College Shuttle to offer students a safe ride

Liz Soteros-McNamara

Associated Students, Inc. will announce a new shuttle program today that promises to provide students with a safe ride home on Thursday through Saturday nights.

According to a press release from ASI, today at 10 a.m. in the University Union, Associated Students, Inc. will announce a new late-night transportation contract with Beach Cities Cab Co. owner Jeff Goldenberg after the cancellation of Safe Ride on April 19, 2006.

"We want to make it clear to students that this is a privilege," Middlestadt said of the new program. "Safe Ride was cancelled the weekend of Cal Poly Open House after reports of safety issues caused by intoxicated patrons to drivers and other riders. Until then, Safe Ride offered 8,000 rides home per year Thursday through Saturday from 9 p.m. until 2:30 a.m.

Throughout the past few weeks, students have relied on designated drivers, San Luis Obispo's sole taxi company and walking in order to get home from nights out on the town.

Vans will pick Cal Poly students up at shut­tle to offer students a safe ride

problems with Safe Ride have not deterred

Students sign petition to address traffic concerns on campus

Jared Cleaver

Chief William Watton of the University Police Department (UPD) recently received a petition with the signatures of 120 students who are tired of waiting in traffic every day. However, those students are going to have to keep waiting; despite the petition, a resolution to the traffic problems won't be coming any­time soon.

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Dr. Drew answers questions and keeps it candid with students

Brittany Peloquin

Levi the host of "Loveline" to bring Cal Poly students out of their shells.

Dr. Drew Pinsky, host of the popular late-night radio program "Loveline," led a discussion about alcohol and sex at the Performing Arts Center Tuesday night. About 1,000 students showed up to the event, nearly filling Harman Hall.

He prodded students with questions to see if they were really as conservative as their reputation led him to believe. A few had specific inquiries about male sexual perfor­mance and the myriad of myths about female orgasms.

But onetopic repeatedly came up. It turns out that alcohol may be more of an issue at Cal Poly than people expected, according to Pinsky. Pinsky related the two topics in a wide range of topics including alcohol, sex and drugs with students in the Performing Arts Center Tuesday night.
**Transportation**

The plan will require the city to stop drop-offs at many locations throughout downtown San Luis Obispo every Thursday through Saturday from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. and the service is only offered to students who are 21 years old and have a valid Cal Poly ID card.

According to ASI, the program will begin next year. The plan is currently in negotiations in hopes of a bigger share of the city's traffic stop locations than the current policy that allows only off-campus areas.

The program will meet the goal of implementing a successful but temporary program for the rest of the year, while continuing negotiations in hopes of a bigger program next year.

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**Construction**

The University of California, Santa Barbara has been involved in a project to build a new facility to house the university's Transportation Department. The project is expected to be completed by 2023.

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**Loveline**

Sandy Loveline hosted a show where she spoke about the practice of college students getting heavily intoxicated before engaging in casual sexual activity.

Sandy said, "It makes it OK!" after the event. Pinsky mentioned the consequences that students should recognize as possible results of risky alcohol use.

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Remember that fear always lurks behind perfectionism. Confronting your fears and allowing yourself the right to be human can, paradoxically, make you a far happier and more productive person.
— Dr. David M. Burns

All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.
— Arthur Schopenhauer

Wordly Wise

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WATSONVILLE

Prompted by a weekend shooting, police are again restoring the homeless living under the downtown Pajaro River bridge.

Police Chief Terry A. Medina said Tuesday his department is intensifying efforts to clean up camps along the Pajaro River.

The move was announced two days after a man was critically wounded in a shooting at gunfire under the bridge.

Police routinely patrol the area, and there are area sweeps twice a year to clear out camps.

— The Associated Press

FOLSOM

— Thousands of maximum-security inmates at a Folsom prison are locked in their cells indefinitely as officials investigate allegations of sexual abuse.

Folsom prison is one of several California prisons where inmates who aren't maximum-security are housed.

— The Associated Press

MARIPOSA

— Thousands of Mariposa residents are being evacuated as authorities respond to a series of fires burning in the region.

— The Associated Press

Attorney general argues for limits on scope of exit exam lawsuit

Juliet Williams

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“Less than half the schools are teaching the kind of English-language instruction that is on the exit exam,” Gonzalez argued. “The state has to ensure that every student in California gets the instruction that is on the test.”

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House passes tax cuts for investors, better-off taxpayers

Andrew Taylor

WASHINGTON — A flood of income tax payments pushed up government receipts to their highest level in history in April, giving the country a sizable surplus for the month.

