Building more than a home

Kendra Deutsche
MUSTANG DAILY

After three long and strenuous days, Cal Poly students are well on their way toward completing the Poly House project.

Cal Poly project management students devoted the weekend to a project they have been planning all quarter that will bring much needed help to a family in San Luis Obispo.

The Poly House project renovates, remodels and repairs a local home over only two weekends as part of IME 556, technological project management.

"It teaches us project management skills that we will use later on in the field," said Caren Carreiro, an engineering graduate student and one of two student coordinators for the project.

"It's a real-world, real-scale project that we can apply the stuff we're learning in class to," Carreiro said.

Above, Darren Desdond looks out through the wall he is demolishing while rebuilding the Poly House. Right, As the first group on-site Sunday, Cal Poly students formed a team responsible for demolition and site preparation.

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This year, the client is local resident Marie Patraeus and her daughter, Carla Henderson. Usually recommended by a local nonprofit organization, is chosen.

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Graduate students win Business Ethics Fortnight

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Cal Poly graduate students brought a national championship home after winning the Business Ethics Fortnight at Loyola Marymount University (LMU) on April 5.

Four Cal Poly students competed at the event to win the championship for their project, "Red Bull Flies to report Stealth Marketing."

"It was a competition where teams from around the country met down at LMU to present ethical issues that are facing business today," said Scan Martin, a business graduate student.

The students compete as if they are consultants giving presentations to companies and offer solutions to problems along with the legal, ethical and financial implications, said Jim Erickson, an industrial and technical studies graduate student.

"So for us, we decided to do stealth marketing and Red Bull, and whether or not they should go into stealth marketing," he said.

Stealth marketing is when a product is marketed to an individual without their knowledge. "So for instance, if someone asks you to take their photo with a camera that they're holding on a street corner ... and they put it in your hand and say, 'look at all the cool features.' they could very well be paid by the camera-maker to be there ... putting their product in your hands," Martin said.

"It's essentially the cheapest marketing you can get, everybody wants word of mouth," said business graduate Adrienne Lindsay.

The Cal Poly team determined that stealth marketing for Red Bull would not be ethical or legal.

Their half-hour presentation on Friday morning, followed by a 20-minute question-and-answer period, advanced the team to the final round of the competition. They then had to cut their presentation to 15 minutes by Saturday evening.

The presentation was judged by local and national business leaders for ethical content, and legal and financial analysis, Martin said.

The team finished in first place overall, taking home the Emerson Prize of $2,000 and a movie pass.

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Study shows job market strong for Poly graduates

Katie Hofsetetter
MUSTANG DAILY

The latest study released by Cal Poly's Career Services indicates a strong job market for recent Cal Poly graduates.

The study, based on surveys completed by over half of Cal Poly's 2004-05 graduates, showed 75 percent holding full-time jobs with another 21 percent enrolled in graduate school.

"The economy right now is very strong so students are getting multiple offers, which is different than five years ago," Martin Shibata, director for career services said.

Chris Williams, 24, graduated in August 2005 with a civil engineering degree and quickly found work as a design engineer for the San Diego-based Nalad Engineering.

Williams gave his resume to the company at a Cal Poly Job Fair and traveled to Southern California for a series of interviews before receiving a job offer.

"It was a hard decision because I got three or four job offers and they were pretty similar," he said.

Of those who completed the survey, 66 percent have a job directly related to their major, 26 percent have a job somewhat related to their major and 8 percent have a job unrelated to their major.

Shibata said the university's polytechnic focus and learn-by-doing motto have made graduates attractive to prospective employers.

"It's a well-respected school for sure," Williams agreed. "We have a good reputation."

In March 2005, international business graduate Ben Greenaway, 25, landed a full-time job as an assistant program director at KVFC shortly after he completed his studies. He said that, while Cal Poly has

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the area who is almost blind and physically disabled. Henderson, who also has physical disabilities, cares for Patraeus, their (the clients') lives by tidying up their homes. Henderson's daughter, who leaves her with limited time to care for the children, was torn from the home. The bedroom was torn down to be replaced at a later time. Additionally, the siding of the house was removed.

