Students react to controversial display

Liz Soteros-McNamara

Two voting boxes sat on Dexter Lawn, overshadowed by massive graphic posters from the Kansas-based pro-life group Justice For All (JFA).

JFA set up displays on Monday and Tuesday in the University Union and on Dexter Lawn. The group provided students with an open mic forum on Tuesday and asked students to vote whether the group should return next year.

Two hallur boxes asking if the group should return next year were at the displays marked "yes" in green ink and another marked "no" in red ink. Students placed votes and comments into the ballot box of their choice.

In opposition to the display, students from the Cal Poly Democrats and Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) handed out flyers reading "Real Choices, Real Options," that listed numbers for Planned Parenthood in San Luis Obispo and the Family Care Network, among others.

"We want to provide options," said volunteer Ruthie Osorio, who handed out information to students and wore a shirt that read, "Real Justice Means Choice.

"Abortion is legal in all 50 states and in all nine months of pregnancy," said JFA representative Rebecca Petrick from Wichita, Kan. She said any woman can go and have an abortion for social and economical reasons, while claiming medical reasons. Yet, according to California Health and Safety Code, People vs. Barksdale (1972), "no event shall the termination be approved after the 20th week of pregnancy." In other words, abortions are generally not performed after the second trimester.

The case further explains that in the situation of grave harm or death to the mother, an abortion may still be performed in the third trimester, but as trimesters pass the legal right granting abortion passes from the mother to the fetus.

Petrick insisted that all the photos on JFA's posters were of first and second trimester abortions. Only three of the total images on the posters were from the second trimester of pregnancy.

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Cal Poly fraternities and sororities recognized at Greek awards ceremony

Kendra Deutsch

The Cal Poly Greek community celebrated the achievements of fraternities, sororities and individuals at the fifth annual Cal Poly Greek Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 17.

The ceremony honored efforts by sororities and fraternities involved in their communities as well as the individual achievements of their members.

The awards ceremony is meant "to serve as a tool for houses to gauge their successes and to see what is required in order to be the best," said Nick Leone, an architecture senior and the Interfraternity public relations chair.

"I feel strongly about the awards because they show that the people in the Greek community do more than just drink and party," said Bryan Kim, an aerospace engineer and award-winner from Sigma Pi Epsilon.

Members of the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Association and the Cultural Greek Council were in attendance at the event to support their fraternities or sororities.

A number of awards were given at the event in several different categories in an effort to keep Greek awards an important aspect of Cal Poly greek life.

The highest honors of the night were for Fraternity and Sorority of the Year.

Pi Kappa Alpha won 2006 Fraternity of the Year for their participation in community service events and athletics, as well as for their improvements in brotherhood, ritual, scholarship and philanthropy aspects of their chapter. Pi Kappa Alpha improved the most in the Greek community, and according to their application, they "transformed their house to become a beacon of excellence in the greek system."

Sigma Kappa won 2006 Sorority of the Year. "Almost every girl in our sorority is in some other organization at Cal Poly," said Elsye Fagundes, a journalism junior and member of Sigma Kappa and Panhellenic delegate. "We have a very well-rounded house and the highest GPA for consecutive quarters of any club on campus."

Other top awards were for the Greek Man and Greek Woman of the Year, Santa Barbara and Alpha Epsilon Pi member, won Greek Man of the Year.

Evon Forrest, an industrial engineering junior and Alpha Epsilon Pi member, won Greek Woman of the Year. Forrest, who was elected president of his fraternity a freshman three years ago, had helped his fraternity grow in a number of ways and will represent Greek, page 2

The ceremony awarded Evan Forrest and Gretchen Schultz with the man and woman of the year awards.
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"to be able to talk with 1,000 students to really allow a majority of the campus to see the exhibit."

The exhibit displays images of what a woman's breast will look like after the removal of breast cancer and the display claimed that breast cancer, suicide, problems with future pregnancy, cervical cancer, loss of fertility and death are health risks that come with having an abortion.

McKinley said he believes that the display is a good thing for people who might consider abortion in the future. "Most of these women have not been told about the health risks (abortion poses)," McKinley said. "Who would want to make a choice without knowing all the information? Our goal is going to college campuses with our exhibit (to inform people).

The exhibits were displayed on the University Union Plaza and on Dexter Lawn. The group members said they understand the images are disturbing, and placed disclaimers in the brochures along with warning signs before students approached the exhibit.

"I see it as controversial. I see why they didn't take it down," as the women's studies professor, she said. "It's not my call to do anything about it.

