Students react to controversial display

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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.

Tuesday all 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 Choices.”

“Abortion is legal in all 50 states and in all nine months of pregnancy,” said JFA representative Rebekah 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), “in 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.

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Cal Poly fraternities and sororities recognized at greek awards ceremony

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The Cal Poly Greek community celebrated the achievements of fraternity, 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 Phi 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 Elyse 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. Evan Forrest, an industrial engineering junior and Alpha Epsilon Pi member, won Greek Man of the Year. Forrest, who was elected president of his fraternity three years ago, has helped his fraternity grow in a number of ways and will represent see 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.

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The 40th national conference this year, and Tricia Pantagiotis of Sigma Kappa, a business junior and Panhel's treasurer, at the event. Gretchen Schultz, an agricultural sciences senior and member of Alpha Phi, was honored Greek Woman of the Year for her involvement in several aspects of the Cal Poly greek community. Last year, she served as the Panhellenic Task Force and ASI President's Council. She worked for the Cal Poly Women's Center and improved sorority recruitment processes. She is known for her hard work, dedication and integrity, said Avard Salbasian, a civil engineering sophomore and the Interfraternity treasurer.

Pi Kappa Alpha was honored as the Fraternity Scholar Chapter of the Year, and the Sorority winner was Alpha Omicron Pi.

Pi Kappa Alpha also won Fraternity Chapter Improvement of the Year and Alpha Phi won Sorority Chapter Improvement of the Year.

The ceremony also recognized service events and philanthropic efforts. Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Omgea Nu took home top awards. Sigma Nu and Alpha Omicron Pi were honored for most improved recruitment. Bryan Kim of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Dans Cimenes, a business Sigma Omgea Nu member, were recognized as the most involved individuals outside the Greek system.

Agribusiness senior Jordan Wells of Pi Kappa Alpha was honored the award of Outstanding President of the Year for the Interfraternity Council. The Panhellenic Association's Outstanding President was awarded to Heather Hilkos, a history major from Gamma Phi Beta.

Applications and nominations for each of these awards were made prior to the event, and leaders in Student Life and Leadership chose the award winners, making the awards an honor for those who received them, Fagundes said.

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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 vice president for Student Affairs, Cornel Morton sent 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. Constitution and ensuring that faculty, staff, students and their invited guests have the opportunity to appropriately exercise these rights," the e-mail stated.

"I knew 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., gives presentations and volunteers at pregnancy crisis centers. 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 Sezqoia Chappellet, a sociology 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.

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WHO SAID THAT?

The fact that man knows right from wrong proves his intellectual superiority to other creatures; but the fact that he can do wrong proves his moral inferiority to any creature that cannot.
— Mark Twain

If we value the pursuit of knowledge, we must be free to follow wherever that search may lead us. The free mind is not a barking dog, to be tethered on a ten-foot chain.
— Adlai E. Stevenson Jr.

Wordly Wise

Protean: Readily assuming different shapes or forms.

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Name: Megan Campbell • Year: junior
Hometown: San Pedro • Major: architecture

Favorites

Place in SLO: The Grill and the Craft Center.
Animal: Ring-tailed lemur
Hobby: Flameworking
Power Ranger: The pink one

If You Could ...

— have any superpower, what would it be and why?
To jump really high, because that could come in handy.

— go anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?
To the moon, because I could get some moon rocks, build a moon house and jump even higher there.

Other

— Shout out:
To the architecture crew in room 247. “Timber!”

UNDER FOUR? OR IN THE ER?

69% of students never injure themselves due to drinking. The average CP student drinks less than 4 in a sitting.

Based on a survey collected by Cal Poly Reality of 512 randomly selected Cal Poly students with an error margin of ±5%.
The Beach Boy sheds some light

The Art Beat: How was your experience with the Katrina Donnation Challenge? You raised over $210,000 for charity and you made hundreds of personal thank-you calls.

Brian Wilson: It was a wonderful experience for me. It was filled with love. I really got into talking with my fans. I was very surprised so many people took up in this on the challenge. Great work by so many people.

AB: What's the best Christmas gift you've ever received?