Construction of two new porches, equipped with ramps and a fence, also kicked off the weekend.

Various possessions in the yard were sorted through and either relocated or thrown away to make landscaping more effective. The entire property will be landscaped with plants, some pathways, and sod and more by May 21.

Electrically, things are moving along as well. "There was a lot of very old wiring that was unsafe. We're removing the unsafe wiring and replacing it with brand new wires," industrial studies and technology graduate student Brian Lawler said. Lawler is also a lecturer in the graphic communication and humanities departments.

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WHO SAID THAT?

Wisdom doesn't automatically come with old age. Nothing does — except wrinkles. It’s true, some wines improve with age. But only if the grapes were good in the first place.
— Abigail Van Buren

We should be taught not to wait for inspiration to start a thing. Action always generates inspiration. Inspiration seldom generates action.
— Frank Tibolt

Wordly Wise

Slugabed: One who stays in bed until a late hour.

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Name: Matt Wages • Year: senior
Hometown: Bakersfield • Major: civil engineering

Favorites
Downtown party spot: La Fandango’s
Holiday: The Fourth of July
Animal: Fish and deer

If You Could …
— be any Ninja Turtle, which would you be?
Leonardo

Either/Or
— Cooking or takeout?
Cooking, anything on the barbecue.
— Class being cancelled or getting out of class early?
Cancelled class.
— M&Ms or Skittles?
M&Ms

Other
Shout out: To all my graduating friends. It won’t be the same without you.

Celebrate your love of bicycling!

M a y 1 5 t h - 2 0 t h is Bike to work & school Week!

During that week Julian’s (located in the UU and inside Campus Market) is making a special effort to reward bicyclists for their commitment to cycling. Be sure to stop by with your helmet in hand for a FREE 16 oz. cup of coffee and Bike Month t-shirt (while supplies last).

Join us in front of the Rec Center on Thursday, May 11th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a Cal Poly mini-bike fest and enter our free drawing.

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State briefs

GROVER BEACH — Some residents fear Grover Beach will lose its small town atmosphere if buildings get taller.

But builders insist going up — three stories or more — is the only way to make projects financially viable in the largely built-out beach town.

Besides aesthetics, some residents are concerned about tall structures blocking the sun and sky, more cars parked on streets and whether firefighters have the equipment to reach top floors.

The city is struggling to meet its state-mandated goal of 680 new housing units by 2030. About 215 of those homes have been built so far.

— The Associated Press

OAKLAND — Police arrested Lajai Pridgett, 21, of Elk Grove on suspicion of threatening to shoot a parolee in a paintball shooting.

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The U.S. Supreme Court refused on Monday to consider reinstating a California law adopted after the Rodney King beating that made it a crime to knowingly lodge false accusations against police officers.

California lawmakers enacted the measure following a flood of hostile complaints against police officers statewide following King’s 1991 taped beating. Adopted in 1995, the law was punishable by up to six months in jail.

The challenge was brought by Darren Chaker, now 34 of Beverly Hills, who was convicted in San Diego County in 1999 of making a false complaint against an El Cajon police officer.

Chaker was originally arrested for theft of service for retrieving his car from a mechanic without paying — charges that were later dropped. He complained that the arresting officer, without provocation, hit him in the ribs and twisted his wrist.

He was convicted of making up the story and sentenced to two days in custody, 15 days of community service and three years’ probation.

After appealing unsuccessfully to state courts and a federal judge, Chaker won a ruling in November from the San Francisco federal appeals court.

Attorney General Bill Lockyer’s office, backed by law enforcement groups, appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which decided not to hear the case Monday.

Lockyer’s office declined comment.

Chaker was relieved.

“This sends a message about what society’s willing to accept or not accept to protect their police officers,” he said. “It’s not my victory. It’s a victory for everybody.”

In 2002, the California Supreme Court upheld the law and the 30-day sentences of two Oxnard residents who complained that an Oxnard police officer exposed himself to about 50 teenagers at an awards banquet Monday’s action undercuts that precedent.

The Oxnard Police Department said it investigated the couple’s allegations and could not corroborate them, so Ventura County prosecutors tried and convicted the two.

