University selects new vice president for Advancement

Katie Hofstetter  

Following a nationwide search, Cal Poly President Warren Bomer announced the permanent appointment of Sandra Ogren as vice president for University Advancement earlier this month.

Ogren, 59, came to Cal Poly in 2004 as the interim vice president for Advancement, hoping to fill the position permanently, but with the expectation that a national search would follow, she said.

The search committee backed Ogren’s permanent appointment to the position leading up to President Baker’s June 7 announcement.

As the interim vice president, Ogren headed the creation of a philanthropic foundation to raise private money for Cal Poly that can be directed toward scholarships, professorships, buildings and program and technical support.

“The most exciting part of thepermanent appointment is knowing I’ll have a chance to follow through with the things I’ve started, particularly this new foundation,” Ogren said.

She said a major goal of the philanthropic foundation is to “work with donors to find something they’re passionate about.”

As the vice president for Advancement, Ogren works directly under President Baker and is responsible for the “externally directed relations of Cal Poly,” she said. Government, media and alumni relations all fall under Ogren’s job tasks, as well as the raising of private money for the university.

Ogren said she is most looking forward to connecting with Cal Poly alumni.

“We have such a wonderful group of alumni all over California, and they are very loyal,” she said.

Ogren came to Cal Poly and the Central Coast from Minnesota, where she worked as vice president for advancement.

Fourth for the Family

Kristen Marschall  

Central Coast residents convened at Mitchell Park on Tuesday afternoon for the annual Fourth of July festival.

Children raced through obstacle courses, the San Luis Obispo County Band played in the newly constructed gazebo and city officials were subjected to a dunk tank — all in the name of the Fourth of July.

City councilman Paul Brown was one such official.

“In San Luis Obispo, it’s been awhile since we’ve done stuff for the Fourth of July,” he said while soaking wet. He proceeded to congratulate the boy who dunked him on his great shot.

“I’m just here to get wet,” Brown said.

The festivities have been held in San Luis Obispo for the past 10 years and have been previously located at Santa Rosa Park and the Damon Garcia Sports Fields. This year, Mitchell Park was selected to honor the gazebo created.

A plane drops water over a burning hill in Poly Canyon on Saturday morning. Authorities said there was no damage to the main campus.

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Fire sweeps across Poly Canyon hill over weekend

Kristen Marschall  

A fire burned near Poly Canyon Road on Saturday, spreading across a hill close to campus.

Bill Watton, chief of the University Police Department, received a call at about 9:15 a.m. and headed over to the site. He said that the fire burned to four acres, but could have been worse had the weather not been particularly cool that day.

No injuries were suffered and the fire didn’t spread to the main portion of campus.

Ben Parker, division chief for the California Department of Forestry, estimated that four or five fire engines were at the scene and between 40 and 50 people were ready should the fire gain momentum.

“You have to gear up for it, presuming it’s going to get really hot,” he said.

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Government donates $1.8 million for tech park

Jandy Jones  

The Economic Development Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, donated $1.8 million to the university to help construct an on-campus technology park — a building expected to house small companies involved in research and development.

The park will create projects that are accessible for both students, faculty and companies to collaborate on, said Susan Opava, dean of research and graduate programs.

Cal Poly has been in the application process for the grant for a little more than two years, which Opava described as “a very complicated process.”

