ways the college is working toward sustainability.

Wehner also announced in the fall that the name of the College of Agriculture will be expanded into the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Resources.

Raven called the College of Agriculture’s commitment to sustain-
tability “wonderful and “ingenious.” He estimated that since 1950 soil erosion has increased 20 percent, of which there has been a 20 percent loss of agriculture land, more than one-third of forest land has been destroyed, carbon dioxide has increased by one-sixth and 6.8 percent of the ozone layer has been depleted.

Raven also said that by the year 2000 about two-thirds of the earth’s 10 million organisms will be extinct, with the current extinction rate at 1000 per year.

"People being informed about other organisms will not only be able to deal with them more intentionally and successfully, but they will actually care about them, they’ll get more attached to them,” he said.

Raven concluded his lecture to a standing ovation by the audience. There was another eruption of applause: when Raven quoted Mahatma Gandhi who said, “The world provides enough to satisfy every man’s need but not every man’s greed.”

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they were willing to go out of their way to help us.”

For other Cal Poly students who are interested in starting a business, Reyes and Brandenberg said that most importantly, “you have to really want to do it” and that though obstacles and frustra-
tions are part of the game, once you get through them, you will be on your way.

The two also said that they will always feel connected to the College of Agriculture and the students who go there.

“If you’re a Cal Poly student we will deal with you,” Brandenberg said. “We give all Cal Poly students 15 percent off — I like dealing with Cal Poly kids because we can relate to them and I think we understand what they are looking for.”

Reyes said he knows that a lot of work still lies ahead, but the future does not look as daunting as he thought when Mediums first started.

“I’m just happy I found a way to stay in touch with all the people who I went to school in, I love the city and I wasn’t ready to leave,” Reyes said.

Rising education costs take toll on California public service

Jackie Brozum, CAMPUS ORGANIZER

LOS ANGELES — Because of the increasing debt load associated with higher education, college graduates face difficulty pursing low-paying public service careers, according to a new report released Thursday by the California Public Interest Research Group.

In “Paying Back, Not Giving Back: Student Debt, Negative Impact on Public Service Career Opportunities,” CAPIRG examines data surrounding the issue of student debt as it pertains to college graduates entering two public service careers: teaching and social work.

“Teachers and social workers play an essential role in American society and are critical to the functioning of our communities,” said Justin Hotter, chair for the University of California-Los Angeles chapter of CAPIRG. “Because these jobs are so vital, it’s especially important that they are financially feasible options for graduates.

Growing dependence on student loans, skilled and dedicated college graduates are deterred from taking or staying in these lower-paying jobs since compensation will not be sufficient to cover loan repayment and basic living expenses, Hotter said. Student debt is defined as “unmanageable when loan repayment con-
motes more than 20 percent of pre-
tax income.”

CAPIRG reported that 17.9 per-
cent of public college and 28.8 per-
cent of private college graduates have unmanageable debt starting as teach-
ers in California.

Nationally, 37 percent of public college graduates and 55 percent of private college graduates would have unmanageable debt starting as social work-
ers.

In the next decade, 2 million new teachers will be needed in the U.S. because of increasing populations, said CAPIRG Campus Organizer Jennifer Jang. If these positions are not filled, class sizes will go up, decreasing the quality of public education, she said.

Social workers will also be in greater demand as the elderly popula-
tion increases, Jang said.

“Even though they pay less, these professions are socially valuable because they directly shape our chil-
dren and our future,” Jang said. “It’s important that graduates are able to become teachers because otherwise society is going to be significantly harmed in the long-term by a deter-
iation of education.”

Hotter said that the report only focused on two public service profes-
sions, many other socially valuable, lower-paying professions are similarly affected by increasing student debts, such as non-profit community work, journalism, the ministry or art.
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White House seeks to dampen talk of military strike on Iran

Nedra Pickler Washington

WASHINGTON — The White House on Sunday sought to dampen the idea of a U.S. military strike on Iran, saying the United States is conducting “normal defense and intelligence planning” as President Bush seeks a diplomatic solution to Tehran’s suspected nuclear weapons program.

Administration officials — from President Bush on down — have left open the possibility of a military response if Iran does not end its nuclear ambitions. Several reports published Sunday said the administration was studying intelligence planning as President Bush seeks a diplomatic solution to a problem the entire world recognizes,” Bartlett told The Associated Press on Sunday. “And those who are drawing broad, definitive conclusions based on normal defense and intelligence planning, are ill-informed and are not knowledgeable of the administration’s thinking on Iran.”

Experts say a military strike on Iran would be risky and complicated. U.S. forces already are preoccupied with Iraq and Afghanistan, and an attack against Iran could inflame U.S. problems in the Muslim world.

