Fourth of July
Learn what SLO and the surrounding area has to offer in celebration
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Watton named permanent chief of police
Kevin Caneo
MUSTANG DAILY

Bill Watton, the new Cal Poly chief for the University Police Department, wants all students to feel they can call him directly if they ever have the need. Seriously, just give him a call," Watton, who officially replaced former chief Tony Ar vielleicht June 1, happily hands out business cards that have his direct line on them.

"It's unusual, but that's the way I want this department to run," Watton said.

Watton believes that accessibility and communication are two key factors that the UPD needs in order to have a successful relationship with the community and student population.

"We're willing to talk with any student, including all the fraternities and sororities and any clubs," he said.

Watton joined the UPD in 2002, bringing nearly 30 years of law enforcement experience to campus. Former UPD Chief Tony Aeiscts sees Watton as an ideal candidate to take over the position he vacated in January.

"Bill is a consummate professional," Aeiscts said.

Aeiscts noted that Watton's "good character" and experience in municipal and university policing will help make him an effective leader.

Prior to coming to Cal Poly, Watton was a police lieutenant for the city of Atascadero for 12 years, serving 18 months as interim police chief for the city. However, Watton recognizes that he has different responsibilities now that he is chief of police for a university and not a city.

"Our department is more community policing oriented, more so than a municipal police department," Watton said.

This translates into an effort to keep an open communication with the campus and surrounding community, which Watton admits will become more difficult as the campus population grows with the addition of new students.

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Cal Poly graduates first students with doctorates
Nicole Small
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly and the University of California, Santa Barbara jointly developed a doctor of education degree program. UC Santa Barbara brought its first doctorate program offered by Cal Poly on the Central Coast, as well as Cal Poly's first students with doctorates.

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Unsuspecting Student
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San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

"Finding a Sublease Could Cost You Thousands"

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Fraudsters contact students through the Cal Poly Housing Web site about empty rooms, only to leave the students with empty pockets.

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Sponsors present Performing Arts Center with authentic pipe organ
Amy Asman
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A giant pipe organ is currently being assembled in the Performing Arts Center, in new, permanent home. Members of the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center (FPAC) hope to announce dates for the organ's debut concert later this summer.

Volunteers from all over San Luis Obispo County gathered outside of the PAC on June 19 to help transport pipes, frames and casing for the CB Fisk Opus 129 organ into the Christopher Coham Center.

"The organ is very much in demand," said FPAC Executive Director Randy Brion. "If we would have waited even a couple more months (to place the order), it would have taken at least two more years to receive the instrument."

The actual assembly of the organ's parts is expected to take up to six weeks but the organ won't be ready to play until spring 2007, Brion said.

"This instrument is capable of playing a piece by J.S. Bach, with the same style and mechanical approach of when it was first composed," Brion said. "He added that the organ is built using mechanics rather than electricity and is therefore "sensitive to the touch of each individual human being" who plays it.

Although the PAC was designed with the idea of having a large-scale pipe organ in mind, serious talks of

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The Opus 129-pipe organ, located on the left, will be housed in Harman Hall but will not be ready to play until spring 2007. A ceremony took place on June 20 to commemorate its installation.

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said Vester Union is typically trv to sell items, such as cars, online. 

"A lot of this money is going overseas," he said, adding that the same scenario occurs when people overseas, "he said, adding that the impostor is targeting any department. "But whoever it is, we do," he said of the small police do. 

"We have limited follow-up we can do," he said of the small police department. "But whoever it is, they are doing it repeatedly."

"Always be leery of anyone who's wanting to send you more money than what you're asking for," Staley said. "I'll still be able to eat, but that's not important."

"Maintaining academic achieve­ment in times of declining academ­ic enrollment." 

"This is a program built around the idea that a school could pick and use," James Staley said. "We have limited follow-up we can do." 

"I didn't feel too hot about it," he said. "I'm still able to eat, but I don't want it to change."