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large," he said.
Cal Poly provided two water
trucks and Parker said the fire was
out within an hour. A helicopter
was standing by on a mountain
top should additional help be
needed.
Authorities presumed the fire
was caused by a bird that hit a
power line, causing it to spark and
reach the dry grass below.
Cal Poly houses transmission
lines which, according to Parker's
estimate, contain nearly 25
centuries lie said. Should additional help be
expected from the grant not the students, Cali
Parker was standing on a mountain
more employment opportunities.
A similar fire occurred nearly a
year ago on the opposite side of
that same hill, Watson said. Parker
was also present at that incident,
but cited birds as minor vegetation
fires.
Though an additional fire
occurred near the photo's entrance to Terrace Hill a couple
weeks ago, Parker said this sum-
mer's fire activity is fairly average
so far.
"Brush this year is a little greener
than usual," he said, attributing
that to increased rain throughout
the past year. He also said that fires
are very dependent on whether
wind is present.
If a fire occurs, Parker said the
best thing a person can do —
besides dial 9-1-1 — is to have
adequate clearance around his or
her residence. As of January 2005,
now law was implemented that
enforces buildings to have 100
feet of defensible space around them, as
opposed to the law that enforced 30
feet previously.
The law requires that if a resi-
dence, in a largely rural area, the
immediate 30 feet surrounding the
house must be cleared of flamma-
bles vegetation. The remaining 70
feet of forestry or natural land
should not contain too many trees
or bushes, or they should be spaced
out at the very least.
Parker said there are several
areas in San Luis Obispo that are
in violation of this, but he said that
"it's better for people to do pre-
emptively (before there's a fire)."
"That's what we're pushing for:
Prevention," he said.

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for the University of Minnesota
for six years. Prior to that, Ogren
spent eight years as a judge on
the Minnesota Supreme Court
and another two years on the
Minnesota Court of Appeals.
President Barker supported
Ogren's appointment in a press
release, saying "Sandra Ogren in
an inspiring leader who has
brought a clear vision and
strong management skills to the
challenge of moving Cal Poly's
advancement program forward."
Parking
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Companies are already showing
interest in the technology park even
though the expected completion date
does not take a couple of years, she said.
Funding for the project will come
from the grant not the students, Cali
Parker said, adding that the project will ben-
efit students because it gives them
time employment opportunities.
"No state money is being used for
this project," Ogren said.
Interim Provost Robert Desruedel
said in a press release that this long-
awaited project will become a reality
and will benefit the students, faculty
and community.
According to a press release, the
technology park is expected to create
almost 400 new jobs while increasing
the interaction between research and
development companies and Cal Poly.
Though the money received from
the grant will be used to begin the
construction of the technology park,
it will not cover all expenses.
The project is in the process of
being approved by the Board of
Trustees and still needs more fund-
ing, Ogren said. The final name is also
still being decided but for now it will
be known as the Cal Poly Technology
Park.
**State**

**Sacramento (AP)** — A drunken July 4 melee involving as many as 40 river rafters who clubbed one another with oars injured at least five people and sent one to the hospital Tuesday with head injuries.

"People were swinging oars at one another and fighting," said Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Capt. Jeff Lynch. "It was a combination of alcohol and immature people."

The brawl was nearly eclipsed Tuesday night, however, in the Sacramento area of Rancho Cordova when a domestic dispute triggered another fight in a crowd watching a fireworks display. Police fired pepper balls and used Tasers to disperse a crowd of more than 20 people during the show.

**Sacramento (AP)** — Northern California's grape growers may soon have a new marketing niche. Red wine grapes contain the sleep hormone melatonin, according to a new study in the Journal of the Science of Food and Agriculture.

While the study found that the hormone is in raw grapes, it did not determine if melatonin survives the fermentation process and is present in wine.

**National**

**Houston (AP)** — Enron Corp. founder Kenneth Lay, who faced decades in prison for one of the most sprawling business frauds in U.S. history, died Wednesday while vacationing in Aspen, Colo.

His death was confirmed by police in Houston said Lay, 64, died of a heart attack, which had not yet been confirmed by an autopsy.

**Cape Canaveral, Fla. (AP)** — Discovery's crew used highly sensitive cameras attached to a "blackbox" boom "Wednesday" to carefully examine the space shuttle for any signs of damage from the previous day's launch. Nothing serious was reported, but it was much too early to draw any conclusions, officials said. The only unusual thing found, at least for now, was a whitish splotch on Discovery's right wing that looked like a bird dropping.

**Atlanta (AP)** — Three people have been arrested and charged with stealing confidential information about drink recipes from The Coca-Cola Co. and trying to sell it to rival PepsiCo Inc., federal prosecutors said Wednesday.

The suspects include an executive administrative assistant at Atlanta-based Coke, Lou Williams, accused of stuffing documents into a personal bag.