In its monthly accounting of the government's books, the Treasury Department said Wednesday that revenue for the month totaled $332 billion, reflecting a boom in capital gains as being skewed in favor of the rich. It was the second-highest level in the government's books, the Treasury said, his lip quivering. "I never imagined that anyone ever suffered that long," said Annmarie Swiderska, whose 25-year-old daughter, Bridget Sanetti, died in the fire.

Prosecutors had asked for the maximum sentence for Biechele, perhaps even more so for his family, Attorney General Patrick Lynch told reporters outside the courthouse. But he said he felt more for the hundreds and hundreds of people who are more deeply affected by the fire. "Biechele was the tour manager for the heavy metal band Great White when he lit a pyrotechnics display that ignited highly flammable foam that lined the walls and ceiling of the nightclub. The foam was used as soundproofing and was placed there by the owners after neighbors complained about the noise. Victims included the band's guitarist Ty Longley. Many of those killed were quickly overcome by flames emitted by the foam or became trapped in a crush at the front door.

Biechele's lawyer, Tom Briddy, had asked the judge to show mercy and sentence Biechele to community service. Briddy said his client is the only person to accept responsibility and is truly remorseful, having written letters of apology to the families that will be given to them later. He added that Biechele had no way of knowing the hazardous conditions inside the club, which he likened to a tinderbox.

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Boogie woogie the night away

Ronnie Meehan
MUSTANG DAILY

If you are itching to boogie woogie the night away then Cal Poly's Jazz Night on Saturday will give you the beats to do so.

The Blues and Boogie Big Band — also known as Cal Poly's Jazz Band No. 1 — will be performing the blues and boogie woogie music of Louis Jordan and other R&B songs of the 1940s and 1950s.

The concert kicks off at 8 p.m. in Harman Hall at the Christopher Cohan Center. Paul Rinzler, director of jazz studies at Cal Poly, is excited about this year's theme.

"Louis Jordan music is such great music," he said. "It is really simple, which makes it very accessible. But it is also great to listen to and perform to."

Jordan's songs are known for their amusing lyrics and subject matter. Titles such as "You Died Your Hair Chartreuse" and "Ain't Nobody Here but Us Chickens" are a few of Jordan's comedic songs.

"He's got a real strong sense of humor — yet the music has really strong jazz values," Rinzler said.

Rinzler added:

Joining Wright on-stage will be four swing dancers who will show the audience how to dance to this upbeat music.

"It is really rare to have swing dancers on stage at a formal concert," Rinzler said.

The University Jazz Band No. 2 will also be performing numerous pieces by Jordan on Saturday night. According to a press release, two Cal Poly combos "will showcase examples of bluesy and soulful jazz."

The University Jazz Band No. 1 is professionally contracted to play at the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee, which is the largest jazz concert in the world.

The band has also performed at the San Jose Jazz Society's Sunday jazz series, a swing dance series in Santa Barbara, the Morro Bay Jazz Festival, the Jazz Jubilee in Pismo Beach and as an opening act for comedian Bob Newhart.

The Jazz Band plays a monthly concert during the regular school year. Using their vast repertoire, a unique musical theme is picked every month.

Their repertoire includes: modern big band compositions, swing dance, world music, heavy-metal, TV themes and jazz for cartoons.

Tickets to the Jazz Night concert are $6 to $15 and can be bought at the Performing Arts Ticket Office. To order by phone, call SLO-ARTS (756-2787); to order online, visit www.pacslo.org.

Sunny Wright is a great jazz vocalist. She is singing the blues the way a jazz musician would. She is probably the most prominent jazz vocalist in SLO County," Rinzler added.

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Cal Poly's Blues and Boogie Big Band will be performing Louis Jordan hits Saturday at 8 p.m. in Harman Hall.
Spring break marks a time when students can go away to far-off places and party. I also celebrated my one-year-wedding anniversary over spring break.

Yes, I am married. I am 22 years old and have been married for a year. When people find out I am married they look at me like I am a freak show.

I dread the first day of class because of having to introduce myself and explain that I am married. I remember during one of my classes this past winter my professor asked, "What is it like to be married?"

My response was "it's life." This created quite a few chuckles and I had to explain why I said what I did.

It is what I know, and as cliché as it sounds, I wouldn't change it if my professors asked me to.

My husband and I dated for three and a half years before we realized we were serious about each other. We decided to get married and our families were very supportive.

Most of our friends thought we were making a terrible decision and it would ruin us for the rest of our lives. The males usually commented about his being stuck to one woman for the rest of his life.

It is really hard to make a life-changing decision and not have the support of friends. But our minds were made and we were married on a cold, rainy day in March.

So far we have had minor disputes and several events that have brought us even closer. At times we want to strangle each other but I do hate answering stupid questions.