Bush’s Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, in an interview with the British Broadcasting Corp., said Britain would not launch a pre-emptive strike on Iran and he was “certain as he could be” that neither would the U.S. He said he has a high suspicion that Iran is developing a civil nuclear capability which in turn could be used for nuclear weapons, but there is “no smoking gun” to prove it and justify military action.

“I understand people’s frustration with the diplomatic process,” Straw said. “It takes a long time and is quite a subtle process. The reason why we’re opposed to military action is because it’s an infinitely worse option and there’s no justification for it.”

The U.N. Security Council has demanded Iran suspend its uranium enrichment program. But Iran has so far refused to halt its nuclear activity, saying the small-scale enrichment project was strictly for research and not for development of nuclear weapons. Bush has said Iran may pose the greatest challenge to the United States of any other country in the world. And while he has stressed that diplomacy is always preferable, he has defended his administration’s strike-first policy against terrorists and other enemies.

“The threat from Iran is, of course, their stated objective to destroy our allies,” Bush said last month in Cleveland. “That’s a threat, a serious threat. It’s a threat to world peace, it’s a threat, in essence, to a strong alliance. I made it clear, I’ll make it clear again, that we will use military might to protect our ally.”

Vice President Dick Cheney told the pro-Israel lobbying group AIPAC last month, “The United States is keeping all options on the table in the addressing of the irresponsible conduct of the regime. And we join other nations in sending that regime a clear message: We will not allow Iran to have a nuclear weapon.”

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Immigration near the top of nation’s concerns

Will Lester Associated Press

WASHINGTON — People are now about as likely to mention immigration as they are the war when asked about the most important problem facing the United States, though both rank behind war in Israel and elsewhere, an AP-Ipsos poll found.

Immigration’s rise in the latest survey about the nation’s top problems suggests the public is keeping close watch on the immigration debate by Congress and reaction around the country.

“Nobody is happy about the war, but the war is far away — the immigration issue is right here,” said Dagnan Washington, a nurse from the Atlanta suburbs.

Esters in the Senate to pass sweeping immigration legislation faltered Friday, leaving in doubt the prospects for passage of a measure that offers the hope of citizenship to millions of men, women and children illegally living in the United States.

The rise in public concern about immigration over the last three months has been substantial.

When people were asked this past week to name the top national problem that came to mind, 15 percent said immigration — four times the number who said that in January. Roughly the same number, 14 percent of those polled, named the economy, according to the poll of 500 adults conducted April 3-5. The survey has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

More than 11 million illegal immigrants are believed to be in this country now, with thousands more coming in all the time. About 1.2 million illegal immigrants were apprehended last year along the nation’s border with Mexico, according to immigration officials.

Ron Smith of Corpus Christi, Texas, has a front-row seat.

“A lot of it is happening where I live,” said Smith, who lives about 150 miles from the Mexican border.

“Then I was younger, the amount of illegal coming across the border was a lot less,” said Smith, 51.

“Now, I think there is a systematic disregard for the border patrol.”

As immigration concerns have grown, economic problems have dipped. Only 14 percent now say the economy and related issues are their top concern, compared with 24 percent in October.

While consumers remain edgy and the housing market is cooler, the economy is believed to be growing at a brisk rate so far this year. Solid hiring totals during the last month pushed the unemployment rate to its lowest point in more than four years.

For Mario Mosko of Tampa, Fla., the economy is a big concern that is tied closely to the war in Iraq.

“Iraq leads to this nation’s economic problems,” she said. “We didn’t have the huge deficit before the war. I want to see the people of Iraq to form their own government, let them take control of their own country and I want us to get out of there as soon as we can.”
TO P 10 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

1. COMPUTE your way into Kennedy Library, where beginning Monday, April 10, Cal Poly computer engineering and computer science majors will show their storyboards for a class project entitled "Designing Interactive Systems for Learning Environments." The display will be in the Learning Commons through May 12.

2. WANT to write a spicy column on drinking culture? Submit a Velvet Rope story to mustangdailydiversions@gmail.com.

3. WRITE your thoughts in "Women's Words," a creative writing group on Tuesday, April 11 in the Women's Center at 6 p.m. Refreshments are provided.

4. SEE local bands Dominic Castillo and the Rock Savants and Red Lights on Tuesday, April 11 at Downtown Brew. Tickets are $4 at the door for the 21 and over show.

5. LISTEN to Cal Poly music faculty member Amber Ferenza play with a free basoon recital with special guests pianist Mark Memess, Kathryn Pizaro and Julie Faves at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 13 in Room 218 of music building at Cal Poly.