**International**

**Jerusalem (AP)** — Israel stepped up pressure Wednesday on Hamas militants who launched improved rockets into the heart of a major Israeli city, authorizing the army to enter populated areas in the northern Gaza Strip.

The planned invasion threatened to be bloodier than Israel's week-old offensive in Gaza aimed at freeing an abducted soldier.

To carve a sufficiently wide buffer zone to protect Israeli towns from such attacks, the army might have to go into densely populated areas, where it can expect fierce resistance from Palestinian militants.

**New York (AP)** — Concerns over North Korea's nuclear ambitions and record oil prices sent stocks lower Wednesday.

After North Korea test-fired a seventh missile Wednesday, stocks around the globe sagged as investors worried that tensions between North Korea and the United States could intensify.

North Korea's actions and concerns about gasoline supplies pushed crude oil futures to a new intraday record of $75.40 per barrel before retreating. A barrel of light crude set a settlement record of $75.19, up $1.26, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

**Japan ready to sanction N. Korea**

**United Nations (AP)** — Japan said Wednesday it is considering sanctions against North Korea in a U.N. resolution that would condemn the reclusive communist nation's missile tests and call for a return to six-party talks on its nuclear program.

Ambassadors from the 51 nations on the Security Council held an emergency meeting on a response to North Korea, which defied international appeals and conducted a series of missile launches. No draft resolution was introduced, but it was expected to be circulated later in the day when an initial discussion of council experts was scheduled.

U.S. Ambassador John Bolton said the council must send a "strong and unanimous signal" that North Korea's missile test-launch was unacceptable.

After the meeting, he said that "no member defended what the North Koreans have done."

"I think there is support for sending a clear signal to Pyongyang," Bolton said, although he wouldn't comment on possible sanctions.

China and Russia said they favor a weaker council statement without any threat of sanctions, positions that will make it difficult for Japan and in key allies, the United States and Britain, to get tough measures.

**THE BIZARRE**

**Woman embezzles $1.5 million**

**Philadelphia (AP)** — A woman accused of embezzling more than $1.5 million from a credit union and buying more than 2,000 items, including hundreds of pairs of shoes and a $60,000 swimming pool, has been sentenced to 27 months in prison.

Betty Jean Barachie, 39, of Kinkeltown also bought 58 cars, 16 chainsaws, a $25,000 John Deere tractor and more than 3,000 books, piling most of the items in her home with the tags still attached, said Dr. George Petrosich, an Allentown psychologist.

"She was a compulsive shopper and was one of the most extreme cases I'd ever seen," Barachie acknowledged stealing money from the Northampton-Carbon County Federal Credit Union, where she worked, from 1995 to 2003. She pleaded guilty in October to charges of embezzlement and filing a false federal tax return.

Barachie has already begun working to pay back the money she stole by selling her purchases on eBay. She's sold 1,000 items so far, bringing in $60,000, defense attorney John Waldron said. Another 500 items are still up for sale.
“Festival” = All you can drink

Jenns Wilson
MUSTANG DAILY

"Festival is my new favorite boyfriend drunkenly proclaimed.

Forgetting going downtown to the bars or throwing some randomly-themed house party; the new rage is an all-day drinking affair, Detectedly titled a "Festival."

So let's think about what a festival really is: a celebration with entertainment. I like celebrations and I like entertainment, so why not throw in a little alcohol with that? OK, or a lot of alcohol.

In the past months, San Luis Obispo has had several festivals pop a visit. The Cal Poly Wine Festival in Paso, the World Festival of Beers, in Avila Beach, the Paso Robles Wine Festival and the Cambria Art and Wine Festival are just a few that grace us with their presence year after year.

So let's break it down. Yes, they do cost money. The Cal Poly Wine Festival was $30 for students and $50 for the general public (no commingling as we are really getting ideal here). The beer festival in Avila was $40 — and let me tell you, it was worth every cent. The event featured 167 different beers from 67 different breweries throughout the world. Someone find me a house party that can serve that! But let's get to the best part: It's all you can drink. Say it with me now: ALL YOU CAN DRINK! I challenge any bar to serve me an unlimited variety of the best beers in the world, all day for just 40 bucks (granted; there is this thing called "Pint Night" at Downtown Brew, but don't even get me started on that place).