Since our marriage we have had several other friends get married. We support their decision and don't ask "why?" — instead we congratulate them.

At times I question my decision to get married. I wonder whether I should have waited and dated some more. But I know I made the right decision.

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Jonathan S. McNamara

AUSTIN, Texas — Nintendo fans rejoice — your savior has returned. That's right, Mario's back, and this time he's not driving karts or playing baseball.

"New Super Mario Bros." brings Mario back to his mushroom-munching, princess-saving roots on your DS with 3-D characters against the 2-D side-scrolling backdrops from Mario's heyday on NES and SNES.

Player jokes aside, there are a few cracks in Mario's latest adventure. Gamers who've battled Bowser with the Big M since 1985 will be disappointed at how much "New" feels like the original Mario's "2-1) adventures on the original Nintendo console.

Still, "New" does have a few things going for it. Graphically, Mario's DS adventure is the best-looking one by far. Incorporating 3-D characters into Mario's 2-D world means lighting effects and movements are more realistic than their pixelated predecessors. These effects are most notable in every world's final stage where light from flaming lava pits dances on Mario's brow as he stomps on the lumbering skeleton Dry Bones.

However, graphic superiority does not equal game make. Ultimately, even the most die-hard Mario fans will be disappointed, thanks to this game's lack of innovation coupled with its failure to incorporate more of the classic elements that made Mario great.

Those gamers who are new to the fray and missed Mario's 2-D adventures on the original Nintendo or Super Nintendo stand to gain a lot more from "New" than the rest of us.

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Saving the princess since 1985

Jonathan S. McNamara
Thai, American artists collaborate in art exchange

Christina Cacci
MUSTANG DAILY

What would a picture that was partially of Thailand and partially of the United States look like?

For Thai artists have dreamed up that image and put it on canvas — and starting Thursday at 4 p.m. the Cal Poly community will be able to see their art at the “PAC III: Thai-American Art Exchange 2006.”

“The artists have to leave soon after the opening day,” said Christine Kuper, coordinator of the University Art Gallery. “One of the artists will kick it off through with a presentation.”

The Thai artists that have created art for this show are Vichoke Mukdamanee, Vichai Sithiratn, Saravudth Duangjumpa, Sakchai Uthitho and Montri Sangnuisikganon. Each has a different kind of work to bring to the event. Even though many of the artists barely speak English, they wanted to share some insight into their paintings.

Mukdamanee, 53, is the director of art at Silpakorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. Silpakorn is the university that Cal Poly is working with to make the exhibit work. The idea for Mukdamanee’s paintings began as he was flying from Thailand to the United States.

“When you are flying, you feel like you are on the top of the world,” he said. “You can see the light and the atmosphere and feel cool and mysterious.”

“It is interesting to know that I gained a day and when I go back I am going to lose a day,” Mukdamanee said.

The texture in his paintings was a reference to the mountains, he said.

“It is abstract and doesn’t relate directly,” Mukdamanee said. “All the lines I used are from Thai art, but the rest of the painting is in the style of the United States so they are combined.”

Sithiratn, 59, is a professor of sculpture at Silpakorn. He has been teaching for more than 30 years and plans on retiring next year, he said.

His sculpture has a video that goes with it during the exhibit that will show the process of creating it. Even though it took him about five days to make it, there is a lot of meaning behind the sculpture.

“It is about focusing your mind,” Sithiratn said. “The symbol represented here is very important to a branch of Buddhism.”

The symbol never dies, just like the human mind, he added.

“I want people to look at the inner selves,” he said. “Be aware of their own thoughts.”

Duangjumpa, 54, is also a professor of sculpture at Silpakorn. His creation, which is almost completed, is composed of wall insulation.

“I want to take something that is usually on the inside, and show it on the outside,” Duangjumpa said. “I came up with the ideas after I saw the materials.”

His idea changed many times due to the lack of time and the limited material, he said.

“The sculpture represents the machine, the material and the person,” Duangjumpa said. “It really is a combination of all three things and I want people to see it represented in the work.”

Uthitho, 38, is part of the faculty at Mahasarakham University in Thailand. He is the apprentice of Mukdamanee.

His smaller paintings were drawn on his way back to San Luis Obispo from a recent trip to San Francisco. The two larger paintings and a few smaller ones are a combination of Thai culture and the culture at Cal Poly, he said.

“In one, I assess elephants because that is the symbol for Thailand, it used to be on the flag,” Uthitho said. “Then, I added the stars because they are a part of the American flag.”

He started out using sponges and brushes, but decided to use something different and began using pieces of flip-flops.

Sangnuisikganon, 43, is a vice chair at Thaksin University in the Songkhla province in Thailand.