California justices, in ruling against the pair’s First Amendment challenge, said the potential harm from false reports could damage an officer’s credibility and even waste police resources investigating the complaints.

Three people seriously injured in two SoCal freeway shootings

BELL GARDENS — A husband and wife traveling on a Southern California freeway were wounded Monday by someone shooting from another car, hours after a man traveling on another freeway with his children was struck by a bullet, authorities said.

There was no indication the shootings were related, authorities said.

The California Highway Patrol

learned of the second shooting, in Bell Gardens, at about 3:40 a.m. when the wounded couple called from a gas station, said CHP Sgt. Kevin Gordon. Both were hospitalized in critical condition, he said.

The driver, 29-year-old Juan Carrillo of Cudahy, had bullet wounds to his face, chest and left arm, while his 24-year-old wife, Jennifer, was struck in the shoulder.

The couple told authorities a dark gray SUV pulled up alongside their car and someone opened fire, shattering the driver’s-side window. Although wounded, Carrillo was able to maneuver his car off the freeway and to the gas station in South Gate.

The CHP which closed the southbound lanes of the freeway to search for evidence, recovered four bullet casings, Gordon said.

The earlier shooting occurred about 8 p.m. Sunday when a man traveling with his children was shot by someone in a white SUV who pulled alongside his Dodge pickup truck as he drove on the 91 Freeway in Carson, said CHP Officer Pete Kim.

Officers reported that both vehicles were driving recklessly, Kim said.

The 26-year-old victim, whose name was not released, was hospitalized with major injuries but was expected to survive, Kim said.

His 6-year-old and 7-month-old boys were not injured.

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National Briefs

WASHINGTON — President Bush is sending as many as 6,000 National Guard troops to improve enforcement at the Mexican border, part of a $1.9 billion drive to tighten security and win conservative backing in Congress for an election-year immigration debate.

On citizenship, the White House told congressional officials the president plans to say that illegal immigrants, required to stand in line behind legal immigrants applying to become citizens, would not be granted amnesty.

Bush’s plan to use National Guard troops at the border ran into criticism from Democrats and Republicans alike.

"The National Guard already is stretched to the limit by repeated tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as providing disaster assistance in their own states," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., though he commended Bush for "courage and leadership" in weighing in on the immigration debate.

Bush said the nation has expanded the Border Patrol from about 9,000 to 12,000 agents during his presidency and has sent home about 6 million illegal immigrants entering the United States illegally.

"I will fix the problems created by illegal immigration and we will deliver a system that is secure, orderly and fair," the president said.

He called for enactment of a guest worker program to allow immigrants to take low-paying jobs, and he said employers must be held to account for hiring illegal immigrants.

"We need to have a tamperproof identification card for workers that would leave employers with no excuse for violating the law," Bush said.

Bush was to outline his plan in his first Oval Office address on a domestic priority, reflecting the major political issue that immigration has become. Hispanics comprise the nation’s fastest growing minority and have demonstrated in rallies attracting tens of thousands of people this spring.

The president’s call for tougher border security is part of a broader plan to overhaul a system that he has described as inhumane, with desperate foreigners taking their lives for a chance to earn U.S. wages. The issue raises emotions on all sides, with many Americans and influential conservatives in Congress angry that foreigners are taking jobs and draining resources across the country.

Bush was proposing a "carrot-and-stick" approach. Immigrants who follow the rules could be eligible for new temporary work permits that would allow them to take low-paying jobs and have an eventual chance at citizenship. Those who flout the law and try to sneak in would find a border that was more secure and harder to cross, at least in theory, with National Guard troops supporting Border Patrol agents along the 2,000-mile line with Mexico.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States will restore full diplomatic relations with Libya and remove it from a list of terrorism sponsors, the Bush administration said Monday, rewarding Libya for renouncing weapons of mass destruction and cooperating in the hunt for renouncing weapons of mass destruction.

"Today’s announcements are tangible results that flow from the bilateral agreement reached by Libyan leadership to renounce terrorism and weapons of mass destruction," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said in announcing moves long sought by Libya.