The group claimed that 40,000 people have died so far during, what the group calls "The American Unborn Genocide," which they said began in 1973 and continues today. Free speech boards near the exhibit allowed students to express their opinion. Comments on the board included: "Abortion is not genocide." "Making it illegal will not save our problem. It will only exacerbate things more," and: "We all die; how long should we live -100 years 5 weeks?"

The group's brochure suggested that in order to help save women and babies from irreparable harm, they should save sexual intimacy for marriage, choose adoption or visit confidential unplanned pregnancy centers. Justice For All visits around 12 campuses every year in about nine trips, McKinley said. To contact the university's group send an e-mail to justicelocal@calpoly.edu.

"I first saw the exhibit back in 02. That point I realized we're killing 4,000 people a day," McKinley said."

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and some were third trimester abortions.

The Cal Poly club Justice for Peace, which is registered through the UU Epicenter directory of clubs, invited JFA to Cal Poly.

Prior to JFA's arrival, Cal Poly president for Student Affairs, Cornel Morton wrote an e-mail to alert students about the group. "As a member of the California State University system, the University is responsible for honoring the free speech rights embedded in the U.S. and California Constitutions and ensuring that faculty, staff, students and their invited guests have the opportunity to appropriately exercise these rights," the e-mail stated.

"I know the display would be quite graphic," Morton said. "Quite a bit of effort went into making this event respectful and meaningful."

JFA volunteer Trent Horn from Phoenix, Ariz. gave presentations and volun-

unteers at pregnancy crisis cen-
ters. Horn explained that as a result of seeing his mother and friends deal with the pain of abortion, he supports pro-life. "I don't think men should have an opinion," said Sequoia Chappell, a social science senior who spoke out at the event. "One in five children in this country go to bed hungry. I'm not saying abortion is the best choice. It's a personal choice that depends on the situation.

The event provoked much attention on Dexter Lawn and generated many student comments."

"Why don't you go educate yourself?" yelled child development senior Rena Levy, yank away from the speaker. She then ran up to the speaker and spoke out against the visiting group.

"I just don't like ignorance," she said afterwards. "I went to their Web site and they don't say anything about being anti-abortion."

"I think it's creating awareness, but not in both sides," agribusi-
ness junior Brianna Park said. "I think if you take away women's rights, you should take away a man's too. Rapiats serve two years or whatever are free. Cut their balls off."

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— Mark Twain

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Hometown: San Pedro • Major: architecture

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To jump really high, because that could come in handy.
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Editor's note:
In the first part of this story, Stacy Anderson mentioned her father to devote to Brian Wilson.

"Hurricane Katrina" Challenge and talk to his favorite musician. In part two, after weeks of hopelessness and an angry storm, the Beach Boys finally called him...

The conversation took place while I was at school, reading. Melinda Wilson's angry e-mail and subsequently breaking down. Dad was at the local library doing the usual research for his classroom activities when Brian Wilson called the house limits to the resulting voice message, he promised to try again shortly. My mother came home from her own teaching job, heard the recording, and called my dad's cell with a red alert. He raced home, breaking all rules of traffic and physics, and dashed through the front door just as the phone rang.

"Hi, is this Dale Anderson? I'm Brian Wilson.

"It's a reasonable world, confirm would have dropped from the ceiling and the marching band would have struck up a jaunty tune, but the only sound in the house was Dad's quiet gasp. He greeted Brian Wilson, who calmly explained that he'd tried to call before. Then Brian Wilson stepped into a well-worn monologue about the fundraising challenge, and the grand total (over $210,000).

He offered to answer one question, if Dad had one — and the wanting enthusiasm of his tone suggested that this hard-won chat was rapidly concluding. He obviously didn't know my father. Dad explained, sans any immediate relevance, that he was a public school educator who used music to teach English to disadvantaged immigrants, many of whom had suffered through disasters similar to Hurricane Katrina. He described how, years ago, one man wrote a rock 'n' roll school theme song to raise student morale, one he still sings to kids today — which cropped his troubled relationship with his independent record label and his airplay on those 300-plus radio stations.

I wish I'd heard that speech, even by his own standards, it took some extra nerve to plow on as Brian Wilson listened warily. Then my father surprised all of us, especially himself; he asked bluntly, "Brian, can I send you a copy of my school song? I think you'll like it, and I know you've done some children's songs in the past years."

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"Yeah, OK. Wait a sec," Brian Wilson lowered the phone and yelled to his wife, "Hey, Dale's got a CD with some children's songs."

My father later recalled that the most striking aspect of Brian Wilson was his childlike enthusiasm, one comparable to his own elementary pupils. As his wife responded instantly in the background, Brian Wilson eagerly repeated, "Can I listen to it? Can I, can I?"