"I think it's great to stay employed and be able to go to school. It's definitely a program that's worth it," he said. 

"We weren't after training man­agers, we were out to develop lead­ers," Gentilucci said.
State

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A 16-year-old boy was critically injured when a gunman opened fire on a bus stop crowded with summer school students, police said.

Fresno police assigned more officers to five high schools Wednesday, a day after the shooting near Mission High School.

Witnesses said the gunman fired on a crowd of young people at a Municipal Railway bus stop shortly after summer school classes were dismissed.

He chased fleeing students and hit the unidentified 16-year-old boy in the back.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A University of California chancellor who was criticized for demanding expensive remodel­ling to her campus home and for helping her partner secure a top­ paying university position died Saturday in an apparent suicide from a San Francisco apartment building, authorities said.

Denise D. Denton, 46, the chancellor of the University of California, Santa Cruz, apparent­ ly jumped from the 43-story Paramount luxury apartment building around 8 a.m. and land­ ed on a parking garage, police and university officials said.

National

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Airstrikes and sonic booms shook Gaza on Wednesday as thousands of Israeli troops backed by tanks penetrated the impoverished coastal strip in a show of might designed to force Islamic militants to free a soldier whose fate has jolted Mideast pol­ itics. In a bold warning to the country that ostracizes the political leader of the Islamic militant group Hamas, Israeli warplanes buzzed the home of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Eleven Sunni insurgent groups have offered an immediate halt to all attacks on Iraqis, excluding those on American troops — if the United States agrees to withdraw foreign forces from Iraq in two years, insurgent and government officials told The Associated Press on Wednesday. Washington is the centerpiece of a set of demands from the groups, which operate north of Baghdad in the heavily Sunni Arab provinces of Salahuddin and Diyala. Although much of the fighting has been to the west, those provinces are increasingly violent and attacks there have crippled oil and com­ mercial routes.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The Kentucky Derby is an international event, with fans from around the world gathering on Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May.

"We have an agreement over the documents," said Ibrahim Abu Najah, coordinator of the "national­ al dialogue" over the agreement. "There is nocomplicated issue left because everyone signed and everyone approved the document."

The plan calls for a Palestinian state alongside Israel and accepts a 2002 proposal endorsed by the Arab League, which offered the possibility of full diplomatic rela­ tions with Israel.

It also calls on militants to limit attacks to areas captured by Israel in 1967. The Mideast War and calls on the parties to work toward forming a Palestinian unity gov­ ernment.

"It's a historic moment and an important moment in our history," Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said. "In theshadow of the escalation and the aggression against our people, our people emphasized our people that we have an agree­ ment.

In today's meeting, we expected to have the dialogue to progress in the usual way, the way we expected.

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Officials criticize ‘Hooters for Neuters’

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Several city officials on Tuesday sharply criticized a planned bikini contest to raise money for spaying pets, saying the “Hooters for Neuters” event was degrading to women.

Hosted by the Hooters restaurant chain, the July 13 fundraiser will donate money to the spay and neuter programs at Los Angeles Animal Services.

"Are we going backward here?" said City Controller Laura Chick. "We are a city with all kinds of progressive programs that empower women and red discrimination in the workplace, and now we're being connected with a Hooters bikini contest. It isn't right."

Councilwoman Jan Perry said the department's attempt to be creative in telling pet owners to sterilize their animals "crosses the line."

"I was surprised and amazed with the photograph on the flier, and I don't think it projects a good image for the city of Los Angeles," Perry said.

Animal Services Director Ed Boks apologized for making people upset, but said the “Charity Benefit Bikini Contest” would go on as scheduled.

"These people have gone out of their way in helping us, and I would hate to deny these businesses from helping to save the lives of animals in our shelters," Boks said.

Boks said that the owners of Hooters approached him about the fundraiser a month ago. He said the ads were made without consulting the department.

