Students join community to take the chance to ‘Walk a Mile in Her Shoes’

Liz Soteros-McNamara

Community leaders and Cal Poly students alike stepped out Saturday against sexual assault for the fourth annual “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes.” The Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention (SARP) Center coordinated the event against sexual assault, which featured more than 100 participants in the mile-long walk beginning at Mitchell Park and extending up to Santa Rosa Boulevard and Higuera Street.

Men involved with the event were encouraged to don women’s footwear. Many men not only opted for heels but also had SARP Center volunteers paint their toenails to match their shoes. Clad in sparkly silver three-inch heels with matching silver nail polish, mechanical engineering senior Brad Joaquin participated in the event for the first time. He borrowed the shoes from his girlfriend, SARP Center staff member Shannon Chaffin.

“It was one of the hardest things I’ve ever done,” he said after the walk and his feet bore marks from the heel straps.

Second-year participant and business graduate student Adam Franklin chose a more sensible pair of blue flip-flops. “Last year I wore three-inch heels and I think I had blisters for a week,” he said.

Coordinator Jenny Adams introduced county supervisor Jerry Lorshull to the crowd before the walk. Men and even babies sported women’s shoes to show their support to end rape.

Enterprise project creates Tomato Mania

Jennifer Hall

They planted and cared for over 50 varieties of tomatoes that they sold on Saturday, April 28, and Sunday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. One gallon of plants were $5.50 or four for $20.

“The public has really been anticipating (Tomato Mania),” said Cheney, a senior environmental horticulture science major. “It was extremely busy.”

The sale was postponed from its original April 14 and 15 dates because of a passion-vine mealybug scare that shut down the greenhouses and the Environmental Horticulture Unit.

“The tomatoes didn’t have mealy-bugs, it was just a precautionary measure,” Cheney said. “We’re very lucky.”

Native S. Calm comes out to support Interfaith Center gala

WHAT: Second lecture in the “Abraham - Father of Many” series featuring a panel discussion focusing on understanding the place and meaning of the persons of Abraham in Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

WHERE: Cal Poly’s Performing Arts Center.

COURTNEY HAMMES / DAILY MUSTANG

WHAT: ASI elections will be held May 3 and 4 at various locations on campus. Visit www.asi.calpoly.edu/vote for more information. Candidate forums will be held May 1. One will be in Sierra Madre at 7:30 p.m. and the other at Cerro Vista at 9 p.m. where the presidential candidates will give statements and answer questions.

WHAT: Celebration ceremony for the new Center for Construction Excellence at the site of the former Air Conditioning building. For a full list of the weekend’s activities, visit www.ceu.calpoly.edu.

WHAT: The 2006 Jalpa Festival will feature Czech physician David Goodwin who will discuss rising gas prices and the looming end of the world’s oil supply in his keynote address. The event is free and open to the public.

WHAT: Celebrate the April Fool’s Day spirit with the annual celebration in the Quad. The Student Event Planning Committee will host a costume contest.

WHAT: FusionFest will feature a wide array of music, food, and entertainment on Saturday, May 20. The event is free and open to the public.

WHAT: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with the annual Cinco de Mayo celebration in the Quad. The event is free and open to the public.

WHAT: Come out to the 2006 Spring Fest to celebrate the end of the school year with music, food, and entertainment.

WHAT: Celebrate the end of the school year with the annual senior party. The event is free and open to the public.
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walk. He made the crowd laugh with his specially ordered, open-toed, pink heels in size 15.

"I want to do what I can to show my support and make a statement," he said. Lendell participated in the event last year as well.

Choice of footwear aide, coordinator Jenny Adams spoke to participants, "They even asked if I good they do not do," Walzman said while getting his toenails painted.

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that the community stuck by us and we were able to sell.

More than half of the varieties were sold out after the first day of the sale. The most popular varieties include the Cherokee Purple, Early Goliah and Super Sweet 100. There were also heirlooms, hybrids, miniatures and hanging tomato plants.