Then Melinda Wilson, the head of operations, took the phone. The greeted Dad and explained that their lawyer had advised the couple against accepting CDs, as it could usher in a world of copyright infringement lawsuits. My father acknowledged her concern but reassured her that he was primarily an elementary teacher, just one who received an unusual radio opportunity. He explained his profession again, speaking at length of his student's disadvantages; one was caught in gunfire.

Brian Wilson is one of the most influential musicians in rock 'n' roll history. He wrote, sang and produced for The Beach Boys, who shaped the 1960s with light surf tunes and lushly orchestrated pop. Their album 'Pet Sounds' is ranked the No. 2 album of all time by Rolling Stone.
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from rebel forces; another lost every­
thing in a flood. And if his connection
to Brian Wilson had been music, his
link to Melinda Wilson was compar­
sion. She responded with horror to his
story, and urged him on with ques­
ton about the survivors.

The conversation, initially expected
to last a few seconds, now checked over
20 minutes. Melinda Wilson led the
line, whispered to Brian Wilson, and
returned. "Dad, I told you our policy
about not accepting any music for
Brian to listen to," she said, "but in
your case, I'm going to make an
exception. Go ahead and mail it —
Brian wants to hear it."

At this point in my father's recap, I
was still storming home through
shadowy parking lots. I collapsed to
the pavement in a flush flood of tears
over my scorned father ultimately reflecting Melinda Wilson's own nurturing
tact. Above music, above success, it was our families that inspired us to action.

Brian Wilson and my father really
are no different; they both hear beauty
and wish to create more. And though communication between
them has ended since that night, I
have been stunned to discover the
confident change in my father: he is
calmer, happier and finally content
with the success he always tried
amplifying. And with that still comes
his opportunity, as he is enjoying
greater radio airplay than ever before
thanks to his inclusion on a new
compilation album.

I believe my father's story is far
from over. He dreams that Brian
Wilson will be a part of his music,
and that could still happen, but he
doesn't need the lure of a Beach
Boy anymore. He and I are just
thankful to Brian Wilson and his
wife for seeing, for caring — and
suggesting that impossible may not
exist anymore. I am, in every way,
my father's daughter.

So what's next for us? God only
knows.

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Free speech is democracy at work

It seems like this quarter, more than most students, have been inundated with ideological pressure to believe and why, where to find the facts to support the argument and the consequences of complacency. Part of our society misunderstand why spotty kicks in when students are besieged with propaganda, but another part of me believes that is what America is all about. Whether or not you enjoy the presence of agitators, pro-life advocates, anti-war demonstrations or political pun- dits, the bottom-line is that free expression is a hallmark of a free society and is constitutionally protected. For the First Amendment to remain intact, we must protect the speech most that we like the least.

With that said, the protection of controversial speech creates an obligation for non-thinking citi- zens to ensure that different per- spectives are represented in the debate. If you personally feel strongly about an issue, it’s your responsibility to ensure that the public can hear your side. Hence, the pro-life demonstrations, Arlington West casualty displays and the shouting evangelicals that tell us about the society's failures.

While some of us might disagree with these views, hopefully we can all agree that everyone has a right to speak their mind. If someone is advocating for an issue and you hate the other side of the debate, it’s your responsibility to make an effort to represent the other half of the story which is missing. Hence, the frequent counter-demonstrations such as tables and banners erected adjacent to the pro-life displays proclaiming support for a woman’s right to choose.

These are important aspects of democracy at work. Once again, it’s not about whether they’re right or wrong, it’s about the responsibility of citizens to ensure that the public is fully informed, and the responsibi- lity of the public to make educated decisions. This ‘tit-for-tat’ mentality, though, can sometimes be extremely disadvantageous and counter- productive. Shouting matches at the site of a display or demonstra- tion and insulting letters to the editor are examples of this. The only benefit of these emotional battles is that, “you cannot truly know your opinion until you are forced to defend it against some­ one who disagrees with you.”

Anyone who has ever been in a heated debate understands the value of showing the drawbacks of extreme positions. It is often those that mire down in the desire to make a fool of themselves. Let us not get bogged down in the desire to make a fool out of people whose perspective we disagree with; instead, let us attempt to share our own per­ spective in such a way that the facts speak for themselves. People for the most part are very clever even without you telling them what it is and why to be clever about.

This two-story poster board. It can't trans­ it us now.