"When somebody steps up and says they want to help your agency raise money, your inclination is to say, 'Yes,' " Boks said. "But, we probably won’t be involved in any future bikini contests."

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New Hamas-Fatah plan to recognize Israel

Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Hanjih talks to supporters after Friday prayers at a mosque in Gaza City Friday June 23, 2006.

Ibrahim Barzak

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The rival Hamas and Fatah movements agreed on a plan implicitly recog­ nizing Israel, a top Palestinian offi­ cial said Tuesday after weeks of acrimonious negotiations aiming to lift crippling international aid sanctions.

Fatah and Hamas officials praised the agreement, but it was overshadowed by a crisis triggered by senior Palestinian prisoners held by Israel.

"I can say to the world and to our people that we have an agree­ ment over the prisoners' docu­ ment, which is the national con­ sensus agreement," top Fatah leader Mohammad Dahlan said.

Acceptance of the plan marks a significant concession by Hamas, which is committed to Israel's destruction, and has killed hun­ dred of Israelis in suicide bomb­ ings. Still, it falls short of demands by Israel, the United States and Europe that Hamas renounce vio­ lence and give full recognition to Israel.

The group has refused to accept those demands, prompting the West to put off a planned aid sal­ to the Palestinian government. The United States, Israel and European Union list Hamas as a terrorist group.

However, the deal was opposed by Islamic Jihad, a small militant group that also has carried out numerous attacks against Israel.

In today's meeting, we announced we reject some of the articles of this document and we have reservations about other arti­ cles," Islamic Jihad senior spokes­ man Khaled al-Abtah said.

With Hamas-linked militants holding an Israeli soldier captured Sunday, the Palestinian agreement is even less likely to reduce ten­ sions. Hamas has massed troops along its border with Gaza, promis­ ing a broad offensive into the area.
Get your hands off my Heine!

Emily Rancer
MUSTANG DAILY

Did you know that your dictionary spelled “freedom” wrong? Yep. “Freud” is how it should really be spelled. Know why? Because communism follows whatever definition our leaders decide to give us. As Americans, it means we can eat all the burgers we want, but it’s our own fault if we get fat. Freidumb means we all have a shot at going to a public university, but boy are those thousands of dollars in loans a bummer.

And American freedumb means you can risk your life fighting for Americans. It means we can all have a shot at getting to Corona a day before your 21st birthday. It’s great.

From January through May, I drank legally in France. And then in Ireland. Oh and of course in Amsterdam, England Italy and Scotland.

But I decided to enjoy alcohol the European way in those months. See, they don’t celebrate 18 like we do with 21 — alcohol is absorbed into their culture throughout their lifetime. In France, for example, kids are given glasses of wine with dinner, even in restaurants, starting from ages in the single digits. Teenagers sip cocktails with Mom and Dad when guests are over, and nobody raises an eyebrow. So when they get to 18, there’s no time to get trashed enough to hurt in the bushes next to the Eiffel Tower.

Essentially, alcohol is used for social purposes and not for bingeing. The concept in America, particularly among folks are age, is so ridiculously twisted. Drinking’s been so taboo for so long that we just go crazy with all that freedumb! Ever since our uptight forefathers decided that the wine that was good enough for Jesus wasn’t good enough for us, we’ve prudently under 21, we’ve had social problems. I mean, they went so far as to ban the stuff from every American for a brief moment. But that’s the standard on freedumb that the leaders of our great nation set so we had to follow in line, right?

Unfortunately, our attitudes toward alcohol can’t be switched over to European standards as fast as a freshman can find a first party after WKU week.

As for me, I’ve decided that I’ve got the rest of my life to be over 21 so there’s no reason to go all out tomorrow. Plus I got a taste of my rightful freedumb in Europe so my 21st is like a cheap, watered-down vodka anyway.