"We were afraid that people would lose interest or go somewhere else," said Sullivan, a senior environmental horticulture science major.

The sale began with over 2,300 tomato plants that the students planted from seeds in January. They spent four days planting and then over 80 hours each of watering and caring for the plants.

"We had a whole greenhouse full of them," Cheney said. "It was like a jungle in there."

The sale also included bikes, orchids, geraniums and calls from other student enterprise projects.

"You can't buy the fruits in the stores and unless you're an adventuring gardener, you can't grow the plants from seeds," said David Hannings, the adviser for the enterprise project.

"It gets more exciting every year and you just love it," Cheney said.

Students can get up to four credits for the enterprise project in the environmental horticulture science major.

"It went better than I expected," said Wiley, a junior environmental horticulture science major. "We'll probably sell out."

Any leftover tomato plants will continue to be available for purchase, at the Environmental Horticulture. Unit located at Via Carta.

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Premed club travels to Chicago

Brittney Peloquin

Cal Poly premed students recently took a trip to Chicago that will have a radical influence on some of their future careers.

The Cal Poly chapter of the American Medical Students Association (AMSA) traveled to Chicago to attend the national club's convention from March 29 to April 2. AMSA represents the many facets of the medical field. American Medical Student Association (AMSA) traveled to Chicago to attend the national club's convention from March 29 to April 2. AMSA represents the many facets of the medical field.

The 56th annual convention, "Transforming Passion into Action: A New Era of Physician Advocacy," gave Cal Poly premed students a chance to discover many facets of the medical field. There were over 100 workshops, seminars and programs for them to attend based on their interest.

Microbiology sophomore Jackie Chan said before going to the convention she had nearly decided against going into the medical field, but now her idea of being a doctor has been redefined.

"It totally changed my perspective," she said. "It showed me the most was the global needs of patients. What touched me the most was the global outreach." Aside from solidifying her career choice, she was able to join the Direct Action Interest Group, a group of students within AMSA who act as a resource for people who want to do activist-related projects.

Microbiology sophomore Sarah Hagan, the club's vice president, said she had some knowledge of stem-cell research from her own studies, but learned a lot during one of the seminars.

"It really sparked my interest in doing research," she said.

The event also gave them a chance to talk to current medical school students about life in medical school and the application process. There was a medical school fair for the premed students to talk with various representatives from medical schools across the country, similar to a college fair that high school students might attend.

"The best thing was the medical school fair," Hagan said. "It was actual people from the admissions board. It was a lot more personal."

This year, the club is more active than it has been in recent years. There are two new advisors, biology professors Emily Taylor and Candace Winstead. The advisors and club leaders are working to expand the club to meet the needs of the pre-med students at Cal Poly.

On the national level, most AMSA chapters are made up of medical school students working to improve the medical profession. Since Cal Poly doesn’t have a medical school, the university’s chapter focuses on helping pre-medical students prepare for the medical school application.

The club hosts speakers that are physicians in the local community. They are able to talk about their personal experiences and their lives as specialists.

Dana Black, biology junior and the club’s secretary, said the club has given her a better perspective on her career goals.

"It encourages me to be more proactive about what I want to do," she said. "It’s a cool way to meet people who are interested in the same thing."

There are between 30 and 40 people in the club right now, and they are open to new members all the time. For more information on the club and how to join, e-mail Dana Black at dblack@calpoly.edu.

Wheelchair Foundation breaks fundraiser goal by $16,000

Amy Dierdorff

The Cal Poly Wheelchair Foundation has raised $60,000 with proceeds from its fifth annual Gift of Mobility Benefit at The Cliffs Resort in Shell Beach.

Members of the Wheelchair Foundation raised $60,000 at their annual Gift of Mobility Benefit held at The Cliffs Resort in Shell Beach.

"You find out people are a lot nicer and a lot more willing to give than you think," Kluenker said.