While announcing expanding ties to one oil exporter, the United States clamped down on another: The State Department announced late Monday that it is banning arms sales to Venezuela because of what it says is a lack of support by President Hugo Chavez’s government for counterterrorism activities.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is banning arms sales from the U.S. to Venezuela, America’s fifth largest source for oil imports, because of what it says is a lack of support by President Hugo Chavez’s government for counterterrorism activities.

The U.S. action signals a further deterioration in relations with Venezuela, a country Chavez shrugged off it and said he did not plan to rejoin.

The U.S. sold Venezuela less than $5 million worth of military equipment last year, a relatively tiny amount, mostly for spare parts for cargo planes.

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said Monday the United States was concerned about Venezuela’s close relations with Iran and Cuba, both of which are on the department’s list of state sponsors of terrorism.

"If you have a reasonable or rational estimation of somehow information that you share with them might make in way to just the group that you’re trying to combat, that certainly negates," McCormack said.

He said the United States is also concerned about Venezuela’s ties with two leftist guerrilla groups in Colombia, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and the National Liberation Army (ELN). Both have been accused of supporting terrorist organizations by the United States.

Chavez, on a visit to London, dismissed the U.S. move as irrelevant.

"This doesn’t matter to us at all," he told The Associated Press. He pledged efforts to find a solution to the problem.

The Associated Press

U.S. imposes arms sales ban on Venezuela, a major oil supplier

Washington, D.C. — The United States has expanded its arms embargo against Venezuela, a major oil supplier to the United States, by imposing a sales embargo on crucial defense equipment.

The embargo on arms sales to Venezuela was announced by the State Department on September 12, 2006. The embargo was imposed because of Venezuela’s continued support for terrorist groups, including the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and the National Liberation Army (ELN).

The embargo includes all defense equipment sales, as well as services and training, to Venezuela. The embargo applies to all U.S. defense contractors and manufacturers.

The United States has been actively involved in the conflict in Venezuela for several years, due to the country’s support for leftist groups, including the FARC and the ELN. The United States has been concerned about the potential for Venezuela to use its oil wealth to fund terrorist activities.

The embargo was imposed on September 12, 2006, and is valid until September 12, 2007. The embargo applies to all defense contractors and manufacturers, as well as services and training, to Venezuela.

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Pearl Jam’s latest more like marmalade

Matt Tiffany
OREGON DAILY EMBRACE (E. OREGON)

EUGENE, Ore. — Aging grunge-heads and flannel-shirted coffee nerds have been waiting for this moment since “No Code” unthawed Pearl Jam’s hard-rock with a wet blanket of meandering spirituality in 1996. Pearl Jam is back. The band has officially returned to its rock ‘n’ roll roots with its latest, self-titled release.

Unfortunately, Pearl Jam’s triumphant return comes as a decaf nonfat mocha to its early ‘90s heyday of caffeinated grunge rock. The pieces are there, but the now-middle-aged rockers seem to have lost that musical ass-kicking step, sacrificing banging heads and jumping off balconies during concerts to concentrate on their message. Pearl Jam is pissed about war, and the band wants its audience to know it.

Eddie Vedder is the growling Vedder of yore. His lyrics are sharp and biting as ever, even if they’re nearly impossible to understand as he snarls them between his “uh-huhs” and “yeahs.” “Army Reserve,” a song about a lather who has gone to war and left his wife and child home, reads like poetry but sounds like prototypical Vedder gibberish. At least the band had the common sense to neatly type out its lyrics in the album booklet.

The album’s beginning is the best part. “Life Wasted,” “World Wide Suicide” and “Comatose” are vintage jam, but the rest of the album sounds more like marmalade.

The low point is “Earaches,” a lilting lullaby of a song that threatens to kill whatever buzz the album has going for it.

While hardcore Pearl Jam fans will undoubtedly adore the album, it doesn’t provide enough energy to keep the rest of the post-grunge audience awake for more than a token listen.
Jesus, Friedrich Nietzsche and Joan of Arc were all super paranoid, but in the best possible sense of the word — at least that is the premise of English professor John Hampsey’s book “Paranoia and Contentment: A Personal Essay on Western Thought.”