But let’s cut to the chase! I’ve legally been an adult for three years, so I think I should have had this freedumb for at least that long anyway. It’s an old argument, but hey, it makes sense. So much so that even all those funny Europeans adopted it years ago.

In fact, I think I’ll go drink to that. Happy birthday, America. And happy birthday, me.

Craft Center summer classes start sizzling

Jandy Jones
MUSTANG DAILY

Whether it’s the professor drooling on about logarithms or learning the history of California, boredom comes in many forms.

However, the Craft Center in the University Union can offer students and others a change from the monotony.

Kevin Sill, a desk assistant, said the Craft Center offers 11 classes this summer and each one lasts for about six weeks. Classes start the week of July 3 and cost from $20 to $60.

Sill, a mechanical engineering senior, has taken the classes at the center and now teaches the jewelry-smithing class.

“Students teaching the class is more relaxing,” he said.

The classes the Craft Center is offering this summer include ceramics, bicycling, maintenance, jewelry smithing, jewelry casting, film developing, frame working, glass introduction, stained glass, wood lathe, skateboard workshop, and wood introduction, Sill said.

In the jewelry-casting class, students will learn how to make wax molds of jewelry and use a process called “lost-wax casting” to create the final product, he said.

The wax is put into a mold, removed and then the mold is filled with sterling silver or bronze.

The jewelry-smithing class works with metal to create shapes and jewelry, Sill said.

This class is different from the jewelry casting class because students do not use molds, but instead melt the metal together to make the projects, he said.

Frame working is small-scale glass blowing and students will create items such as marbles or pendants.

Glass blowing uses a similar process but the projects are mostly beads and pendants.

In skateboard workshop, students will learn how to “make boards with weird patterns,” he said.

“This class may take longer because of all the steps they have to go through,” Sill said.

Registration fees go up to $20, which goes toward an unlimited-use pass to the art center and to materials. Classes start the week of July 3 and spaces are limited. Students interested in classes should go to the Craft Center or check out the Web site at www.asi.calpoly.edu/asi/craftcenter.

The Craft Center’s summer hours are 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, and the center is closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

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Mechanical Engineering sophomore Adam Wegener refines his ceramic-making skills during his spare time at the Craft Center in the UU. This is the process of glazing the piece in order to add different colors to the bowl’s finish. Wegener uses a mix of Ilmenite (brown), Gaffer green and a bit of white in this latest creation.

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Check out what’s going on in SLO County this week. Whether it’s art, film, music, theater or culture, POLYBILL posts the latest events.

"It’s a Whale!" visits Farmer’s Market on July 13 and Frog & Peach on July 14 as part of its 2006 California Tour.

Hilarious Comedy "I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change" continues its run until July 26 at the Avila Beach Golf Resort.

The Midstate Fair is coming to town! Head up to Paso Robles July 26 to August 6 for music, fun and fair food.

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SLO County fires up Fourth of July festivities

Sara Hamilton
MUSTANG DAILY

With the Fourth of July fast approaching, many Cal Poly students are looking forward to celebrating the birth of the nation with food, festivities and fireworks. Many local communities are planning celebrations for Tuesday, some of which include concerts, parades, barbecues, contests, and of course, fireworks displays.

To the north:
Cayucos: The annual Sand Sculpture Contest will start at 5 a.m. on the beach. A parade through the downtown area is slated to begin at 10 a.m., followed by bingo at 11 a.m. and a barbecue at the Vet's Hall. The fireworks show begins at 9 p.m. For more information, call 995-1200.

Templeton: The Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for 7 a.m., and the annual Independence Day Parade is set to begin at 10:30 a.m. After night falls, people will be setting off fireworks in and around Templeton Park, one of the few places in San Luis Obispo county where fireworks are permitted.

Cambria: The Picnic in the Park event will start at 10 a.m. in Shamel Park and includes entertainment, games and prizes, food, smoothies and a bounce house. There will be a fireworks display over the ocean at dusk.