His painting was also a mix of the United States and Thailand, and it represents modes of transportation, he said.

“Thailand uses boats and oars while the U.S. uses horses and walking,” Sangnuisikganon said. “I used warm colors for climate in Thailand and cool colors for the nature at Cal Poly.”

The American artist who has been traveling with the group of Thai artists, James Elkins, is an art professor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

He got involved in the program from the beginning, having already acquainted himself with George Jercich, the professor of art, from Cal Poly who started the exchange.

“This is a cross-cultural exchange between Thai, Vietnamese and American artists,” Elkins said.

Though this event is the second exchange of people, it is the third time swapping art.

“In 2000, they got the funds to exchange people so that they could interact and create something together,” she added.

All the artists said that they love San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly because of the nature and the people.

“I was a little scared before I came to the United States,” Sithiratn said. “Now that I’m here, it’s not as bad as I thought it would be.”
A woman's right to the 'big O'

In the Medieval period, scholars say that the common belief regarding baby-making was that both men and women had to orgasm in intercourse in order to release the egg and sperm for formation. Though the times weren't exactly blissful (The Plague anyone?), this meant that at least the women could count on some sexual pleasure. Then a whole bunch of other stuff happened over the centuries, like witch burnings, which generally gave women a bad name and didn't help them much in any department, let alone the bedroom. The Victorians especially, with the regal "lady in black" running the show, pressed that women should have absolutely nothing to do with sex, save the few necessary times within the confines of marriage to, you know, regenerate the population. Even up to the "Summer of Love," women's pleasure was treated as a taboo subject. Everyone knew that men had sexual fluids, but women were barred from the subject to the point where the female orgasm was considered a myth.

Thank God that's all changed right? Some regions of the world might still need some improvement (let's start with the women in Saudi Arabia, who get their toes cut off for wearing nail polish), but here in the great state of California a woman now proudly has the right to a little enjoyment, man or no man. In her column in June magazine a few years ago, Pamela Anderson made mention of a well-publicized trip the posh Gwyneth Paltrow made to an adult store, where she bought dozens of toys to surprise her friends with at a bachelorette party. Pam cheered Gwyneth on for proving that real women, not just porn stars and prostitutes, actually enjoy sex and sexual pleasure.

But believe it or not, Gwyneth's buying habits aren't enough to relax some of the more arse-hatted state laws in this country. In California, we seem to have it easy. As recently as 2001, a woman in Texas was arrested and faced with up to a year in jail for explaining to other women how to use a dildo (it sounds self-explanatory but I guess a girl might still have questions). However, this isn't an isolated case. Texas, Georgia and Alabama all have laws that prohibit the sale of vibrators and make it illegal to have more than five (why five, you may ask? Absolutely no idea.)

Women have actually been arrested and hauled off to prison in these states for simply wanting to go off. Meanwhile, erectile dysfunction awareness ads, coupled with a huge open market for Viagra, run every commercial break.

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Hmmm ... The irony is, most young guys today don't seem to mind if their girlfriends own a vibrator, dildos or any toy of the like. Though I've been forbidden to name names (and that's not very progressive of you, unnamed vibrator supporter), a lot of dudes I spoke to admit that they like to throw that little girl's friend into the mix every now and then. "If she wants a little something extra to get going, why would I have a problem with that?" said one such valiant fellow.

So the advice I may give any girl out there, including the firms recommendation not to plan on a shopping spree in Texas, Georgia or Alabama, is to get in on the fun. In the past month alone, several of my close girlfriends have taken the plunge and have gone from the awful confession, "I don't know if I've ever had an orgasm" (believe me, you'd know) to "Uh, coffee later tonight? Got to make some, but (buzzzz) I'm kinda bells.

If you haven't already, ladies out there, join the good times, Trust me, you'll be happy you did.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Palestine Awareness Week lacks awareness

So now Mr. Chowdhry is calling someone who supports the state of Israel ignorant. He says the media is biased in favor of Israel. However, it is not in the media's interest to be biased in favor of Israel; the media loves the underdog. All I see when I read a paper about something that happened in Israel is a body count. This could be due to an IDF airstrike, or a suicide bomber. What do you expect them to report on? The vast Palestinian culture? It's a non-story to Americans, just as Israeli culture is a non-story. No one denies that Palestinians have a culture ... after all, they used to be called Jordanians, back when Jordan was in control of the disputed territories.