The book reproduces the idea of pre-Plato Greece that paranoia can be positive. Hampsey, 52, said “paras” means beside and “nosa” means mind, and originally to “be beside the mind” was determined brilliant. It was Plato who created the negative connotation which now accompanies the word, Hampsey said.

“For Plato, if you were going beside the mind you weren’t being rational.”

Hampsey said, “After Plato, going off-track was seen as dangerous or sick or abnormal.”

Hampsey created two words to distinguish between the positive and negative uses of paranoia: “paranoidic” for the post-Plato meaning and “paranoid” for the pre-Plato meaning. Joan of Arc, Nietzsche and Jesus, who Hampsey calls a “paranotic visionary,” falls into the latter category.

Hampsey said people who changed the course of western civilization were paranoid and would be outcasts in today’s society.

“The greatness of history comes from people who look like losers,” he said. “I call them paranoid heroes.”

But Hampsey said society’s focus on contentment makes positive paranoia a rarity, and instead gives rise to paranoidic thoughts.

“We are often torn between something that is about contentment and security and something that is creative, yet risky and dangerous,” he said. “Once you buy into contentment you are also buying into the irrational fear of losing it.”

Hampsey hopes that bringing light to the relationship between negative paranoia and contentment will inspire readers to seek positive paranoia.

He said the goal of the book is “to get people to investigate; to look for answers yourself, to question and to not be afraid to pursue an answer that you might think risks your security.”

Hampsey said he is pleased with the feedback the book has received thus far. He said the local newspaper reviews have responded favorably to the book’s originality, and that he was well-received on an eight-city book tour he took in 2005. “I never wanted to write a book just to write a book,” Hampsey said. “I wanted to write a book because it would be important or different.”

He succeeded in more ways than one. Not only is Hampsey’s book unconventional in context, but it is unconventional in format as well.

Pieces of memoir and fiction are interspersed in every chapter to exemplify Hampsey’s message. “I’m so pleased that I didn’t sell out along the way and write a conventional book that just a few scholars would read,” he said.

The book’s hardback version was released in January 2005, with the paperback version following a year later. Sales have topped 5,000 copies for the hardback and the paperback is consistently selling about 500 copies a month. Hampsey said.

While his book is never required in his curriculum, he does offer it as a recommended text when it relates to coursework.

Hampsey teaches 19th century British literature and classical Greece at Cal Poly, where he has worked since 1989. Before coming to Cal Poly, Hampsey spent five years teaching at Boston University, near his home state of Pennsylvania, where he met world-renowned historian and fellow Boston University professor Howard Zinn.

“Hampsey’s goal is to startle us into reconsidering our conventional ways of thinking, and I believe he has achieved that goal admirably,” Zinn said in his endorsement of “Paranoia and Contentment.”

The book was not the only high-point of 2005 for Hampsey; he was honored with Cal Poly’s University Distinguished Teaching Award the same year.

“Cal Poly has smart kids,” Hampsey said, “and I love turning them onto the stuff that’s in my book, great poetry and great literature.”
a solid reputation, it did not help courses do come in handy in his
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most of the companies are looking
half-programming, half-management
position.

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more focused," he said.

The study also showed that 29
percent of working graduates found
employment through personal referrals, making it the top
employment source followed by internet listings and prior employment at
second and third, respectively.

Another 10 percent of those
employed got their jobs through an
on-campus interview and 9 percent
found work through the Career Services Web site, the study indicated.

Shibata advocated for involve-
ment in campus activities as good
ways to network, because he said
employers will sometimes connect
with students through clubs or
organizations, he said.

"Who you know can be just as
important as what you know," Shibata said.

The College of Engineering, which sent 84 percent of 2004-05
graduates into full-time work and another 13 percent to graduate
school, boasted the highest average
post-graduation salary of any Cal
Poly college at $55,000, according
to the study.

The College of Business fol-
lowed with average annual salaries
of graduates at $45,000, the study
indicated.

The Orfalea College of Architecture and Environmental Design graduated the highest per-
centage of students directly into
full-time jobs at 96 percent and had
another 3 percent enroll in graduate
school, according to the study.