The images placed on Dexter are supposed to keep women from having an abortion. With the images at the site for a long time, but during that whole time, not once, did any of those images encourage one to want to abort an innocent pregnancy or how one can deal with an unwanted pregnancy without aborting it. The images were shocking and disgusting, but that was it. Maybe it would be more bene­ ficial to the community if the posters had some sort of diagram or chart on how to use a condom properly, or ways that one can show affec­ tion and intimacy without having sex. I think that would help pre­ vent pregnancies and abortions. But if you really want to be graphic, show a picture of a woman's torn vagina as a hammer­ battered baby coming out of her crotch. I promise that will prevent abortions.

If you really care about these uborns “children” you’ll step down from your soap boxes and do something to help prevent unwanted pregnancies instead of continually persecuting them. The problem isn’t abortion, it's a symptom of the real prob­ lem, and that problem is unwanted pregnancy. If it's not possible to stop abortion, people will continue to have sex, and we can't con­ trol that. In order to save lives we have to educate people to make healthy and proper decisions when it comes to sex. By educating them you'll prevent unwanted pregnancies and in return, prevent prevent pregnancies and abortions.

Last of all, the more you keep from our youth, the more you should let them know how to use a condom or where to get birth control doesn’t mean you condone the behavior. It just means that you trust them enough to make the right choice and decide what is best for them. Education, not ignorance, is the key.

Leonard Bessemer
Art and design junior
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Cal Poly running back James Noble rushed for 1.5/8 yards as a freshman in 2005 and is expected to be a major contributor in the Mustangs’ bid for a second consecutive playoff bid.

The Atlantic 10 Conference, Div I-AA's largest league, led the way with five teams in the top 25. The Gateway Football Conference had four and the Big Sky Conference, the Great West Football Conference, the Southern Conference and the Southland Conference had three each.

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Any Given Saturday Poll

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(First place votes in parentheses)

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2. New Hampshire (31)
3. Northern Iowa (7)
4. Montana (2)
5. Furman (2)
6. Cal Poly
7. Youngstown State
8. James Madison (2)
9. Illinois State
10. Delaware
11. McNeese State
12. North Dakota State (1)
13. Georgia Southern
14. Massachusetts
15. Eastern Illinois
16. Hampton
17. Southern Illinois
18. Coastal Carolina
19. Montana State
20. UC Davis
21. Texas State
22. Nicholls State
23. Eastern Washington
24. Eastern Kentucky
25. Richmond

Others receiving votes (minimum of 5 votes)

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Idaho State (43)
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Three named Poly athletes of the year

Football defensive end Chris Goccong, golfer Travis Bertoni and women's soccer defender Sierra Simmons, all seniors, were honored in Cal Poly's 2005-06 Athletes of the Year at the annual Night of the Mustangs banquet and awards ceremony Tuesday night at Embassy Suites.

Goccong was named the Buck Buchanan Award as the nation's Division I-AA defensive player of the year, Simmons earned the Larry Brown Award as the nation's top athlete, Bertoni was named the Buzz Magazine's All-West Region first team and was the West Region each of his four years.

Last season, Goccong finished first in the nation in sacks-per-game (1.81), second in tackles for lost yardage (2.25 per game) and 22nd in forced fumbles (31). He recorded 98 total tackles (46 edits), including a school-record 23.3 sacks and 310 tackles for lost yardage, leading the Mustangs to a 9-4 record, second straight Great West Football Conference championship and the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

Goccong was runner-up to Beck for the 2004 Buck Buchanan Award and named Defensive Lineaman of the Year for 2005 by the online service Football Gazette published by Don Hansen. He was also named I-AA.org Defensive Player of the Year.

Bertoni was named Buzz Magazine's All-West Region first team and was the West Region each of his four years.

Bertoni is believed to be tied for No. 4 on the NCAA's list of career victories with Lindy Miller of Oklahoma State, each with 11. Phil Mickelson of Arizona State won 16 tournaments for the record while Chris Perry of Ohio State and Luke Donald of Northwestern each earned 13 career victories.

Bertoni has won three tournaments this season and has posted 26 top-10 finishes, 38 top-20 finishes and 79 rounds of par or better, including 36 rounds in the 60s.

Simmons has led Cal Poly soccer to three Big West Conference championships, three NCAA playoff appearances and numerous national rankings. As a senior, she was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and Adidas Scholar All-American team as well as the all-region team. She was also voted onto the Big West Conference first all-academic team and was a first team all-conference selection for the second year in a row.

Simmons twice earned the Big West Conference Defensive Player of the Year award as a sophomore and junior — and was named to Soccer Buzz Magazine's All-West Region first team and honored by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. She was also named to the All-West Region first team by College Sports Information Directors of America and the Mountain West Conference. She was named to the Big West Conference All-Academic Team.

She was named to the Big West Conference All-Academic Team three straight years and was named to the Big West Conference All-Academic and Big West Conference Academic Team.