The foundation originally hoped to raise enough money to pay for two containers of wheelchairs, costing $22,000 per container. In August the students will personally deliver three containers, with more than 800 wheelchairs, to people living with disabilities in Belize.

"They’re worked so hard to raise the money," Metcalf said.

The students used development indexes and other resources to look at the quality of life in numerous countries before settling on the heavily land-locked country of Belize, where the government recently dismantled the Disability Services Division of the Ministry of Human Development.

"We did a lot of research," Kluenker said. "There weren’t any programs (in Belize) helping people with disabilities."

Each student chapter is group is paying for his/her own transportation to Belize to deliver the wheelchairs as part of a new project. They also plan to give personal items like toothbrushes, shoes, socks and blankets to orphans in the region.

Metcalf believes hand-delivering the items will give students an opportunity to feel satisfied with all of their hard work and bring the yearlong process to a close.

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National briefs

WASHINGTON — It's time for the White House to go on offense and "get our mojo back," Josh Bolten said Sunday in his first interview since taking over as the president's chief of staff. Bolten made no promises or pulling up President Bush's all-time low approval ratings, but he said Bush and Bolten have decided they want to be more open with the media and the public.

— The Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS — A 300-pound black bear that spent several days roaming neighborhoodhoods and shopping centers was captured and returned to the wild.

A passer-by spotted the bear Friday night in Ventura County and captured it after following the animal in front of stores until the state Department of Fish and Game arrived.

As the bear made its way behind a Target store, state officials trans­quillized and released it into the woods.

The animal probably lived in the Santa Monica Mountains and wandered into the suburbs for food.

The bear was first sighted last Wednesday near a high school.

— The Associated Press

LEHIGH ACRES, Fla. — A pair of 10-year-old boys were charged Sunday with setting weekend brush fires that have destroyed or damaged more than 1,500 acres in south­west Florida, authorities said.

Both were arrested and charged with inten­tional and reckless burning of land, a third-degree felony, Lee County Sheriff's Lt. Robert Forrest said. Authorities were seeking a third youth.

The boys were being held at the county juvenile detention center, he said.

— The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bird flu entering the U.S. through strug­gled wildlife is a growing worry for government officials already on the lookout for migrating wild birds.

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— The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just back from Baghdad and eager to discuss pressing development issues, Secretary State Condoleezza Rice found herself knocked off message Sunday, forced to dig into increased war planning and new levels against an unlikely critic — Colin Powell, her predecessor at the department.

For the Bush administration, it was a rare instance of an in-house dispute being played public.

On Rice's mind was the political breakthrough that had brought her and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to Iraq last week and cleared the way for the formation of a national unity government.

Yet Powell sidestepped her by revoc­ping away as part of an economy had a large enough force to assemble Saddam Hussein and then secure the peace.

He said he advised Bush before the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003 to coordinate the war effort in Iraq, but that administration did not follow his rec­ommendations.

Rice, Bush's national security adviser during the run-up to the war, neither confirmed nor denied Woods' assessment.

But she spent good part of her appearances on Sunday talk shows reaching into the past to defend the White House, which is trying to highlight the pos­itive image of her national political public in this election year of the president, the conduct of the war and concern about the large U.S. military presence.

"I don't remember specifically what Secretary Powell may be refer­ring to, but I'm quite certain that there were lots of discussions about how best to fulfill the mission that we went into Iraq," Rice said.

"And I have no doubt that all of this was taken into consideration. But when it came down to it, the president listened to his military advis­ers who were to execute the plan," she told CNN's "Late Edition." Powell, in an interview broadcast Sunday in London, said he gave the advice to now retired Gen. Tommy Franks during the planning for the Iraq invasion plan, and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld while also in Iraq.

"I made the case to General Franks and Secretary Rumsfeld before the president that if we had not been so few or had enough troops," Powell said in an interview on Britain's ITV television.