"For business at least, I think I would choose, at the very least,
a variety of health-related topics, such as alcohol, contraceptives and
sexual behavior," said Pat Johnston, coordinator of health education.

"People need to understand more about it."

To educate people, the health center's peer education group Sexual Health and Reproductive Education gives presentations about four times a week and stresses the ineffectiveness and negative aspects of withdrawal.

However, the Continuing Medical Education Program for medical students needs to reach more direct patient contact. Torchia said.

"Everyone knows withdrawal is ineffective, but they are not really talking to students about it," she said.

The main risks associated with withdrawal include that it does not prevent sexually transmitted dis-
cases and it goes against male nat-
ural inclinations, said Patty Kirby, vice president of education and training of Planned Parenthood of Maryland.

Even though withdrawal is not as effective as other contraceptives, such as condoms and the pill, Kirby said it prevents pregnancy better than no form of contraception.

"If someone had a choice between no method and withdraw-
al, I would choose, at the very least, withdrawal," Kirby said.

However, Kirby said she does worry about people who use it as their sole method of contraception because it's so ineffective.

"People are using emergency contraceptives, they are not using it as the first choice," she said.

The health center is studying its data to see whether there is a con-
nection between the popularity of the withdrawal method and emer-
gency contraception. Many physi-
cians do see such a correlation on the national level.

Campus numbers may have been affected by a change in this survey's population sample, which had more graduate student representa-
tion this year. Many graduate stu-
dents are married and do not need emergency contraception, Torchia said.

Torchia said she has seen a defi-
nite drop in people using emergency contraceptives based on the num-
bbers given out at the health center each year.

"If people are using emergency contraceptives, they are not using withdrawal as a place," Johnston said. "We need to increase education and access to contracep-
tives."
International briefs

BRAZIL erupts in violence; four-day toll passes 80

The Associated Press

**BAGHDAD, Iraq — Insurgents shot down a U.S. helicopter south of Baghdad and killed two soldiers, the U.S. military said Monday. Those deaths, along with those of three other soldiers and two Marines, brought the weekend toll to seven U.S. service members killed in combat in Iraq.**

The helicopter attack occurred Sunday during fighting in Yusufiyah, 12 miles south of the Iraqi capital, the military said in a brief statement.

It was the second helicopter shot down in the past six weeks over that area, known as the “Triangle of Death” because of the large number of insurgent attacks. An Apache helicopter went down there on April 1.

But 21 new killings were reported Sunday night and Monday morning, the state government of Sao Paulo said, putting the death toll at 81 — 39 police officers and prison guards, 28 suspected gang members and four civilians killed in 181 attacks since Friday.

Prison officials said they do not know how many inmates have died in Sao Paulo’s lockups because they were just retaking control of most of them. At least 91 people were arrested since Friday, police said.

Sao Paulo’s newcomer, Catholic archbishop, Claudio Hummes, said the government had not done enough to stop the violence.

“The state must improve the prison system to stop it from becoming a school for crime,” he said.

The violence also weighed in on financial markets, helping to drive stocks down more than 2 percent as a perception took hold that Brazil is more risky than previously thought.

The country’s currency, the real, fell 2 percent against the U.S. dollar. The PCC was founded in 1993 in Sao Paulo’s Tateu Penitentiary and became involved in drug and arms sales, bombings, robberies and extortion.

It staged a massive prison uprising in 2001 in which 19 inmates died, and attacked more than 50 police stations in November 2003. Thirteen survivors and two suspected gang members were killed and 12 people injured in those attacks.

On Monday, officials were still under way at two prisons in Sao Paulo state, with rebellions plot down at 72 facilities.

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COMMENTARY

Purely political tax cuts

I feared a discussion with a (Republican) friend of mine, about "whether Republicans care about the American economy more than Democrats" (although I should remind you, I'm not a Dem, just a devil's advocate). I received an e-mail, enclosed with the New York Times article "Senate Votes to Extend Investor Tax Cuts."

...as an illustration exactly how the GOP "caves" not only for the American economy but (and this is the kicker) for the average American worker. Apparently, Republican politicians/legislators demonstrate this concern by way of their economic and fiscal policies — policies that "take from the public and give to the rich," according to my friend, a recent Cal Poly grad.