Palestine Awareness Week needs to make people aware of the corrupt leadership that has shifted the Palestinians for so long, not the Israeli government, who has actually given more aid (this includes monetary and social aid) to the Palestinians than any other country or organization ever has. I'm aware that the Palestinian Liberation Organization was created three years BEFORE the disputed territories were won by Israel, thereby negating all claims that terrorism comes from occupation. I'm aware that the average Palestinian is living in squalor while the late Yasser Arafat was worth over 1 BILLION dollars, which is now in possession of his wife Hilda, comfortably in France. I'm aware that the IDF risks soldiers' lives by doing door-to-door manhunts for terrorists, while instead they could carpet bomb the entire area and not worry about civilian casualties, like the U.S. has been doing in Iraq. Mr. Chowdhry and Ms. Foroozar are trying to make you believe otherwise this week; they are trying to make you believe it is all Israel's fault, when instead they should be directing their efforts to the animals that have incited hatred into their people. Rudimentary research about the Fire Inspection fee would have revealed that San Luis Obispo city staff prepared a report for the city council analyzing the costs and benefits of the fee. In order to approve such an act, the city council had to prepare a document to be included in the accessible record implicitly stating how the services provided by the fee helped protect public health, safety and welfare. Note that by State law Section 66014, all "fees" imposed by a public agency must be spent on the provision of a specific service and cannot exceed the cost of providing said service. Instead of ranting about one fee increase, you could have rationally responded to the city's assessment of the benefits and countered their argument in support of the fee.

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Todd Fawley-King
City and regional planning senior

MGA's anti-American campaign

Whenever someone is brought to our great campus, many questions should be asked. How will they be perceived? Do they support our cause in the right way? Do they actually believe in all they say? Are they extremists? These questions were hardly asked, let alone answered when the Muslim Student Association (MSA) decided to bring Amir Abdel Malik to our campus.

Let me give you some background on what may transpire on Thursday, May 11, 2006. This MSA of the Oakland area may proceed to tell you that he is a moderate. Here is a good first quote to help understand him.

"The guy thinks that "the Israelis...were 'in-control' of Sept. 11," and that it was "an act of war against Muslims around the world." Not only that, but he was quoted in Berkeley as saying, "We ain't gonna lose. We must wage war against Muslims around the world.""

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Jill Pathman
Computer engineering junior

"Free Palestine" T-shirts

Access simple, even hip. If "Free Palestine" meant to just give Palestinians an independent state, then I along with almost all Jews, including the Israelis, would pay to propagate such a positive message.

But the questions that I have for those "Free Palestine" shirt-wearing people are:
1) What do you mean by "Palestine"?
2) In which ways do you mean to make Palestine "free"?

There have been the 1993 Oslo Agreements, Camp David agreements in 2000. (Despite Israel heeding to almost all of the Palestinian demands, Anifas walked out because he feared of being murdered for finalizing the two state solution) and the Israeli pullout from Gaza. (Handed over to the Palestinians were greenhouses to help jumpstart Gaza's economy, but the Gamars rioted and damaged them.)

Israelis are currently planning to drop most West Bank Settlements, land over Arab Jerusalem to the Palestinians, finalize borders and give the Palestinians 100 percent independence.

Unfortunately the Palestinian government has welcomed this as a "declaration of war." Today Hama continues to say that they want all of Israel as a part of their Palestinian state under the Koran. They also inciting the crowds to say their greatest desire is "death for the sake of Allah." "Free Palestine" to the Palestinian leadership means taking over all of "Palestine," including Israel, through violent means.

So please reassess your support for those "hip" T-shirts. What matters is not what you think it means, but how the Palestinian leadership interprets the statement "Free Palestine."

Paul Borsuk
Business senior
Today's college students stay in school longer

Katie Laird
THE DAILY UTAH BANG

'PROVO, Utah — Mary Ann Johnson started her college education at Brigham Young University as an eager 18-year-old, full of hopes and ambitions for her future career as a nurse. Determined to do things right, Johnson obtained a pre-registered course plan and meticulously planned out the next four years of her life, with the vision of saving "people's lives as a motivating force behind every class she took." But after the four years had passed, Johnson had yet to set foot in a hospital. After applying twice to the BYU nursing program and being rejected both times, Johnson was thrown off-course.

"I was sort of lost for a while," she said. "I didn't know what to do." Eventually Johnson made the decision to give up on her dream of becoming a nurse and settled for a public health major just to get out of school. After a full five years, Johnson said, "I didn't know what to do." But I'm definitely glad I'm not in school anymore.

BYU is keeping pace, however, with the average having stayed just under 10 semesters for first-time, degree-seeking students to graduate. Students at the University of Utah are taking an average of 12 semesters, and at Utah State University, less than half of first-time, full-time stu-
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**INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS**

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — President Jalal Talabani urged Iraq's feuding factions Wednesday to unite against suicide bombings and terrorism, as attacks raged across the country. Talabani said nearly 1,091 people were killed in Baghdad alone last month, and his office said the figure came from the Baghdad Central Morgue.