Brian Wilson: The love and support of my family is always the best gift. We do a big dinner on Christmas Eve and invite lots of family and friends. I think that's my best gift. Since Melinda and I have been married, we have made it a Wilson tradition.

AB: How does the creative process work for you? Do you spend regular hours on the piano each day practicing or do melodies come to you at unexpected times?

Brian Wilson: They come at unexpected times. One thing I have learned is that I cannot force a song. It comes from God and he shows up when he wants to. It kind of just flows through me somehow. It's a weird trip and hard to explain.

AB: What's your favorite song?

Brian Wilson: It depends on the day you ask me, but today, I would say "God Only Knows."

AB: Where do you find inspiration nowadays for your music?

Brian Wilson: My wife, Melinda and my little kids Daria, Delanie and Dylan inspire me. They make me feel safe and loved and from that comes all sorts of inspiration.

BW: My advice would be to never give up, just keep on truckin' and work hard and the rest will come...

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—a notion lost every-
thing in a flood. And if his connection
to Brian Wilson had been music, his
link to Melinda Wilson was compar-
ison. She responded with horror to his
story, and urged him on with ques-
tions about the survivors.

The conversation, initially expected
to last a few seconds, now stretched
over 20 minutes. Melinda Wilson left
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 fresh flood of tears
upon hearing the news. When did life
take a turn? It was the first time I'd ever
believed in unprogrammed opportunities — the cluttered star so
rarely allowed press. I'd seen maybe
four interviews with him in my life.

Coupled with the previous night's
events, it all bordered on ridiculous: a
local dream. The same day my father
launched his CD e-mailed a list of
queries; Brian Wilson's resulting
answers, sent promptly, were upbeat
and gracious.

My father and I did work together,
after those years of expectation. It was
in a way neither of us predicted. Brian
Wilson almost certainly wouldn't have
called if I had not written so forcefully,
but my actions were still anti-
agmatic. Maybe it was my defensive
snide that ultimately locked two very differ-
ent families: the story for my scared
father ultimately reflected Melinda
Wilson's own narrating frenzy.

Above music, above success, it was our
families that inspired us to action.

Brian Wilson and my father truly
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 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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I t seems like this quarter, more than most students, have been inundated with ideology and the ability to believe and why, where to find the facts to support the argument and the consequences of incomplacency. Part of me understands that apathy kicks in when students are beset with propaganda, but another part of me believes that is what America is all about.

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Whether or not you enjoy the presence of any kind of student, pro-life advocates, anti-war demonstrations or political pun­dents, 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 least.

With that said, the protection of controversial speech creates an obligation for each thinking citi­zens to ensure that different per­ceptions are represented in the debate. If you personally feel strongly about an issue, it's your responsibility to ensure that the public can be educated. Hence, the pro-life demonstrations, Arlington West casualty displays and the shouting evangelists all tell us that we're probably going to hear.

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, we can all agree that 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 important examples of democracy at work. Once again, it's not right or wrong, it's about the responsibility of citizens to ensure that the public is fully informed, and the responsi­bility of the public to make educated decisions. This 'for to against the character of the person speaking for one side of the issue or the other.

Free speech is one of the pillars that supports a hallmark of the American heritage. Clearly it opens doors for endless contro­versy and debate, understanding the merit and limits of such a broad individual right. Most important­ly, it creates a duty within all of us to stand up for our beliefs and pre­vent any ideology from shaping our opinions from a biased per­spective.

Finally, we must remember that regardless of an individual's opinion, how they align with ours, they deserve the respect and dignity that each of us expects for ourselves. People for the most part are very clever even without you telling them what and why to be clever about.

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Other male athletes nominated for the Athletes of the Year award were baseball third baseman Josh Lansford, basketball forward Derek Steckelar, cross-country runner Matt Johnsrud, soccer defender/midfielder Justin Woodward, swimmer John Michelsen, tennis No. 1 singles and doubles player John Nguyen, track and field distance runner Luke Llamas and 125-pound wrestler Chad Menendez.

Female athletes nominated for the award were basketball forward Jessica Eggleston, cross-country runner Rachel Vallen, golfer Jessica Huss, indoor track and field hurdler and pentathlete Danielle Avro-Schumaker, softball center fielder Lisa Mogdin, swimmer Kate Lanier, tennis No. 1 singles and doubles player Samantha Woller, track and field middle distance runner Dodie Bryne and volleyball setter Chelsea Hayes.