6. THINK about a talk given by a second-generation Chinese-American, Helen Zia on Thursday, April 13 in the Vista Grande Cafe at 8 a.m. following breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Zia has outspoken issues ranging from women's rights and homophobia.

7. SWOON your partner after learning swing dancing on Thursday, April 13 for the last of a three-part lesson at 8 p.m. in Bldg. 5 room 225. Cost is $2.

8. WATCH an early screening of "American Dreams" on Thursday April 13 at 8 p.m. at the Downtown Centre Cinema. The comedy stars Mandy Moore, Chris Klein and Hugh Grant. A limit of two free tickets per student is available in the DU Epicenter.

9. CATCH an anniversary screening of "Leave It to Chance," a romantic comedy made for students longing to watch their favorite classics on the big screen, Associated Students Inc. (ASI) just might hold the opportunity.

10. TAKE a date to see the new comedy "Bench Warmers" with David Spade and Jon Heder. The movie is playing at the Downtown Centre Cinema every night this week.

Last chance to catch free flicks this quarter

Jennifer Boudewijn

For students longing to watch their favorite classics on the big screen, Associated Students Inc. (ASI) just might hold the opportunity. Again presenting its popular quarterly film series, ASI Events hosts "Oldies but Goodies," a trio of films to be screened for free on campus. Formerly held at Chumash Auditorium, the showings are now at a new venue — Spanos Theatre — a move triggered by student request.

"A lot of people requested more comfortable seating and a better quality of sound and picture," said Nicole Stivers, ASI Events student supervisor of marketing and public relations. "We decided to move the movie screenings into the Spanos Theatre in direct response to these requests."

According to a press release, the first film of the quarter, "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," was shown April 3. The next movie in the series, "Dazed and Confused," will be presented at 8:15 tonight. This film follows a group of incoming high school and junior high school students through their adventures on their last day of school in 1976.

"The movie series is a lot of fun for groups of friends to come to," Stivers said. "The movies are free and you get to see some of your favorite films on the big screen one more time."

"Animal House," the final movie of the series, will be shown April 17 at 8:15 p.m. Doors at the Spanos Theatre open at 7:45 p.m. for each showing. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information about the spring quarter movie series, call ASI Events at 756-1112, e-mail asievents@asi.calpoly.edu or visit asi.calpoly.edu/asi/events.
Guest Commentary

Illegal immigrants keep the American Dream alive

The primary reason many Americans have to the topic of illegal immigration is one of xenophobia, the fear of the foreigners. Americans believe that immigrants steal wealth from honest citizens. However, immigrants are an integral part of our economy and our survival as a nation. If America wishes to continue growing and expanding, Americans must encourage more immigration and allow the assimilation of immigrants, legal or illegal. A lack of knowledge on the subject of immigration has led to public misconceptions. One of these misunderstandings is that illegal immigrants take more from our society's economic resources than they give back. Although there are no studies in composing all the costs and benefits of immigrant workers, immigrants do pay into Social Security. However, since they do not have Social Security numbers, they withdraw almost nothing from Social Security. Additionally, an estimated 80 percent of documented workers' earnings remain in the United States. Furthermore, illegal immigrants volunteer to pay their taxes despite the personal risk. This is legally accomplished by using a little known program run by the IRS called the ITIN Program. The IRS gives an "individual taxpayer identification number" (ITIN), much like a Social Security number, to individuals' dirty laundry.

Avant contamination situations, such as break-ups, at work. No one wishes to hear other individuals' dirty laundry.

Don't advertise it. Co-workers will be a lot more tolerant of the relationship if they don't feel awkward about it.

Don't repeat risqué stories or jokes.

Don't indulge in PDAs (Public Displays of Affection)

Don't date an intern.

Don't date a boss or subordinate.

When the pressure is mounting, open communication channels must be established. People might also start asking office couples to sign a "love contract." Such similitudes reaffirm that the relationships are voluntary, that the parties will inform human resources when the relationship ends and that both parties will behave ethically during and after the relationship goes bad. It is common that a company handle any confrontational situations as if the two individuals were never romantically involved.

The Bottom Line: We understand that you can't always control your feelings, but we want to remind you that in the work place you have to be smart.

Aliza Elber and Jennette Ballas are both marketing communications with a knack for changing the world... or ethical dilemmas at a time. This is written on behalf of SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) with a goal of teaching others about business ethics.

Tackling everyday ethical issues in the business world.