"The case was made, it was listened to, it was considered.... A judgment was made by those responsible that the president was present."

In an interview with ARAP The Magazine released Sunday, Powell did not say what advice he gave Bush about whether to go to war. Known to be hawkshish as Rumsfeld, Powell told the ABC's "This Week." When the war plan was put together, it was put together, also, with consideration of what would happen after Saddam Hussein was actually thrown out," Rice said.

In January, Pentagon officials acknowledged that Paul Bremer, the senior U.S. official in Iraq during the first year of the war, told Rumsfeld in May 2004 that a far larger num­ber of U.S. troops were needed to effectively fight the insurgency, but his advice was rejected.

President's positional advisers felt that the size of the force was ade­quate; they may still feel that years later. Some of us, don't I don't, " Powell said. "In my perspective, I would have preferred more troops, but you know, this conflict is not over.

— www.skydivetaft.com

PALO ALTO, Calif. — A new aerial view of the world is being generated by NASA's Earth Observing System, or EOS, program.

Astronauts aboard the International Space Station have captured images of the planet's surface and of its atmospheric processes, and are using them to help scientists understand the Earth's climate and its changing climate.

The EOS program is a joint venture between NASA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the National Science Foundation.

— The Associated Press

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Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice appears on CBS' "Face the Nation" in Washington on Sunday.

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TOP 10 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

1. **DISCUSS** fatherhood during the second of a three-part lecture series called "Abraham — Father of Many" tonight in Philips Hall. The free event will discuss Abraham in different religions.

2. **TIP** your western hat to "Oklahoma!". The event is sponsored by Cal Poly Arts in the Christopher Cohan Center on Tuesday, May 2 at 7 p.m. The classic musical features song such as "Oh, What A Beautiful Mornin'!". For more information, visit www.pacso.org.

3. **TAKE** a date to see the classic western movie, "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," playing at the Fremont Theatre beginning Tuesday.

4. **LISTEN** to the first U.S. release of the Australian indie-rockers Wolfmother. The self-titled record hits store shelves Tuesday.

5. **ROCK** out with folk rock act East and Waiting on Wednesday at Downtown Brew. The show begins at 9 p.m. and features opening acts Neon Joseph and Wazushi Wa. Tickets are $8 at Boo Boo Records or $10 at the door.

6. **NOD** your head to "Another Type of Groove," a monthly spoken word poetry jam. The event has a featured poet followed by open mic readers. This month's "Groove" is Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Philips Hall.

7. **TAP** your foot to Grappol's weekly jazz nights in the downstairs bar Thursday. Music starts at 10 p.m.

8. **ATTEND** the season finale of the San Luis Obispo Symphony with conductor Michael Nowak on Saturday in the Performing Arts Center. For more information, visit www.pacso.org.

9. **CELEBRATE** the building of the Center for Construction Excellence, a new facility geared toward future builders. The College of Architecture and Environmental Design will host the groundbreaking ceremony Saturday at 3 p.m. at the construction site — the former campus air conditioning building.

10. **AGAINST** high gas prices! Attend a talk by Caltech physicist Davis Goodstein on Tuesday at the Pacific Christian University. For more information, visit www.mustangdaily.net.

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**The Mermaid Chair**

Megan Rundle

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — The weather was so perfect this week, it just begged for me to skip class, get a book and lie out in the sunshine — which is exactly what I chose to do.

After a quick stop to the bookstore, I randomly selected a book from the new releases category, "The Mermaid Chair" by Sue Monk Kidd, the same author who wrote the best seller "The Secret Life of Bees." I was excited how this book would compare to its predecessor, which is known for it's coming-of-age tale.

I wasn't disappointed. "The Mermaid Chair" tells the story of Jessie Sullivan, a woman who is struggling with many different obstacles. These obstacles include coping with the fact that her daughter recently headed for college, her longtime marriage has become too comfortable and she has not spoken to her estranged mother in quite some time.