Festivals are all about where they're located. Have you ever been out to Paso? It's 28 miles from San Luis Obispo, literally in the middle of nowhere. This time of year, words can't even describe how beautiful it is. The Wine Festival was located on a huge grassy knob way out in the middle of nowhere, having way for a picture-perfect afternoon sipping your favorite local wines. Or there's the World Festival of Beer, which was right next to the ocean on a gorgeous, sunny day. Mix that in with some live tunes and food and you're bound to have a good time.

Perhaps the best part is the people. You find yourself surrounded by thousands of alcohol-lovers like yourself, all enjoying having the best time. Maybe we're all happy drunk or just having a good day, call it what you will, but I swear, you won't find a bad mood at a festival. There are no lines, endless alcohol and good music; seriously, what more can a person ask for?

Of course, let's talk about transportation. Not to get all motherly on you, but drinking and driving is a definite no-no. Some festivals will even offer transportation. The Cal Poly Wine Festival had busses going to Paso and back for just 85 each way. Hey, it costs less than a DUI. So be sure to plan ahead and figure out a designated driver.

So, as a self-proclaimed festi-val-goer, I hope to see you when the next round of festivals comes our way. Because I assure you, you'll be guaranteed to find me there.

GALA says ‘Pride, Not Prejudice’

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The Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA) of the Central Coast kicked off its 10th annual week of pride events last Sunday with an interface service celebrating diversity at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

Events will take place daily as part of Pride 2006, all leading up to the RuPaul performance on Sunday, July 9 in Mission Plaza.

The week is designed to raise awareness of the Central Coast's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning and intersex (GLBTQI) communities, GALA secretary Clayton Marsh said.

"It's just to let people know that they're not alone and there's nothing to be ashamed of," he said. "It's a time for celebration, not demon-

GALA presents a fundraiser featuring the comedic spoof "Guys & Balls" today at the Palm Theatre. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Bohemian Productions presents folk music singer Nancy Ross in concert on July 13. Anderson Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

The Village presents a free fringe concert featuring "Banshee in the Kitchen" on July 15. Show starts at noon.

Infastulous entertainer RaPaul performs live at the Mission Plaza July 9, bringing an end to the Central Coast Pride Week 2006.

Marsh recognized Cal Poly as well as the influx of people into the area as reasons why "things are getting better" for the GLBTQI community. For more information, visit www.slopride.org.
'Devil Wears Prada': devilishly clever

Sara Hamilton
MUSTANG DAILY

The latest summertime flick "The Devil Wears Prada" puts an entirely new spin on the boss from hell.

Oscar-winner Meryl Streep steals the show as Miranda Priestly, the fearsome editor in chief of "Runway" magazine. Miranda has built an empire for herself as the head of this fictional fashion bible, but she has a devil of a time finding a decent assistant.

In comes Annie Hathaway as Andy Sachs, a small-town college graduate who reluctantly applies for the perpetually vacant position. Miranda decides to take a chance on the "smart, fat girl," since her favorite girls (the "stylish, slender" ones) usually turn out to be disappointing assistants. Despite Andy's henious outfit and blatant disregard for style, Miranda hires her on the spot.

Andy quickly learns that even though "a million girls would kill for this job," it's quite the hellish nightmare working for Miranda Priestly. In order to get ahead in the woman-eat-woman fashion industry, it's clear that Andy needs to make some changes to both her attitude and wardrobe.

After asking if Andy was "a before-and-after piece I don't know about," Nigel, the fashion director at "Runway" (think "Quirky Eye" fashionista here), eventually gives Andy a much needed makeover so she can survive in the cutthroat world of sartorial and designer handbags. As he says, "You're in desperate need of Chanel!"

Boyfriend Nate is there to remind Andy where she came from and provide the audience with a contrast to the crazy, hectic world of "Runway."