Cal Poly’s Scholar-Athletes for the 2005-06 school year are men’s soccer midfielder Mat Robinson and women’s volleyball outside hitter Kaya Muller Robinson is a mathematician and statistics major while Muller majors in kinology.

Muller and men’s swimmer Nate Williams were named Cal Poly’s Big West Conference scholar-athletes.
Cal Poly ranked No. 6 in preseason poll

By Brennan Angel (MUSTANG DAILY)

Cal Poly received its highest preseason ranking ever at No. 6 in the recent AnyGivenSaturday.com Any Given Saturday Poll, joining the top 25 for the second straight year.

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

In comparison to other polls, the AGS Poll had more of its preseason top 25 on its final regular season poll than either of the other two polls the past two years.

Cal Poly was ranked No. 6 in preseason poll while the other two neglected the eventual national champion.

The AGS Poll also had a few of its preseason top 25 make the playoffs than either of the other two polls the past two years.

Cal Poly lost to Texas State 14-7 in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division 1-AA playoffs last season. The Mustangs return several noteworthy players from last year's squad including All-Americans Kyle Shortwell, linebacker, and James Noble, running back.

Shortwell set a school record for tackles in a season with 158 last year, a total good enough for fourth in the nation. Noble was the fourth best rusher in the nation averaging 131.5 yards per game as a freshman.

Cal Poly will play arguably one of the toughest schedules in Div. I-AA in 2006. Three opponents rank in the AGS poll—No. 4 Montana, No. 12 North Dakota State and No. 20 UC Davis. The games against Montana and NDSU will be played on the road.

Cal Poly also plays a pair of Div. I opponents in San Jose State and San Diego State.

The AGS Poll has been the first released national poll each year since its inception in 2004.

Reigning national champion Appalachian State landed the top preseason spot garnering 43 first place votes.

The full results are listed right.

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BRENNAN ANGEL (MUSTANG DAILY)

Cal Poly running back James Noble rushed for 1,578 yards as a freshman in 2005 and is expected to be a major contributor in the Mustangs' bid for a second consecutive playoff bid.

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AGS has the world's largest online community devoted to all of NCAA Division I playoff football. The AGS Poll was created in 2004 to give distinguished members of the AGS community a place to voice their opinion, vote for the top 25 I-AA programs in the nation, and provide the media and coaches of I-AA a valuable resource to gauge general sentiment.

Three named Poly athletes of the year

Chris Goccong, Tony Bertron, Sierra Simmons

Football defensive end Chris Goccong, golfer Travis Bertron 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, who earned the Buck Buchanan Award as the nation's Division I-AA defensive player of the year, was Cal Poly's third football player to participate in the East-West Shrine Game, following Jordan Beck in 2005 and Stan Sharff in 1994. Last month he became Cal Poly's highest NFL Draft selection, chosen 71st overall (third round) by the Philadelphia Eagles.

A 6-foot 3-inch, 265-pound Carpinteria High School graduate, Goccong was named to the prestigious AFCA Division I-AA Coaches' All-America team, the Associated Press Division I-AA All-America Team, the Sports Network All-America first team and the Walter Camp Football Foundation Division I-AA All-America Team.

He was named Great West Football Conference Defensive Player of the Year in November and recorded 42.0 career sacks, 1.5 sacks of the career mark set by Tom Carey (1985-88), second in tackles for loss yards (2.3) per game and 22nd in forced fumbles (31)

He recorded 98 total tackles (46 solo), including a school-record 23.5 sacks and 31.0 tackles for loss.

The Mustangs to a 9-4 record, a second straight Great West Football Conference championship and the quarterback round of the NCAA I-AA playoffs.

Goccong was runner-up to Beck for the 2004 Buck Buchanan Award and named Defensive Lineman 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.

Bertron, the three-time Big West Conference Golfer of the Year, finished second in this year's conference final after winning the individual title in 2005. He was sixth in the conference championship and the NCAA Regional championships.

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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.