When Jessie receives word that her mother was rushed to the hospital after purposely cutting off her own finger, Jessie must return to the island she once called home. There she must face the demons of her past and search for the truth behind the horrific death of her father.

While there, Jessie falls in love with a monk named Brother Thomas and, after a secret affair, must choose between the intense feelings she has for Thomas and her dependable husband, Hugh and family she's left behind.

During her stay on the island, Jessie must find a way to reconnect with her mother and figure out what's motivating her to mutilate her own body, though she suspects it to be guilt and grief over the death of her father.

Kidd writes a book full of compelling characters and intriguing plot lines. This book is a little mysterious, a little romantic and a little coming-of-age, which makes it pretty hard to put down. The prose is easy to read, and while it's descriptive and full of information, never once did it seem dry or too wordy. It's the kind of book where after I finished it, I sat for a good five minutes just to think about everything that happened.

Jessie's plights seem as real to the readers as they are to her. Her affair with Brother Thomas isn't depicted as scandalous but more of a beautiful experience that allows her to continue to grow. "The Mermaid Chair" is a book about self-discovery. It's a novel for anyone who's ever come to a crossroad in his or her life and struggled to make the right decision. Kidd's story is the perfect summer read. It's easy to get through. It is full of interesting events and leaves the reader with a sense of hope.

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Guilt. It is something all human beings deal with; see more than others. It is the nauseating characteristic of a thing you see in the face of a friend or parent. It is the shameful heat felt inching up your face when you know you've made a mistake.

Or it is the indecipherably painful physical repercussion of remaining silent, paralyzed by hatred and fear, in the face of evil. For 30 eighth graders at Whitwood Middle School in Whitwood, Tenn., guilt never stood a chance against the power of love.

The 2004 documentary, "Paper Clips," tells the inspiring and uplifting tale of a middle school's efforts to "help students open their eyes to the diversity of the world beyond their insulated valley" and combat the debilitating effects of racial hatred. Cal Poly's Jewish club, Hillel, sponsored a free showing of the movie last week in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Week and the club's campaign against mass genocide entitled, "Never Again, Never Forget.

The movie focuses on one of the world's darkest hours, the Holocaust, through the eyes of a small Southern coal-mining town in Tennessee. With the help of Miramax Pictures and showbiz moguls Bob and Harvey Weinstein, the movie turns a down-home effort at diversifying and educating a group of people into one simple but powerful idea: "Collecting one paper clip for every life that was lost; the feelings that connect us are greater than those that divide us.

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The movie begins with a background on the project: A middle school principal decides to send an assistant out to find a project that will help bring diversity into her comparatively middle-class, white, Christian school. The result: The Holocaust Project.

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The night ended with an incredible "Final Fantasy" battle themes medley arranged by music junior Chris Postell and performed by nearly two-dozen students, alumni and members of the San Luis Obispo community involved.

Just as promised, "Tribute" showcased the jazz, blues and rock themes from the anime "Cowboy Bebop," the unforgettable ballads and epic themes from the video game series "Final Fantasy," and an assortment of other entrancing music. W ho would have thought?

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ing in Santa Rosa Park compared to
the daily suffering of these people
so far from my home?

The many stories of people who
showed up in San Luis Obispo alone
was staggering. When the organizers
obtained the permit from the city for
the event, they estimated that about
150 people would show up. As of last
Thursday, the number rose to about
350. As of Saturday afternoon, the
Web site listed well over 600.

There were about 10 volunteers
running the whole event, corralling
the crowd from the mission to the
park, filming the event, taking pho-
tographs and giving instruction. Each
participant was given an "action
packet" with guidelines for three
tasks to complete throughout the
evening: write a letter to President
Bush, write a letter to a senator and
create a personal visual art project.

The art projects will be collected and
compiled for use in other ways to
increase the visibility of the issue.

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"I don't think we could see our-
selves doing this every night," Parrish
said of herself and her classmates
being the same age as the children in
Uganda.

