Pride Alliance hosts ‘CommUnity Pride Week’

Katie Hofstetter

This year’s CommUnity Pride Week will be the biggest and best ever if the event organizers have anything to say about it.

Cal Poly’s Pride Alliance, with support from Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals United (GLBU), have planned six days “chock-full of pride events,” to mark the fourth year of CommUnity Pride Week, also dubbed “Poly Pride Week.”

“It’s a week of fun,” said English freshman Angela Kramer, a student coordinator for the Pride Alliance. “We invite everyone to come together and celebrate the (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) community.”

The week’s events get underway today with slam poetry at 7 p.m. in Phillips Hall, where top national slam poets will compete in a slam-off, and top campus slam poets will showcase their talents as well.

Kramer said the Pride Alliance is “hoping to fill the place” for the show, and expects a big turnout on Thursday night as well, when Tristan Prettyman performs for an 18- and over crowd at Downtown Brewing Co.

“This year we really went all out,” Kramer said. “We got a lot of support from the community and we have the means to do a lot more than we did last year.”

Pride Week will wrap up Saturday with Youth and Student Empowerment conference that will highlight with a talk from “The Real World: Chicago” cast member Chris Beckman.

Lenders contest fed's over loans

Charles Nguyen

LA JOLLA, Calif. — An association of loan lenders say that student loans offered by independent companies are cheaper for taxpayers than loans distributed directly by the federal government.

The argument — published in a study by America's Student Loan Providers — attempts to debunk findings released earlier by the Government Accountability Office that endorsed direct loans, which compete with those offered by private lenders. According to the industry study, loans issued by Federal Family Education Loans, an umbrella program that administers several borrowing programs such as the Parent Plus and federal Stafford loans, cost the government $7 for every $100 in loans from 1994 to 2002. By comparison, the study found that costs of direct loans was $9.16.

The direct lending program was created in 1990, when lawmakers sought an alternative to guaranteed loans, through which banks and private lenders offer loans to students and parents that are subsidized by the U.S. government. Because direct loans cut out middlemen, private lenders have been balking at the program to keep their own businesses af101.

ASLP's report attacked federal information that showed direct lending to be cheaper than guaranteed loans. The difference can be explained by tax revenues, not included in the government's numbers, from the two programs, and government estimates based on overly optimistic projections of future interest rates, according to ASLP Executive Director Kevin Bums.

"Sadly, (FFEL) has become a partisan punching bag, almost entirely because of the consonous impression left by government cost estimates," he stated in a press release. "The truth is that guaranteed student loans are a better deal for taxpayers."

Last fall, the GAO, a federal investigative agency, released an analysis showing that see Loans, page 2

WHAT: Nobel Peace Prize Nominee Jeff Halper, a scholar and writer from Jerusalem, will give a presentation titled "Palestine/Israel: Peace or Permanent Conflict?"

WHEN & WHERE: Monday, May 15 from 6-8 p.m. in the Pavilion of the Performing Arts Center at Cal Poly.

WHAT: as part of Cal Poly's annual "CommUnity Pride Week," during May 15-20, the Pride Alliance is hosting the Pride March, which will be followed by "Pride in the Plaza," where student activists will share their experiences.

WHEN & WHERE: March 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the University Union, "Pride in the Plaza": the UU opens its doors to everyone so that people know about Community Pride Week. City of San Luis Obispo, "Pride in the Plaza" event is free and open to the public.

WHAT: The Gorilla College of Business will host Jeff Helms, chairman of the board of directors of Oracle Corp., in the fourth talk from its Distinguished Speakers Series. The event is free and open to the public.

WHAT: Provocative Perspectives speaker John Gray will discuss "The Effect of the Fallacy of Race and the Impact of Color."

WHEN & WHERE: The free event will take place Thursday, May 18 at 8 a.m. in the Viola Grande Cafe with a breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m.
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direct lending costs have “generally
remained lower” than guaranteed
programs’ costs. However, even the
agency admitted in the report that its
estimates were incomplete.

“Given the uncertainty identified
by the GAO, it’s no surprise the report
doesn’t include any specific
recommendations,” said Tom Davis
(R-Va.), chairman of the U.S. House
Committee on Government
Reform, in a press release on May 9.

“Until we get answers, it would be
irresponsible for policymakers to
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WHO SAID THAT?

By a curious confusion, many modern critics have passed from the proposition that a masterpiece may be unpopular to the other proposition that unless it is unpopular it cannot be a masterpiece.
— GK Chesterton

Happiness is always a by-product. It is probably a matter of temperament, and for anything I know it may be glandular. But it is not something that can be demanded from life, and if you are not happy you had better stop worrying about it and see what treasures you can pluck from your own brand of unhappiness.
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Floods force hundreds from homes in New England

CONCORD, N.H. — Torrential rains forced hundreds of people from their homes in parts of New England on Sunday, as water flowed over dams and washed out roads.

The governors of New Hampshire and Massachusetts declared states of emergency, activating the National Guard to help communities respond to the storm. Maine’s governor also declared a state of emergency for one county.