What my friend was describing, and what Senate Republicans were in the process of passing into tax law, is the "trickle-down effect" of the "Reaganomics" of the 1980's — a political era about the average and give to the rich," according to my friend, a recent Cal Poly grad.

What my friend was describing, and what Senate Republicans were in the process of passing into tax law, is the "trickle-down effect" of the "Reaganomics" of the 1980's — a political era about economics works something like this: The government gives tax breaks to businesses and wealthy individuals, who in turn spend or invest their tax savings — pummeling money back into the economy — which benefits all of society (since economic goods and services are always distributed and diffused equally throughout the society, duh.) Thus, poor people benefit when they are left to succumb to the tax savings swollen photocratic teas. Yet, we are wonder why Republicans have such sensitive economic nipples!

According the New York Times... (Democrats) have consistently complained that the tax cuts... gave tax relief only to the wealthiest. (Democrats) cited a recent study that found the average tax savings of $2,100 among those earning $20,000 to $20,000 a year (a bracket in which many college students fall into), while the average savings for those earning more than $1 million would be $42,000.

I asked my friend how he, as someone with a business degree, could agree with the idea that in a time of economic crisis (record deficits, record debt, operating on a record high budget, i.e. expenditures due to Iraq, Katrina, and Dick Cheney's 24-hour medical detail) that it is in the best interest of the average American worker to REDUCE our income (i.e. tax receipts)? When viewed from an economic or business "sense," such policies make none. Why then, do Bush and Congressional Republicans support such nonsensical economic policy?

Sad, but while such policy makes little economic sense, it makes a great deal of political sense, at least to Republicans who have little of either, much less any common sense.

Voters don't trust Bush and the GOP (Bush Jr. just tied his father's lowest rating of 33 percent — the father like son, eh?), No moreled gas prices are pissing people off. Iraq is frustrating while Iran is arming Republican "leaders," elected and appointed alike from the White House, Congress and CIA, are drooping like flies, while post Sept. 11 promises of "security" still go unfulfilled (thanks, Mexico).

Now, moderate Republicans and centrist independent voters who hesitated to vote for Bush and/or other Republicans in 2004, since many of you know, our campus was visited by Abdel Malik Ali last Thursday. If you missed the speaker, you missed quite a show. Even before the speaker began, feathers were rustled when certain individuals handed out unoffi- cial fliers — interesting and stirring quotes about the speaker. The entire speech itself was long and full of anti-Zionistic rhetoric, while the question-and-answer period was very heated, to put it mildly.

Luckily, people kept a cool head and the under-cover university police officer, who was sitting next to me, wasn't need-ed.

The event was so interesting that I would tell you to go watch a recording, but the Muslim Student Association did not allow others to record or videotape the speaker (to the speaker's credit though, he said he wouldn't have minded).

Throughout the speech, Ali had an interesting way of referring to certain things. For example, he would only refer to Israel as the "apartheid state of Israel" and he would only refer to the media in the United States as the "Zionist-controlled media.

Of course, Ali's belief are from what we can easily call the fringe of the political perspective. For instance, he supports known terrorist groups such as Hamas, a group that has claimed responsibility for several suicide bombings — many of which deliberated incite-civilians (of course, suicide bombers who kill civilians were referred to by Ali as "martyrs"). When Ali was directly asked about the morality of suicide bombings, he deflected the question by saying that Israel is responsible for more killing, and that suicide bombing is the only way for the poor Palestinian to retaliate since they do not have sophisticated weaponry. Of course, it didn't occur to Ali that Israeli troops refrain from deliberately killing Palestinian civilians and instead, often go house-to-house in search of terrorists or hand out leaflets of specific targets, which often put Israeli soldiers at great risk. I'm pretty certain that the Israeli military could carpet bomb at will and create mass civilian casualties if they really wanted to, but they don't. (On the contrary, Ali seemingly convinced that Israeli soldiers are on a mission to kill all Palestinian children.)