Limes Fitch, a volunteer, heard
about Invisible Children through the
band Triste. The band supports and
promotes the organization. She
watched the documentary and want-
ed to do whatever she could to get
involved, so she started up a MySpace.com account about the
local event so she could keep people
updated.

Sophomore electrical engineering
student Cody Niedern attended the
event with friends from church. He
talked about the effect the movie had
on him.

"It really surprised me. I felt so
glorious that I didn't know kids were
treated like that," he said. "This is one
of the first steps to help." After
completing my projects and
socializing for a little while, I settled
in to watch the movie. Being a young
father, I was torn between wanting
the film to be a success and wanting
my son to enjoy it, but I finally
decided to watch the film with him.

One of the main reasons I watched
the film was to support Invisible
Children and their work. As a young
father, I am aware of the
problems faced by children in poor
parts of the world and the need
for us to take action to help them.

The film was powerful and
emotional, and I was moved by the
stories of the children who have
suffered and continue to suffer.

I was also impressed by the
efforts of Invisible Children to raise
awareness and support for
education and health initiatives in
Africa. I believe that education is a
powerful tool for change and that
we should support efforts to
provide children in poor parts of the
world with access to education.

I would encourage anyone who
wishes to support these efforts to
watch the film and consider making
a donation to Invisible Children.

"It was a powerful experience,"
Parrish said of the film. "I'm
excited to see the changes that will
be made.

Kiley said the amendment
was never voted on because the House
is controlled by Republicans, and
they opposed the amendment.

"In just the last year, student loan
limits for first and second-year stu-
dents rose," Seymour said. "New
grant aid was made available to
low-income, high-achieving stud-
ents pursuing math, science and
foreign language degrees. And, PLUS
loan were made available to
graduate students for the first
time ever.

Kiley said loan need to be made
more affordable and the interest
rates need to be lowered. He said he
was glad the average student leaves
college with $17,500 in debt.

Another solution to the crisis,
Kiley said, is to increase scholarship
money as well.

Seymour said this bill will pro-
vide more information about col-
lege students' financial aid.

"This bill also provides parents and
students information currently
not available on U.S. Department of
Education about college costs, stu-
dent/faculty ratios, graduation rates
and average amount of financial aid
being received by students,"
Seymour said. "Increasing public
access to information about col-
lege students' financial aid is another
way H.R. 609 benefits students,
parents, and taxpayers.

"In addition, it includes lan-
guage affirming Congress' belief
that students should be free to express their opinions without fear
of punishment," Seymour said.

"And, it explicitly prohibits the
creation of a Student Unit
Database, as proposed by the U.S.
Department of Education. Such
a database would compile and
maintain personally identifiable
information about individual col-
lege students, including social
security number, address, date of
birth, attendance record, and
financial information. H.R. 609
puts a stop to it.

Kiley said, "Democrats voted
against the bill because it did not
do anything substantive to make
college more affordable.

Democrat opposed the creation of
a national student database, but
unfortunately, we can't select spe-
cific provisions to vote for and
others to vote against — we can
only vote yes or no on the entire
bill. And this bill failed to make
college more affordable.

It is up to students and their
parents to write to Congress and
their representatives and say,"enough is enough," Kiley said.

He said there is an online forum
for students to voice their opin-
ions on the bill and the cost of
college.

"We hope as many students as
possible will participate," Kiley
said. "We plan to keep it open at
least through next week."