— The Associated Press

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** — Indonesia's president on Wednesday dismissed Western concerns over its military crackdown as a "big lie," a day after U.N. Security Council members agreed to present him with a first choice of incentives or sanctions in deciding whether to suspend uranium enrichment.

135 years after it abol­ished a half-century and marked by modernization.

Napolitano was elected pres­i­dent by Italy's Parliament in a vote that cleared the way for the center-left coalition, and one of the key acts at head of state will be to give Prodi the mandate to form a government.

GETTY

**PARIS** — France honored victims of the slave trade Wednesday with a national day of concerts, school lessons, Louvre exhibits and ceremonies in a trading port that grew rich from slavery, and the idea of reparations for slavery is not an issue in France.

— The Associated Press

**BRITISH ATTORNEY GENERAL CALLS GUANTANAMO PRISON CAMP "UNACCEPTABLE"**

Beth Gardiner

**LONDON** — The U.S. prison camp at Guantanamo Bay is a disgrace to the American tradition of freedom and should close, Britain's attorney general said Wednesday, the strongest condemnation of the prison by a British government official.

"The existence of Guantanamo Bay remains unacceptable," Attorney General Lord Goldsmith said in a speech.

"It is time in my view that it should close. The historic tradition of the United States as a beacon of freedom, of liberty and of justice deserves the removal of this symbol."

Goldsmith's criticism was far stronger than that of Prime Minister Tony Blair, who declined to say Wednesday what he believed would also help to remove what has become a symbol to many, right or wrong, of injustice," he said.

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British officials told reporters Tuesday that talent to advise the British government on legal matters, made no such qualifying comments.

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was impressed by the close bonds the team shared as well as the national recognition the Mustangs received despite playing just seven players.

"It's the type of group you really see only once in a lifetime," Massey said. The seven were Carol Tschasar (Daniel), Lynn Kessler (Blevins), Vera Pendergast (Nelson), Ellen Bugalski (Ferrera), Dede Bodnar and Claudia Hemmensch (Trudeau).

The end of the clip had the seven walking out of Mott Gym as if they were leaving a salon.

"We must have retaken that shot 15 to 20 times because of the way Carol walked," Van Winden said. "It was too heavy, not feminine enough. I think Carol cost us more time than I did, but it was just really funny.

The 1984 squad had three All-Americans and four in 1985. Both teams made the NCAA playoffs, the 1984 squad falling in an upset to Fresno State in the opening round of the Northwest Regional and the 1985 team lost to eventual national champions University of the Pacific in the finals of the Northwest Regional.

"Carol (Daniel's) era represents the best that Cal Poly volleyball ever was and it's what we aspire to — to reach that level of greatness," current Cal Poly coach Jon Stevenson said.

"Girls' weekend out"

Several of Daniel's former teammates will be in San Luis Obispo this weekend for an exhibition match between UC Santa Barbara and Cal Poly at 4 p.m. in Mott Gym, a game that will accept donations and raffle off prizes to raise money for Daniel's medical expenses.

Trudeau, who partnered with Daniel in seven beach volleyball tournaments in 1989, has spent many hours organizing the event alongside Stevenson. In the wake of the tragedy, supporters have surfaced from many areas of Daniel's life.

Five of Daniel's biggest believers will try to make the journey to San Luis Obispo. Although there won't be a "girls' weekend out" this year, the memories of rafting, kayaking, hiking and other experiences over the years remain.

One such memory stands above all for Lynn Blevins (Kessler). It came as Daniel planned to enter her first triathlon.

Daniel, now an avid triathlete, had one major obstacle before she could participate — she couldn't swim. As part of one trip back to San Luis Obispo, Trudeau set up a swim lesson for Daniel and the six women set out for the pool at 8 a.m.

"She could barely keep herself afloat," Blevins recalled with a chuckle. While her friends ate bagels and sipped coffee, the whole time laughing from the side of the pool, her instructor shouting instructions as her head bobbed in and out of the water between strokes, Daniel continued to swim.

It's that dedication, that refusal to quit that Blevins and the other four believe will drive Daniel to a full recovery and allow her to once again enjoy a "girls' weekend out."

Juandy Jones  Mustang Daily

The final stretch is here and the Cal Poly softball team wants an invitation to the national tournament. Last year, the team was second in the conference and still was snubbed by the NCAA selection committee.

This year, the team will finish in the top three and has made a strong case for the playoffs. Chelsea Green, a senior in psychology and outfielder, said that the team's chance is pretty good and that a lot depends on the series against Pacific.