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Voluntary tax payments are not the only reason immigrants are beneficial to American society. America also needs immigrants if the country wishes to continue having a youthful and growing population. A country requires a youthful population to support its elderly citizens. In addition, growing populations overtake shrinking populations. The real-life realization of this threat is already eminent in Japan, a country that had its baby boom one generation before us. The result: Japan has fewer young workers supporting more and more retirees. Exasperated by the fact that Japan has almost no net immigration, Zero to be exact, this, in turn, has led to a decade long recession in the Japanese economy.

In the United States, our low birth rates and aging population are offset by a large net immigration of young workers. Consequently, the economy is able to grow out of even increasing Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid costs. As strange as it sounds, if the United States is to avoid recession or worse, depression, Americans must encourage more immigrants to enter the country and have more babies in the U.S.

If these arguments on the economic benefits are not still convincing, perhaps the costs will be more compelling. There are 11 million illegal immigrants in the United States. Imagine the manpower required to detain all of them. The money and land required to imprison them and the sheer number of bus passengers that would be necessary to send them out of the country. Worse, even after this great effort would still remain in the country. America simply does not have the resources necessary to criminalize over 11 million people. Xenophobia is not only a fear, but an irrational fear. Americans should understand, as a nation of immigrants, that encouraging more people to seek the lives they lead to public misconceptions. One of these misunderstandings is that illegal immigrants take more from our society's economic resources than they give back. Although there are no studies in composing all the costs and benefits of immigrant workers, immigrants do pay into Social Security. However, since they do not have Social Security numbers (SSN), they withdrawing almost nothing from Social Security. Additionally, an estimated 80 percent of documented workers' earnings remain in the United States. Furthermore, illegal immigrants voted without a Social Security number so they can pay taxes. The ITINs always begin with 9 to distinguish them from SSNs. Since 1996, seven million individuals have voluntarily signed up and paid their federal income taxes, despite the risk of deportation. How many Americans would go out of their way to voluntarily pay taxes each year?

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complete-game shutout with 10 strikeouts against Cal Poly two days ago at Haggin Stadium, struck out eight in eight innings Friday.

In game two, Cal Poly rallied for five runs in the ninth inning to beat the Mustangs 7-4.

Matador junior right-hander Gary Daley Jr. pitched 5.1 perfect innings, striking out six of the first 16 Matador batters in the game before Cal State Northridge erupted for six runs on four doubles, two triples and a pair of walks to chase Daley in the ninth inning.

A tow seniors right-hander Chuckie Fick led Cal Poly to two runs and four hits in 8.1 innings before the Mustangs rallied for five runs in the ninth to chase Fick.

Roach, a junior right-hander who already had recorded a pair of saves against Cal Poly this season, feek the ninth and surrendered a game-tying two-run home run to Grant Denue fol­lowed by a two-out RBI double to left-center field by Matt Cooper.

Matador center fielder Jordan Coste made a diving attempt to his right, but the ball dribbled off his glove and Pete Perez scored to give Cal Poly a 7-6 lead.

Senior right-hander Rocky Robertson gave up a two-out single in the bottom of the ninth inning, but weathered the storm and secured his seventh save of the season. He struck out two.

Dese and Bryan Kepner both had two hits for Cal Poly and both hit home runs. For Denue, it was his seventh of the season. Kepner's, his second of the year, was a solo shot that tied the game in the seventh inning and started the Mustangs' comeback from a 6-1 deficit.

The ninth inning began with Corey Barthel, in just his third game of the season, getting a single and advancing to second with a triple steal. Barthel is 3-for-6 this season.

Junior Van Outslaw and outfielder Jimmy Gardner produced a two-run double to left field, drawing the Mustangs to within 6-4 and chasing Fick.

Desme greeted Roach with a 1-0 smash to center field, tying the game at 6-4. Perez drew a walk and Cooper's double to left-center field scored Perez with the go-ahead run.

The win went to freshman right-hander DJ Mattioli (1-2), who relieved Daley in the sixth inning and allowed two hits in 2.2 scoreless innings with one walk and one strikeout. Rocchini (2-1) build­ing for his sixth save, instead suf­fered the loss.

Barthel and Roach dominated in the final game of the series, winning 11-3 to keep pace with the leaders in the Big West.
Cal Poly returned to Westwood this weekend for the second time in 2006 to compete in the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner Invitational, hosted by UCLA. The Mustangs were led by Arsia Borjas, who won the men's javelin event with a throw of 201-03; Williamsa Cisco, who won the women's 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.20; and Adrian Ruark in the men's 100 hurdles with a time of 11.05 and in the 200 meter race.

The first place finish is his third of the season, as the junior took first in the invitational included senior Jason Holmes in the 400m (49.75); Tom Phelps had a strong showing, competing in the 800 for the first time in 2006, finishing seventh in a field of 25 in a time of 1:54.38.

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