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Rebels reject draft Darfur peace agreements

**Bashir al-Azizi**

Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria — Sudanese rebels rejected a proposal to end the bloodshed in the Darfur region on Tuesday, throwing into question the outcome of yet another series of negotiations, a step to political alliance together and strength to the continued people peace and world already knew: Iran — — long-term agreement to head the Interior Ministry — — the United Nations has called for a draft resolution to be adopted in the draft agreement, said the Sudan government had not been able to agree on any part of the document, we shall accommodate them. But he did not elaborate. An agreement between Sudan and the rebels likely would be seen as a triumph of African diplomacy. The talks have been organized by the UN — — and the world. The stakes are higher. But a spokesman for one of Sudan's rebel factions said the proposal does not adequately address implementation or their key demands for a vice president from Darfur and more autonomy. Naima Ahmed, a spokesperson for the Justice and Equality Movement, said he was speaking for both rebel factions. Sudan announced its readiness to sign another agreement last Tuesday called a ceasefire. But both sides have agreed to a truce before, only to...
**COMMENTARY**

**The right approach: Show me the money**

Dilemma: Recently extended the Spring Job Fair. Students need an interview for a job coming up next week. Being a Cal Poly grad, I feel like I have a lot to offer, but am hesitant to ask for a higher salary. I've heard that it's common to negotiate salary and I was wondering how to approach the subject.

- John R.

We understand that offers often feel so uncertain when considering their first job offer. Sometimes this anxiety stems from a fear that an organization may be "low-balling" their salary. Or, they fear they might alienate the employer by appearing too demanding if they ask for more money. We hope the following information will be helpful to you when considering your job offer:

- Research your profession's salary range. Ask people you know that work in the same field. The Department of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook, the Internet and magazines of your industry.

- Decide on a preferred salary. You may not get the amount you want, but knowing in advance the minimum salary you will accept and having a definite figure can help you get closer to your desired pay.

- Don't undercut your value. Don't be afraid to express your strong interest, but say that you need time to discuss big money issues with your family. End by telling your interviewer that you will contact them with your decision.

If you think you are going to be underpaid, consider negotiating for a better salary. This is important for every student to set his or her rate for the next ASI assignment. It gives you the opportunity to negotiate a fair rate. If you are the company that hires a new employee, you will need to negotiate a fair rate. If you are the company that hires a new employee, you will need to negotiate a fair rate.

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- Consider the cost of living on that area. If the new area you are moving to is more expensive, consider asking to be paid the difference.

- In discussing why you deserve a substantial increase, one examples of how to negotiate an increase of salary. Ask the interviewer how much you value, not simply your experience. Talk about the benefits you bring to the company.

- Never accept an offer at an interview. It is important to show that you have a clear understanding of the job before you accept.

- Discuss the next steps. Ask for a follow-up meeting. Assume that a company's first offer is negotiable. Don't be afraid to negotiate.
He recovered a Mustang State fumble in the end zone on Sept. 17, which was his only career Mustang touchdown.

Gogon finished the 2004 regular-season opener in the nation's sack leader in Division I-AA with 17.5 (1.39 sacks per contest) and was No. 2 in tackles for lost yardage with 21.5 (1.95 yards per game). Gogon recorded 71 total tackles as a junior and also notched one interception (Humboldt State), one punt block (North Dakota State) and one fumble recovery.

Gogon was runner-up to Beck for the 2004 Buck Buchanan Award and was named Defensive Lineman of the Year for 2005 by the online service Football Gazette published by Don Hodo.

Two former Mustangs were drafted in the fourth round—wide receiver Jimmy Childs by the St. Louis Cardinals in 1978 and wide receiver Robbie Martin by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1990. Wide receiver Cecil Turner was a fifth-round selection of the Chicago Bears in 1969. Before Beck was picked by Atlanta a year ago, the last Cal Poly football player to be drafted was an NFL club was quarterback Seth Burford, selected by the San Diego Chargers in the seventh round of the 2002 draft.
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GAUCHOS TOO MUCH FOR STANGS

The Cal Poly men’s tennis team fell to the No. 1 seed UC Santa Barbara in semifinal play at the Big West Championships on Saturday. The 4-2 loss gives Cal Poly a final overall record of 14-9 for the season. The Mustangs earned two wins in singles competition against UC Santa Barbara and one win in doubles play.