"I have a hard time thinking they (the committee) will leave us out," Green said.

Coach Jenny Condon said that winning two-out-of-three games against Pacific would be sufficient. "Fat is in our own hands," Condon said. Going to the tournament would be quite an accomplishment because it hasn't been done since the team moved to Division I, Condon said.

There are 64 teams selected to go into the postseason. Winners of each conference have an automatic spot and the rest are chosen as at-large teams.

Teams are chosen by a committee based on the team's strength of schedule, record and rank nationwide or rating percentage index.

Last year, the team was second in the conference but was not chosen because of a weak strength of schedule. Green said that last year's schedule wasn't strong and having games against top-ranked teams rained out also did not help.

Playing UCLA, Fresno State, Oklahoma State and Tennessee University will increase the odds of being invited this year. Selection for the tournament will take place on the last weekend of the season. Representatives from each conference will plead a case for teams that have a reasonable chance.

A trip to the NCAA tournament would be Green's first. This year is also her last chance because she is graduating in June.

Long Beach State and Cal State Fullerton are currently tied for the lead in the Big West Conference with 11-4 records. Cal Poly is third at 9-6.

A win against Fresno State early in the season will play heavily in the Mustangs' favor when it comes to being selected.

The selection show will air Sunday, May 14 on ESPNews at 3:30 p.m. Eastern time.

Judy Jones  Mustang Daily

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van attempt at a Mother's Day gift. Think about it.
Yet, all of this is negated when you realize that horses, if they man-
vain attempt at a Mother's Day gift. Now, the
regalia of front of Mighty
Ducks' goalie Bly Brygalov, read
"Access Denied" for 244 minutes and 15 seconds as he stopped every project.
Get the same cover-
age on Sportscenter as say, every
Barry Bonds at bat, or even every
Barry Bonds quote? Since the lock-
up to be verv-rr, jockeys.
NHL playoffs
If a puck hits the back of the net and goes down into the garbage
then it's not a goal. The NHL has lived up to its end of the bargain by
providing exciting action even for
rockers learners like us. Now, the
NHL just gets a little love from the
media. I long to hear Chris
Berman butchering European names
once again in his "Top 10" count-
down. What rhymes with Brygalov?

Detroit Pistons
LeBron James' ego has officially been checked. The Cavaliers are
on the fast track to being swept by the
rivaling Eastern Conference champ-
ions. Better luck next year Bron-
son. It's just not fair. Honesty, the
way they have dominated the East the last three seasons — winning the
NBA title in 2004, reaching the NBA
finals in 2006 and winning the No. 1 seed this year — is ridiculous. With the
switch to the ultra-conservative
and ultra-controlling Larry Brown to the
more risk-open scheme of head coach
Flip Saunders, the Pistons are
firing on all cylinders.

Not to mention the fact that
Detroit's starters have been able to
stay virtually injury-free the last
two years. The only exception was
Richard Hamilton's face, whose clear
mask proved to be a blessing in
disguise as it gave rise to his after-ego which averaged a career-high 20.1
points this season.

Eventually karma will kickback; mark my words. Last year, the Miami
Heat were a few Dwayne Wade
rebound from reaching the Finals. This year, it
could be Chauncey Billups' back, or
Hamilton's hip, or even a Ben
Wallace warrant that derails their pursuit
of three straight NBA Finals. The
basketball team from the Motor City is bound to breakdown sooner than later.
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Don't care, Don't care. Don't care. OK, maybe a little...
To be successful in athletics, bonds must be built. While relationships on the field are often forged by sweat and pain, the best teams have close relationships that stretch beyond the practices and the games.

The camaraderie shared by one group of former Cal Poly volleyball players was rare. To this day, six of the players from the best team in the school's history take an annual "girls' weekend out" — a brief but memorable vacation to a mutually decided upon location. One of the ladies called the weekend an "absolute commitment. It's not even an option."

However, the trip this year has been cancelled. A hit-and-run driver struck one of the former Mustangs, Carol Tschasar-Daniel, on April 8 at Dana Point, Calif., leaving the mother of three with a broken neck and pelvis as well as a nearly severed leg, among other injuries.

Daniel was jogging with several friends when William Todd Brabham veered into Daniel, 41, and Stacy Neria, 34, sending the pair to Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo, Calif. with life-threatening injuries. Last year, the group went to Las Vegas. In previous years the group has traveled back to San Luis Obispo on several occasions as well as several other spots in California. This year the group was destined for Scottsdale, Ariz., but instead will spend their "girls' weekend out" with the recovering Daniel.