I'm sure if the positions were reversed, many Arabs would have no moral dilemma, if given the opportunity to carpet bomb Israeli civilians. (How many times have other Arab nations tried to kill off the state of Israel? That's why many foreign policy experts in the United States and Israel are worried when a certain Islamic theo-reically-governed country that holds certain negative attitudes toward Israel, and Iran pursues nuclear weaponry.) I'm not a foreign policy expert, but I have a reasonable guess at which country Iran would target if they ever got nukes (trust me, Iran doesn't want nuclear weaponry just for the sake of having nuclear weaponry.)

While Ali's ideas are certainly out of the mainstream thinking in the United States, it is scary to think that many in the Middle East and even some in our country agree with what Ali has to say. I find it even more disturbing that the Polly Greens and the Progressive Student Alliance groups, that can be easily considered to the left of your average liberal, would support and sponsor this speaker. I am only hoping that they somehow did not do their research. I also sincerely hope that they really do not support the suicide bombing of Israeli civilians, the destruction of Israel to be replaced by an Islamic theocracy or wish to see Iran with possession of nuclear weapons.

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in his school for the previous eight years. After another break to build his neck and deck while jumping, Ruark took up the challenge of initio

After graduation he is planning to go back to San Diego to train with Jon Takashiba, a Cal Poly alumnus who was the 2002 Big West polo vault champion, and also plans on studying for his Certified Public Accountant license.

Ruark's goals after obtaining his CPA may involve moving to Austin, Texas, where his father lives. Returning to master's degree at the University of Texas and further training toward his Olympic dreams.

What about after his master's degree?

Ruark said, "I'd like to live in Japan for a couple of years."

Although he speaks no Japanese, he plans on beginning his courses here at Cal Poly next fall and is excited, but wary, of learning the diverse language.

As for his future, "I want to work on Wall Street after I get my finance masters," he said, adding that he plans to live in New York.

In the little spare time that he has, Ruark finds himself catching up on sleep, ceramics and playing the guitar.

His favorite movies include The Boondocks Saints, Pulp Fiction and Snatch. As for music, Ruark says he "enjoys "everything except for polka."

He loves San Luis Obispo for the weather and the great people, especially his team members, but coming from a bigger city in San Diego, the isolation of San Luis Obispo is getting to him. "I'm not much of a small-town person so I'm just going up here," Ruark said.

Teammate Daniel Poyner looks up to Ruark as an athlete and a regular person, saying that Ruark always contributes help when needed.

"At first look he doesn't seem like he would be an amazing athlete, but when you see him compete, he's the biggest man on the field. He really wants to see other people succeed on and off the field," Poyner said.
Mustang bats dominate in series win

Cal Poly lead 4-0 after scoring three runs in the top of the seventh inning and junior right-hander Brad Norris was working on a four-hit shutout.

But designated hitter Jimmy Goetz belted a two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh and, after Cal Poly scored a run in the eighth, center fielder Michael Hernandez tied the game in the bottom of the eighth with a three-run shot for the Aggies, setting the stage for Descalso’s walk-off RBI single in the ninth.

Lansford hit a solo home run in the first inning for Cal Poly, his seventh of the season and junior first baseman Michael Ilerdz tied the game in the bottom of the seventh for a 4-0 advantage.

But the Aggies scored six times in the final three frames to turn the game around.

Norris allowed five runs and nine hits in 7.2 innings, walking one and striking out nine.

Lansford extended his hitting streak to 14 games with his two hits and Painter has qualified for the NC'AA West Regional. Mustang golfer Travis Bertoni qualified as an individual, finishing in a tie for 71st place.

Last year, Bertoni was joined by the rest of his team in the 2005 NCAA West Regional at the Stanford Golf Course. Bertoni finished tied for 31st place and led the Mustangs to a 22nd-place team finish in the 27-team field.

This year’s Mustang quintet includes Bertoni, current junior Matthew Dorey along with four sophomores — Colin Peck, J.J. Scarcia, Kevin O’Brian and David Lewinski.

Peck and Scarcia also competed in the 2005 NCAA West Regional at Stanford — Peck finishing in a tie for 88th place and Scarcia tied for 93rd place.

Bertoni, the three-time Big West Conference Golfer of the Year, finished second in this year’s conference final after winning the conference individual title in 2005. He was sixth in the conference tournament.