Morro Bay: Family-oriented activities begin at noon in Tidelands Park. When the fireworks show starts at dusk, the south end of Embarcadero Street will be cordoned off for spectators. Early arrival is recommended, as this area tends to fill up quickly. For more information, contact the Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce at 772-4467.

Atascadero: Independence Day will be celebrated at the Lake Park with a barbecue from 5-7 p.m. and live music by the Atascadero Community Band until 7 p.m. Paddleboats, bikes and kayaks are also available to rent. For more details, call 466-2044.

Arroyo Grande: The Fourth of July in the Village celebration will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a live concert by Trio Con Brio in the gazebo, located downtown on Short Street. The South County Historical Society will be serving hot dogs, lemonade and ice cream. Like Templeton, Arroyo Grande permits the sale of fireworks to the public. For more information, call the Historical Society at 473-2290.

Kevin Cumeo
MUSTANG DIARY

Baby Back Ribs with Plum Sauce

4 Whole slabs baby back ribs
1 cup plum jam or jelly
12 cup honey
12 cup seasoned salt
14 lemon juice
14 cup minced green onions
3 cloves minced garlic

Rub ribs with seasoned salt and place bone side down on roasting pan. Preheat oven to 350, and cover and bake ribs for one hour or until tender.

When ribs are baking place the remaining ingredients in a blender or food processor and blend until smooth. After removing ribs from the oven, lightly baste with sauce and place on grill over medium coals.

Cook out grill for 25-30 minutes continually turning ribs and basting with sauce.

*For extra spice add a jalapeno to the sauce before blending

Beer Can Chicken

1 whole fryer chicken
2 teaspoons vegetable oil
1 cup barbecue seasoning
1 16 oz. beer in a can

Remove neck, giblets, and excess fat from chicken and rinse under cold water.

Lightly brush entire chicken, inside and out with vegetable oil.

Rub the chicken inside and out with seasoning.

Open beer and drink half. (Do Not Waste the Beer!)

Carefully push down tab on the beer can to extend the opening and place inside of the chicken cavity.

Careful not to spill any beer transfer the chicken on the grill and place upright over indirect medium heat.

Grill until the juices run clear and the chicken is fully cooked. (Approximately 1-1/2 hours depending on the size of the bird.)

Wearing barbecue gloves carefully remove chicken from the grill and let rest for 10 minutes before removing beer can.

Discard the beer and serve the chicken with more beer.

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1 /4 cup minced garlic
1 /2 cup seasoned salt
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LETTERS

To the Editor

Bush unaware of Hungary's political past

President Bush recently returned from his diplomatic trip to Europe, where he spent two days in Budapest, Hungary, helping commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Hungarian uprising against Communist tyranny. I followed the president's trip very closely, as my parents are Hungarian and I have traveled to Hungary many times, and I concluded the president's ignorance was not exposed with his interpretation of Hungary's past, but with his interpretation of the country's future. President Bush did a wonderful job of praising the brave Hungarians who fought against their Soviet oppressors. The president even acknowledged the mistake the past American administration made when it chose not to support the fledgling Hungarian uprising, which was ultimately crushed by Soviet tanks and troops. "We've learned from your example, and we resolve that when people stand up for their freedom, America will stand with them." However, it was when the president extolled Hungary as being "a model for emerging democracies" that I saw an ignorance towards the country's current political disposition. President Bush seems unaware that Hungary is slowly returning to its Communist roots. For the first time since the fall of the Berlin Wall, Hungary's Socialist Party, MSZP has been consecutively re-elected as the majority party in the Parliament and it doesn't look like it will be taken anytime soon. Not only is the Socialist MSZP a very popular political party, but many former high-ranking Hungarian Communists strongly influence MSZP's policies. In addition, President Bush shook hands and affectionately extolled Hungary's Prime Minister, Ferenc Gyurcsany, seemingly unaware that Gyurcsany began his political career in Hungary's Communist Hazi Storvseg (KISZ), which stands for the Organization of Young Communists. Clearly President Bush was right when he praised Hungary's Democratic past, unfortunately he was dead wrong when he extolled Hungary as being a model for emerging democracies.