Daniel, an All-American volleyball player at Cal Poly in 1986, has been through numerous surgeries since the accident. Daniel, friends, friends and family have paid close attention to a blog kept by her husband on CaringBridge.com. The site has seen several pages featuring the latest on Daniel's condition, as well as donations made by friends and family to help with medical expenses.

"She was just a lioness of a competitor," said Mike Wilton, Cal Poly volleyball coach from 1979-89.

Wilton, now the men's volleyball coach for the powerhouse national University of Hawaii, also recalled Daniel's rare talent.

Daniel walked onto Cal Poly's campus as a basketball player with a strong work ethic and desire to learn the intricacies of volleyball. Although she wasn't the best player on the team, her competitive drive propelled her to succeed.

Kelly Van Winden, whose name is Daniel's, is Stratford, played with Daniel in 1984 and 1985. She remembered the long, exhausting workouts Wilton put his team through and the tenacity Daniel always showed.

As one practice run on the track, Van Winden pushed the pace with the intent of tiring Daniel out. Van Winden had never beaten Daniel in a run, but was determined her strategy would pay off. Sometimes into the run, Van Winden would notice Daniel puffing and puffing, perhaps tiring from the pace. Meanwhile, Van Winden was feeling fine, coasting along — the finally had Daniel beat.

Van Winden stayed with Daniel during the run, giving words of encouragement periodically during the workout. However, Daniel was unwilling to accept "We got to the last 220 and I'm starting to feel it," Van Winden said. "Then she gets her second wind. She flipped on the afterburners and took off."

Former Cal Poly and beach volleyball teammate Claudia Trudeau was a freshman when Daniel was a junior on the 1984 Mustangs squad. Trudeau, now a close friend and one of the six involved with "girls' weekend out" trips, had high praise for the gritty competitor.

"She was the one who would kick your butt if you weren't working hard enough," Trudeau said.

Daniel's admirers didn't stop at Cal Poly. Kathy Gregory, one of the best women's beach volleyball players in the late 1970s and early 1980s and current coach of UC Santa Barbara, described Daniel as "a young colt" when she entered Cal Poly. "And she left a mature competitor," Gregory said.

Gregory and Daniel competed against each other in one beach contest — the Santa Monica Tournament in 1988 — but Gregory got her perspective of Daniel from her job at UCSC. Gregory has coached at UCSB since the team formed in 1974 and her teams were staunch rivals of Central Coast neighbors Cal Poly.

"The Magnificent Seven"

Wilton amassed a 279-129 accord at Cal Poly, dent of sales, marketing and advertising for Heritage Oaks Bank in Paso Robles, Calif., see Daniel, page 14

**CAROL TSCHASAR-DANIEL CAREER STATISTICS**
- 1,240 career kills
- 3.10 average kills per game
- 197 career solo blocks
- 75 solo blocks in 1986
- 602 total blocks

**SPORTS RANTS**

Mini-Rants

A h, yes, the sounds of spring. The sound of softball dunks rattling the rim and buzzer-beaters igniting the hometown crowd. The crack of pine meeting mowth as the summer's giants awake from their winter slumber to swing some heavy hammer. The slap as leather meets ball, followed by the howl cry of the man in blue: "Strike three!"
The distant sound of metal merging with ice: colossal men glide around with the grace of figure skaters and the power of linbackers.

There is one other sound, let me see here. Ah ... what was it again? Ah ... Ahh ... aaahaaahhh ... Choo! Ah yes, the sound of a pollenn meeting an over-active immune system and histamines running rampant until ... Gargantuan. Nothing quite says spring like quieting through itching, watery eyes to watch Shaq shoot free throws on your face now on each TV timeout.

The onset of allergy season has elevated my spams and senses to such high levels that I'm prepared to offer insights never before seen in my column. In this first installment of "Mini-Rants," I give you a few ramblings about the current world of sports. You could say they're outbursts that have been aching to come out. Anda ha ... ha ... ha ...

Jockeys

Now I've always been against horse racing because of the simple fact that the horses are considered disposable athletes. In what other sport is an injured athlete, who has been extremely successful in the past and generated millions of dollars of income for their owner, disposed of? If a horse breaks its leg trying to hustle out a win for its owner, it is taken behind the barn and given at least a postmortem. If a horse is injured, it is being eaten in paste form by some kid named Jimmy as he tries to glue macaroni on construction paper in a couple of weeks, maybe a month.

Come show your support for Cal Poly alumnus, Carol Tschasar-Daniel, at a fundraising dinner at Giuseppe's in Pismo Beach Saturday, May 13 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are $75 per person, and all proceeds will go towards paying Tschasar-Daniel's medical bills. Call Joe DiFranzo at (805) 773-2870 for more information.

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