Cal Poly’s lone win in doubles play came at the No. 2 spot when Kyle Roybal and Darryn Young defeated Carsten Thorstensen and Scott Hothem 9-8. Falling at the No. 1 spot was John Nguyen and Brett Van Linghe, with their first loss since January, when the team of Nick Broughton and Andreas Dakhov topped them 8-3. Matt Baca and Aaron Elbert were unable to pull out the win against Elad Steren and Bijan Hejaz, falling 8-6 at the No. 3 spot.

In singles competition, wins for Cal Poly came at the No. 3 and No. 5 positions. No. 72 nationally and featured an impressive 6-3, 6-1 in the No. 2 position. Kyle Roybal and Darryn Young defeated the No. 3 spot. At No. 5, Kyle Roybal defeated Hohenstein 6-4, 6-3. Nguyen did not finish at the No. 1 spot.

The 4-2 loss ended championship play for the Mustangs and concludes their 2006 season.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

For the second straight year, a Cal Poly football player has been selected in the third round of the National Football League Draft. Senior defensive end Chris Gocong became Cal Poly’s highest draft choice ever on Saturday afternoon, chosen in the third round with the 99th pick overall by the Philadelphia Eagles.

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Gocong was named to the prestigious AFCA Division I-AA All­America Team, the Associated Press Division I­AA All­America Team. He also was I-AA’s defensive player of the year.

He was named Great West Football Conference Defensive Player of the Year in November and recorded 42 tackles.

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Sports Information Report

MUSTANGS DROP TWO TO NO. 5 OREGON STATE

Central Coast rival UC Santa Barbara snapped Cal Poly softball’s eight-game win streak, but only after the Mustangs won both halves of a Saturday double­header to clinch the series win at the Gauchos’ Campion Diamond.

Cal Poly (24-20, 6-4) won games one and two 6-2 and 6-4 and were tied at three before allowing six Gauchos runs in the bottom of the sixth inning on Sunday.

Robyn Kontra had a dominant weekend for the Mustangs. The sophomore pitcher pitched all seven innings in game one for the win, allowing two runs on seven hits and two walks, then relieved Jenna Maiden to pitch a shutout in the final three innings of game two.

Melissa Pura was the offensive leader in game one with two hits, three RBIs and two runs scored. Pura hit her 15th home run of the year. Sarah Iwata also chipped in with a pair of hits.

Pura’s homer in the first inning gave the Mustangs an early lead as the Gauchos held on for the win.

In game two, Maiden had a slow start on the mound in which would become a huge weekend for the freshman pitcher. Maiden pitched four innings, allowed four runs, three earned, on six hits and two walks.

With the game knotted at four in the top of the sixth inning, three Gaucho errors allowed Cal Poly to score a pair of runs and take the lead for good.

Cheles Green was the offensive standout for Cal Poly in game two. The senior outfielder had three hits and three RBIs. Both Green and Pura hit home runs in the game.

The Gauchos extended Cal Poly’s win streak to eight games, but less than 24 hours later, the Gauchos would salvage the weekend.

Emily Hireley started for Cal Poly at pitcher, but only lasted 3.2 innings. She gave up three runs, two earned, on four hits and three walks. Maiden pitched the final 2.1 innings, giving up six runs, five earned, on six hits and one walk.

The Gauchos (20-18, 4-8) exploded for six runs in the bottom of the sixth inning, three of which came on a home run by Kendra Singley.

Cal Poly rallied for two with the game on the line in the next half inning, but it wasn’t enough.

The Mustangs return to action this weekend in a key Big West match­up with first place Cal State Fullerton.

CAL POLY WEEKLY HOME ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

Mon. 1 Tues. 2 Wed. 3 Thurs. 4 Fri. 5 Sat. 6

*Softball vs. Cal State Fullerton, 4 p.m.
*Softball vs. Long Beach State, 5 p.m.
*Baseball vs. Cal State Fullerton, 12 noon
*Baseball vs. Long Beach State, 6 p.m.

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