“It’s a very serious situation,” said New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch, adding that forecasters were predicting 12 to 15 inches of rain by the end of the storm in parts of southern New Hampshire. “It continues to change and the situation continues to worsen.”

In some towns, police and fire crews used boats to get people out of their homes and stranded cars after hundreds of roads were damaged. Others got around in knapsacks. Some towns shut down, not letting anyone pass except emergency vehicles.

“The town is cut right in half,” said Glenn Laramie, police chief in Andover, N.H. A dam in Milton, N.H., was in danger of failing, which could send a 16-foot wall of water downstream, the National Weather Service said in a bulletin. People downstream were being evacuated.

The state Office of Emergency Management said at least a dozen dams were being closely watched. In Massachusetts, cars were pulled from flooded streets in downtown Peabody, about 20 miles north of Boston, and about 300 people were evacuated from an apartment complex for seniors. Businesses stacked sandbags at their doors, trying to prevent damage from water that at one point rose to waist-deep.

“I have no heat, I have no hot water, and my cellar is flooded up to its tip-top,” said Esther Gibely, who sought shelter at Peabody Veterans Memorial High School.

About 150 residents in Melrose, Mass., had to leave their homes after sewage lines were overwhelmed, backing up into houses, said Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

About 10 communities in the northeast section of the state opened temporary shelters, Romney said.

Some parts of New Hampshire had seen 7 inches of rain by midday Sunday and forecasters said up to 5 more inches might come during the day.

About 100 residents were evacuated from their homes in Wakefield, N.H., because of concerns about two dams in the area.

Officials also reported a railroad culvert and embankment washed out in Milton, with train tracks suspended in midair. And the local emergency management office in Hooksett said the town essentially was closed because so many roads were flooded.

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Freak-out’ artist reads thoughts, fries minds

Christina Casci

Bending spoons and glass without touching them and knowing exactly what playing card an audience member is thinking of. These are all aspects of Christopher Carter’s show — and that’s just the beginning.

"I freak people out with demonstrations of mind power," Carter said. "It’s all very memorable."

Carter is performing at Cal Poly tonight at 8 p.m. in the Chumash Auditorium. The show is free and the tricks he pulls will shock everyone there.

He acknowledges that some of what he does is illusion, but most of his tricks are psychological.

"I’m an entertainer whose job is confusing," he said. "I get people to think what I want them to think."

One such trick is guessing what playing card an audience member is holding. He makes them think of the playing card and look into his eyes. He says, "red, black, red, black" repeatedly and watches the person’s eyes. "The shift in the eye tells me their thoughts," he said. "I can read people because they wear their hearts on their sleeves."

He said that as soon as he started acting on what he learned, people’s reactions were often very extreme. "Sometimes when I’m bored I’ll fly an airplane," he said. He added that it’s hard to get people in the right mindset when they aren’t at the show.

"I manipulate people," he said. "Not in a bad way. I just manipulate their thoughts."

Carter’s favorite part of his job is people’s reactions. Some people laugh and are amazed, while others swear and scream to the point where they have to leave the room and come back, he said.

"I had a girl break into tears once," he said. "I kind of felt bad about that."

Though Carter’s busiest tour schedule occurs while universities are in session, he can be found performing at corporate events and motivational speeches.

According to the site, "Chris challenges your people to confront reality and use their imagination as a tool to avoid and overcome obstacles."

An avid traveler, Carter does nearly 230 shows a year, he said. This is, however, his first time visiting Cal Poly.

"People mostly compare me to a hypnotist," he said. "I use some of the same skills they use, but in asubliminal way. I get people to think what I want them to think."

Everyone has his or her own favorite trick, he said. However, the mind-reading part of the show is a common favorite and what he is most well-known for.

"I don’t want to guess general details that I could research anywhere," he said. "I want them to claim to be magical."

"Anything I can use is fair game," Carter said. "I’m not magical and I don’t have powers, I just use the wants people to know that he is not mind."
REPORTING THE TRUTH: ETHICS AND JOURNALISM

War is good business in America

I know that war commentary is at excess in the media currently. But I feel that the American people are not being told the whole picture. What happens when the very people we rely on to report the news can’t be trusted? What happens when the people working at the Pentagon are telling us the truth? We are deprived of the truth. We are being lied to.

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What makes Bush think he can go into Iraq over the course of five years and "Americanize" them?

Speaking of wartime government, the good of Texas president, must have a massive ego in thinking that he can calm down the Middle East. My dad often tells me what his Lebanon father told him concerning that area. He said, “Those people are nomads. They have been fighting each other for tribes for thousands of years.”

Therefore, it is not worth it. In fact, it is not good business. It is better than Starbuck’s, big tobacco and cruel news combined.

For some, wartime may not be worth it.

What is the bottom line?

The bottom line: journalism can entertain, amuse and lift our spirits, but responsible news organizations must also uphold the moral and ethical conduct that is expected from the profession

To my fellow students at Cal Poly, we have an obligation to read or listen to the news. Even if you don’t agree with what you see and hear, your support will help your local carwash business, and increase the chances of getting more cars in the washes.