Patrick Molnar

Business administration sophomore

Sex columns help educate, clear up misconceptions

Lara Loewenstein

Daisy Burin (UCLA)

I suppose my biggest regret at the University of California, Los Angeles, is that I was never coming up with a sassy name for my weekly musings — such as "Cal's Sex on Tuesdays," Boston College's "Sex and the University-city" or my favorite "Cornellingus" from your college. Unfortunately, I don't think the letters U-G-L-A lend themselves to a clever acronym — at least none I could think of. (Under the Covers and Lasting Affair) and certainly none that could even compare to Cornell's stroke of genius. So my column remained nameless, but it remained the "sex col" nonetheless.

Independent of name (or lack thereof), college sex columns are written by (God forbid) young women who arrive at college and decide to start an extracurricular hobby as self-proclaimed "sexperts." According to the critics found in a USA Today article, this absolutely must lead to false information and misguided advice. Way to stereotype me. I'm fortunately not one to be offended. I'm even one to realize sometimes there is a hint of truth in stereotypes. After all, I was an awkward college sophomore when I started this column. Not exactly a sexpert by any standards, nor am I one now. But this shouldn't matter. I strongly believed when I began this job that a college newspaper could only benefit from a good sex column. And now, over a year later, I am even more convinced. If this column has done anything, it has continually reminded me of the ridiculous misconceptions people have about sex. Or, if not misconceptions, the guilt complexes or complaints. These include more mechanical problems such as erectile dysfunction, more elusive anxieties about what a "normal" person's sexuality and questions about rape and sexual harassment. Many of these issues can be best addressed in a newspaper column because it's anonymous. You don't have to sit next to anybody; nobody even has to know that you read it.

As to false information and misguided advice... When the most likely way for you to get your high school girlfriend to fool around with you is to get her to take a virginity pledge (a Harvard study found that 52 percent gave up their pledges within a year) and when high school students in federally funded abstinence-only programs are taught that abortion can lead to suicide and sterility and that half of all male teens in the United States are HIV positive, then I think the critics need some serious target practice. I've barely been able to write a column without having to stop myself from going off on a rant about the ridiculous ways this country thinks up of teaching sex ed. False information and misguided advice? Enough said.

The fact that I'm not a "sexpert" should not even be an issue. Just like other columnists, I've had to do research so that I don't present false information or misguided advice, and my columns have undergone the same scrutiny and editing process as everything else that gets published in the Daily Bruin. As to the stereotype that all college students are promiscuous. That's obviously not true. According to the 2002 Ash Center Student Survey Report, about 50 percent of the undergraduate population on this campus has never had sex, but that doesn't mean they're abstaining from all sexual contact. And it certainly doesn't mean they will be abstinent all their lives. People should ideally know everything they need to know before they have sex, not after. Sex columns are a little ridiculous — it's ridiculous that there's a need for them. It's ridiculous that we're continuing to have to fight for rights that should be obvious such as abortion and birth control. It's ridiculous that factual and helpful information is not more readily available and even more ridiculous that one of the best ways to get misguided advice is to attend a high school sex ed class. Newspapers pride themselves on presenting factual information that pertains to their readers. That's why college newspapers are the perfect place for sex columns. If done correctly, sex columns present information and advice that pertains to the majority of college readers and college students.
Go crazy for the Cup, America

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MUSTANG BRIEF

With the World Cup upon us, I think I know why Americans do not like football, or soccer, or football; I trend to keep an international tone throughout this piece, since we seem to be falling miserably as a country in that department.

First off, Americans love scoring, unless you are watching the heralded Brazil versus the Pennatton Ballistic under-7 match-up, you are not going to see much of it.