The casting in "The Devil Wears Prada" couldn't be better. Streep uses the perfect blend of comedy and drama to bring life to Miranda's character in a believable way. It's refreshing to see that Miranda isn't portrayed as a one-dimensional demon of a woman; instead, Streep explores the inner workings of Miranda through her successes and failures — both as an executive and as a heartless being.

Hathaway does a great job in her "makeover" role, which is reminiscent of her character in "The Princess Diaries." Hathaway not only makes an exceptionally gawky fish-out-of-water, but she is also able to take the audience with her during her transformation from idealistic college grad to success-hungry sophisticate.

The film is a bitingly witty take on the multi-billion dollar fashion industry. With its spectacular cast and cleverly-written script, it proves to be one of the summer's must-see comedies.

"The Devil Wears Prada" was adapted from Lauren Weisberger's best-selling novel of the same name. Directed by David Frankel, the film lasts approximately 110 minutes and is showing at the Park Theater in Paso Robles and the Downtown Centre Cinema in San Luis Obispo.

Tom Delay pays 'Big' price in documentary

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The documentary highlights the works of Delay, known as "The Hammer," who violated the Voting Rights Act by redistricting his state in order to gain more Republican seats in Congress.

The film does a great job of displaying the intentions of the House of Representatives' majority leader, who, in the beginning of his term in 1994, stated that his plan was to revolutionize the government. Delay blantly told the press about his plans to cut funding to the Department of Energy and many other key federal departments that are fundamental to the operations of this country.

These were programs set up to assist struggling Americans. The well-designed menu options on the DVD are entitled "Enter Crime Scene" and "Forensics." But, it seems that the film had a debut delay. Where was this documentary four years ago? Six years ago?

Many guests in the movie speak the importance of even five seats in Congress, and how redistricting was the pens in Delay's master plan.

This summer 2003. "Ronnie" Earle thought otherwise about Delay. Once Earle found out that the organization Texans for a Freedom of Speech in America. Keep an eye out for Bravenew Films other projects, including "Walma: The High Cost of Low Price" and "Iraq For Sale: War Proftilers," which hits theaters this fall.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When speech becomes a crime

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C L E A N U P Y O U R T R A S H , C L I L P O L Y !

When you look in the mirror in the morning, I notice the flecks covering my body. To some, they are just marks, but to me, they represent a scary monster — skin cancer.

I used to be naive about skin cancer. I didn’t realize the marks on my body had an unknown secret. But that all changed last year when my father was diagnosed with stage two melanoma. There are four stages for diagnosing melanoma, and stage two melanoma means that recovery prognosis is good and that the cancer hasn’t moved into any lymph nodes; but it still means cancer.

The spot, which looked like a harmless mole, was located on his back near his left armpit, and was a little bit bigger than a pencil eraser.

The spot was removed but along with it came off two inches of skin across his back. The doctor also went down into the flesh two inches to remove the root system. The scar on his back is a blatant reminder of what could happen to anyone.

I have had several marks removed off my body and each year I go in to get a checkup. It terrifies me that at any moment, this disease can strike to take over my body and my life.

The American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 62,190 new melanoma cases this year alone. It also estimates that almost 8,000 people will die from melanoma. The statistics may be overwhelming, but preventing skin cancer isn’t.

American Cancer Society recommends the use of sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15. It also recommends using a product that is "broad-spectrum" because it protects against both UVA and UVB.

The Consumer Search Web site picked Neutrogena’s UVA/UVB Sunblock Lotion as the best overall sunscreen. I’ve used this product, which comes in both a lotion and spray, and recommend it too.

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Sun exposure is needed, especially for someone who is athletic because it can do a lot.

Students from the Mustang Daily staff are thankful for your careful reading. Please send your correction suggestions to mustangdaily@gmail.com

STOP BEING TRASHY

S an Luis Obispo has turned into a dump in the last month. Garbage trails away from overflowing dumpsters; disgusting couches are dumped onto the sides of streets; and broken glass bottles in the road make walking on the sides of streets; and broken glass bottles make walking very difficult.

Instead of tossing your nastv trash, please aim to get it custodians or even your parents. Bottles in the road make walking on the sides of streets; and broken glass bottles make walking very difficult.