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"Everyone has a right to privacy. No one has the right to invade that privacy." -Anonymous

"Stoners and lesbians ... (I’ve heard it all.)" -Anonymous

"Reporting the truth: Ethics and journalism"

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Stevenson said he has sights on a spring finale against UC Santa Barbara. Prior to the accident, Stevenson said, "I talked with Kathy Gregor was ready to cancel the match, Stevenson said. However, Gregory quickly changed her mind following the accident.
Despite many empty seats, Stevenson considered the event a success and thanked alumni, friends and family for helping a former player in need.
Kelly Van Winder, a two-year teammate of Daniel's, was shocked at the attention. "When we played here they could barely find a seat," she said. Van Winder played alongside Daniel, Trause and several other alumni who attended the event on the two best volleyball teams in Cal Poly history. The 1984 and 1985 squads were both ranked No. 1 in the country and were the hot ticket in town, often filling Mott Gym to capacity, the former outside hitter said. Fast and fund-raiser aide, Cal Poly dispached an under-manned UCSB in five matches — 28-30, 46-33, 26-15, 25-18.
The Gauchos had to suit up several seniors from the 2005 roster to compete for several players who transferred off this off season, Stevenson said. Alcis Walker, a freshman transfer from San Diego State University, led Cal Poly offensively with 19 kills on a 192 hitting percentage. Sarah Riviere and Kyle Ashburn each had 13 kills while Jacylin Houston chipped in with 10. Kristin Jackson had a match-high 32 digs. The game concluded Cal Poly's spring season. The Mustangs will wait until the fall for the beginning of the new season.

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Mustangs snubbed from tourney ... again

Cal Poly utility player Teresa Miller played her last game in a Cal Poly uniform after the Mustangs were left out of post-season play by the NCAA selection committee on Sunday.

Frank Stranzl
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly softball is quickly becoming synonymous with the term "snub." Snubs are teams that have amassed resumes worthy of the NCAA championship, but don't make the championship field. The Mustangs will spend another off-season wondering what could've been after another peculiar decision by an NCAA selection committee.

"We were actually happy when we saw they took UC Santa Barbara. We thought, 'Oh great, they're going to take four from our conference,'" said second-year Cal Poly coach Jenny Condon. "Not so fast."

The coach and her team watched the nationally televised selection show on ESPN News without hearing Cal Poly's name called.

Three teams from the Big West will play in the NCAA tournament — Long Beach State, Cal State Fullerton and UC Santa Barbara — while the Mustangs, who finished in third place in conference play, were passed by.

Cal Poly (27-23, 11-7 Big West) defeated the Gauchos (24-20, 8-10) in two of three games this season. The Mustangs finished ahead of their Central Coast rivals in the Big West standings — not to mention the Gauchos had a sub .500 conference record — but that wasn't enough to propel the Mustangs into the NCAA tournament, apparently it wasn't enough to keep the Gauchos out of post-season, either.

Robyn Kontra, the Mustangs' top starting pitcher, said the team's "hearts just dropped" initially following UCSC's selection. However, it was only halfway through the selection show when the Gauchos were announced — there was still time left.

"Once they hit the commercial break, we thought if they took UCSC then they had to take us," Kontra said. "You don't take the fourth-place team that we beat two-out-of-three times and not take us."

Cal State Fullerton (36-22, 14-4) and Long Beach State (30-20, 13-5) were widely seen as locks for bids to the 64-team tournament beginning Friday.

The 2006 snub has precedence. Last year Cal Poly finished in second place in the Big West, see Snubbed, page 7.

Exhibition match draws ample 'Stangs nearly pull off Big West upset

A host of Cal Poly volleyball alumni were in attendance on Saturday to support Carol Tschasar-Daniel, a former Mustang, when she finds out what took place in her name, "(Cal Poly's) spring volleyball win over Central Coast rival UC Santa Barbara certainly didn't seem like your typical off-season exhibition.

An estimated 500 fans — the Cal Poly band included — packed Mott Gym in a show of support for Carol Daniel, a former Mustang great who was struck by a hit-and-run driver on April 8 at Dana Point, Calif.

The event, which was followed by a fund-raising dinner at Giuseppe's in Pismo Beach, raised more than $3,400 toward Daniel's mounting medical expenses.

"I think it will mean a lot to Carol (Daniel) when she finds out what took place in her name," Cal Poly coach Jon Stevenson said.

Daniel, 41, was jogging with three friends along the Coast Highway when a driver veered and hit Daniel and Stacy Neria, 34, William Todd Bradshaw was scheduled for arraignment on Friday in connection with the incident.

"We talked about it a lot when it first happened," Cal Poly junior setter Chelsea Hayes said. "The main thing Jon told us is to appreciate what you've got and if you can't then look at what Carol's going through."

About a week after Daniel was hospitalized, Stevenson and a former teammate of Daniel's, Claudia Trudeau, began fund-raising plans.