However, goals do not necessarily constitute action. I believe soccer resembles baseball in the realm of American sports, not because it is perceived as slow, but because underneath the mind-numbing inactivity, a torrent of strategy and gamesmanship exists.

The mantra that draw people to baseball are omnipresent in football. Passes set up other plays. Defenders play defensively, and as such, a speedy striker like France's Thierry Henry to make a run without going offside.

The skill level at the World Cup is astounding. Picture the World Baseball Classic as it was supposed to be, two players fighting to represent their country, not being asked to do so.

The result is a tournament that features unparalleled competition and skill. I don't know if Americans realize it, but soccer is kind of a big deal in the rest of the world.

For lack of many leather-bound books, or smelling of rich mahogany, football has managed to capture the world's imagination, while it has maintained the level of youth sport in this country. As Larry the Cable Guy would say, "If it ain't big, it ain't big!"

While many Americans are wondering why heroes are slanted from the other five inhabitable continents are making up ridiculous

Football is the victim of preconceived notions in this great country. For example, many red-blooded American men (the primary sports demographics, sorry ladies), see an admitted mensural to David Beckham, a fly in the box, and it begins to look like aussy sport.

Subsequently, I believe Beckham should also appreciate his deathly free on kicks and crosses. If that is not merely enough, consider that the guy puked after his last match, I can appreciate that. Despite the maimings and facials, his wife is hot.

Don't get me wrong, I played football (American) during high school, and there is nothing like being hit at full speed by somebody with 20 pounds of "pads", it feels like a car crash.

My roommate played soccer during high school, we often joke, verbally, as to which sport is tougher. He maintains that soccer is a more 90-minute football game with no pads. I don't agree with him all the way, but anyone who saw Brian McBride get his head gashed open if he was George W. Bush after an altercation with a pretzel can see his point. Stop me before I sub-reference again.

The point is, give the Cup a chance. Even if you know nothing about soccer, just watch how crazy people go when they score a goal. It's pure joy, no sharpies no cell phones, it is for country, for pride, it is everything sports should be, and it only comes around every four years, so pay attention.

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Poly finishes in top 10 for rodeo finals, Londo wins second consecutive all-around award

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The Cal Poly men’s red women’s rodeo teams finished in the top 10 out of 63 colleges and universities at the National Finals in Casper, Wyo. The men’s team finishes No. 9 overall and the women’s placed No. 8. Individual team members were also able to place in the top 10 in their events.

“Anytime you place in the top 10 back there (Casper) you are doing good,” team member Ben Londo said.

Each event had around 40 competitors, and coach Frank Mello said the competition seemed a bit stronger than last year.

Londo was able to take home the award for the men’s all-around for the second consecutive time. In order to be in the chase for the all-around, a contestant has to compete in two events or more. Londo competed in the bareback riding and the saddle bronc riding. He finished No. 4 in the saddle bronc, and in the top 30 in the bareback riding.

Bareback riding is usually one of Londo’s best events but he had a tougher time at the finals this year. The construction management senior was unable to score on one of his three horses making the goal of men’s all around a little harder to reach.

“I didn’t think I had a chance to win it especially after I missed the average in the bareback riding,” Londo said.

Contestants compete in one performance and two sections of slack for a total of three times. The combined total of three scores or times is what constitutes the average from there, the top 12 competitors in each event are able to compete in the final round.

Ted Burt finished No. 10 in the steer wrestling and No. 8 in the bull riding.

Kaili Collins finished No. 9 in the goat tying, she came in first in one of her performances.

Other team members that placed in the top 10 individually were Kelsey Johnson and Sadie Myers. Johnson placed No. 6 and No. 4 in two separate performances and Myers placed No. 7.

Dallas Osburn and Joseph Clarot both competed in the team roping. Osburn placed No. 5 in one performance and Clarot also placed fifth in another performance.

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