I will admit that I used to not care about my body in the sun. I was watching a Today Show segment on sun protection that noted the average piece of clothing only offers an SPF of three for protection.

I decided that I would not let that happen anymore. I have changed my attitude towards the sun.

The sun isn’t an inviting warm object that batters your body in a golden tan. It harbors a power to change your life and not in a positive way.

Don’t become a statistic. Wear sunscreen and protect yourself against skin cancer.

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Mustang Daily staff writer Tyler Wise at the Yankee Stadium subway exit.

She was 25 feet out along the right field, fourth row, best ballpark seats I’ve ever had. Surrounded by the monthly likes I encountered at the bars just over the wall, I immersed myself among some of the most respectable, and disrespectful, lot of New Yorkers. Derek Jeter ran by during warm-up and gave a wave to the crowd in my area to a loud and raucous approval. Alex Rodriguez briefly strolled by as well, but with less approval and more prévu directed at the Yankee’s third baseman. It’s no surprise these fans are quick to get on his case-the star makes more money than anyone in the history of baseball and is continually criti­ cized for lackluster play. In New York, when you have a $250 mil­ lion salary, you had better be the most clutch man in the clubhouse. After the rah-rah fanfare of see­ ing some of the (I hate to say it) best players in baseball walk by my area, I stopped with the fan-boy gawking and took the opportunity to examine the confines of the ballpark.

Based on the magnitude of the parameters walls of Yankee Stadium, I assumed that the interior seating would be much larger, but I found the park to be quite small. But then again, when you spend your sum­ mers at a very spacious Dodger Stadium, or the Oakland A’s Coliseum Yankee Stadium pales in comparison. Like the exter­ rior, there is an absence of advertis­ing and display technology, and other bells and whistles money can buy. For a franchise that thrives on financial excess, they love to pack ’em in one gritty ballpark.

But that really is the allure, I found, about Yankee Stadium. After all, it was built in 1923, and though it has been modernized and remo­ tified in many decades past, it certainly bears its age. Look over the wall, and the surrounding Bronx borough is no less gritty and old as the stadium that sits snugly nestled amongst it.

From the brick walls, with almost a century’s worth of dark grey and navy paint, to the weather-beaten plastic blue chairs held together by paint-chipped, rusted steel frames, the ballpark displays the effects of 83 years of age, loyal fans, and many league victories. Taking all of this in, it’s something to think that the Yankees’ owner, George Steinbrenner, wants to build a brand-new billion-dollar ballpark for the Yankees to throw around at baseball during the course of the first game. It would be a shame to tear down the stadium.

Hey, Babe Ruth played there and even the Dodgers won a few World Series games in that park, so there is some impression on me to keep it out of my mind.

As for the game, it was a very slow-paced 2-1 victory over the New York Yankees. Damon hit a homerun that whizzed right out in front me into the stands several feet to right field. They lost the second game, 5-0, but no matter. I went to Yankee Stadium, I got my dog, and I got my beer. Good times.
There's no sensitivity in baseball!

Jandy Jones

COMMENTARY

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Sunday was an especially good day to check out Yankee Stadium because Friday's game against the Florida Marlins was rained out, so a rare double-header (two games played within the same day) was scheduled.

If by chance the skies began to spring a leak, they were going to have to play the games anyway, because there was no possibility to make up for these lost games. Rains of biblical proportion could be coming down and it wouldn't stop these two teams from slugging it out. A game was guaranteed.

So as I left the biting air of the subway and entered the Bronx, in front of my eyes lay the colonial, gray walls of Yankee Stadium. Situated at 161st Street and River Avenue, the stadium is a sight to behold.

An oval-shaped monolith crammed amongst typical New York brick apartment buildings and a snaking overhead railway transit system, the ballpark and the cramped stadium surroundings are bustling with the sounds of Yankees fans.

Right out of the subway, Yankee fans collect in droves in front of the stadium and in front of local bars and pizzerias adjacent to the park. They'd pull out their season tickets, their expensive season tickets, and passionate about baseball—"I've never seen him get reprimanded. Atascadero wasn't the only school someone in the crowd telling him to tone it down!"

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