Greek life, law enforcement pitch in for alum's family

Ronnie Meehan

MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha and seven sororities stepped up to the plate this weekend, literally.

Sunday marked the first Emergency Services Appreciation Day in which Cal Poly's Greek life teamed up with local police officers and firefighters to play in a charity softball game that benefited the Bence Family Austyn Bence Memorial Fund. All the money raised will be donated to the fund. The event was held at Santa Rosa Park and also recognized the members of the San Luis Obispo police and fire departments.

"Baby Austyn," as he was affectionately referred to by those in the county, passed away in March due to the rare genetic bone disorder, malignant infantile osteopetrosis. Because of the rarity of the disease his parents tried many expensive medical procedures that were considered experi-

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money raised for the event will help Austyn's parents pay for these medical expenses. Pi Kappa Alpha philanthropy chair, Nicholas Leone, came up with the idea to hold Emergency Services Appreciation Day. With the help of the Cal Poly Community Center, he was able to plan the event and get his fraternity to team up with the sororities and members of the police and fire departments.

"I wanted to help out the Bence Family," Leone said. "I've known Kevin and Jennifer Bence for a few years now—they are such sweet people and deserve as much help as they can get.

"Nationally, Alpha Phi Omega has a long history with working closely with the police," he said. "It was our chance to thank the police and fire department for all they do in the community, and cultivate a good relationship between us."

The 16 softball teams were made up of 10 sorority members, and five members of the San Luis Obispo Police

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in final 8 minutes

Ukrainian journalists visit Cal Poly, local media

Lauren Zahner

MUSTANG DAILY

The Mustang Daily office received a visit from three Ukrainians in a U.S. legislative exchange program Friday.

The Open World Program was developed to provide Russian and other Eurasians with experiences in American democracy and civil society. Another goal of the program is to promote understanding between the U.S. and the participants' home countries. It is the first and only legislative exchange program in the U.S.

Faculty advisor to the Mustang Daily George Ramos and editor in chief Emily Rancer, a journalism senior, met with the three Ukrainian women to talk about the Cal Poly Journalism Department.

Oksana Levkova, the youth director of an environmental education program called WETI, asked if American journalists struggle with the balance between being patriotic and presenting the truth. Ramos said they are jour-

Thousands of Palestinian Muslims pray during the last Friday prayers of the holy month of Ramadan in the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem's Old City on Oct. 20, 2006.

Students fast for faith

Liza Manion

MUSTANG DAILY

"It's a whole attitude, trying to deprive (myself) of..." trying to deprive (myself) of all evil, and trying to present myself with a better image," architectural engineering junior Marya Mikati said.

For Mikati, a typical day during Ramadan involves waking up at 5 a.m., getting a drink of water, then going back to sleep. When she arises, she cannot eat or drink anything until sunset.

"At the end of the day I'm exhausted," she said.

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What: Get ready for an adventure — check out the Excursion Club.
When: Monday, Oct. 23 from 7 to 8:15 p.m.
Where: Chumash Auditorium
For more info: www.excursionclub.org

What: The "M-O-ME — Modern Sustainable Living" exhibit will display sustainable architecture designs.
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Where: UU room 218
For more info: Contact Emmett at (805) 391-0924.
Participants raised funds to take care of a Poly alumnus medical bills for his son, Austyn, who passed away in March.

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Department, San Luis Obispo Fire Department, and the University Police Department. It was a single elimination tournament.

"Part of being Greek is to take part in events that help the community," Alpha Chi Omega President, Stephanie Botter said. "This was a great chance for us to come out and show our support for our community." Botter's sorority was one of seven that participated in the softball tournament.

Besides the softball game, Pi Kappa Alpha also had a variety of other activities to partake in, such as fast-pitch booths with University Police radar guns and an all-you-can-eat hotdog roast. The barbecue fed over 1,000 community members.

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"It isn't always negative. It could just be the fact that it happened in your own backyard," Kamos said.

Stopping at the journalism department was just one item on the three women's itinerary during their stay from Oct. 14 to 22.

Earlier last week they were present at a county board of supervisors meeting and toured the county clerk-recorder's office. They also sat in on a meeting at The Tribune and visited KSMY studios.

Tetyana Pechonchyk, a scientist and public relations professional with the Ukrainian Independent Information and News Agency, said her favorite part of the trip had been meeting with representatives from local media.

"It's very interesting to gain some experience with local media and to define which is better," Pechonchyk said.

Pechonchyk said it is hard to say whether media in America or Ukraine is better. However, Ukraine has two types of media: commercial and state-owned. State-owned media, she said, is left-over from the Soviet Union. The fact that the U.S. does not have state-owned media makes American media better in her opinion.

"I think it is better in all regards here than in the Ukraine," she said.

The Open World Program seeks to find a focus based on the professional or civic work of each group of delegates that comes to the U.S. For Pechonchyk, Levkova and the third visiting Ukrainian, Tetyana Khimchenko, deputy director of the social service organization "Every Child," the focus is journalism.

Some of the other questions asked included whether public relations fits into a journalism or a business program and the cost of going to Cal Poly compared to other schools.

After the question and answer period in the Mustang Daily newsroom, the women were given a tour of the KCPR station and the CPTV station. In the television station, each woman took a turn sitting in an anchor seat.

"We can apply this experience in our own country," Pechonchyk said. They will be giving presentations in Ukraine, but Pechonchyk also said these encounters with American political and civic life will cause a perceptual change in the participants.

The women later told Jarratt that they loved their time at Cal Poly. "They were very impressed with Mr. Kamos and the facility and the way the university prepares its students to enter the media," Jarratt said.

The League of Women Voters is hosting the delegates.

"We thought it was a great opportunity to learn about an emerging democracy and help an emerging democracy," league president Trudy Jarratt said.

Jarratt said she thinks the U.S. is an excellent place to observe political and civic life.

"They got to see the best of what we do as a democracy and they saw what can be better," she said.

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But this routine is common for the more than one billion Muslims around the world who fast during the month of Ramadan.

It began Sept. 26, and will continue until Tuesday. Marked by fasting for 30 days, from sunrise to sunset, the tradition is carried on by Muslims young and old. Starting around the age of 12, they are expected to participate in the holy month practices.

Special exceptions are made for the sick, those traveling and women with certain health conditions. They must still make it up in other ways when they can.

"You are to give food to the poor (if you're not fasting)," Mikati said. Mikati also makes exceptions when she has a midterm. She does not fast that day, and makes it up at another time in the year.

But for biology senior Nayerah Kolakalah, fasting is not a huge obstacle. The first couple of days are difficult, she said, but "then you get used to it.

"I work out a lot. That would make me a little bit dehydrated," she said.

Working out at 4 or 5 p.m. makes it easier, since she can break her fast right after.

Ramadan is also a special time of remembrance for Muslims because they believe that during this time the first verses of the Quran were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad by Allah.

They follow the lunar calendar, which shifts by 11 days each year. Ramadan is always celebrated the ninth month. It is believed that the Prophet Muhammad received the first verses on the 27th of the month.

This is the Night of Power (Lalat al-Qadr).

Many Muslims spend this entire night in prayer, honoring the Quran's words that the night is "better than a thousand months.

Fasting, or saum, is also very important because it is one of the five pillars, or acts of worship, for Muslims.

"Without (fasting) we're not Muslims," said Hisham Assal, current president of the Islamic Society of the Central Coast.

Traditionally, the first meal, suhoor, is eaten before sunrise, and the fast is broken after sundown with the second meal, iftar. This usually begins with dates and sweet drinks to provide a quick energy boost.

Other traditional Ramadan foods are nuts and honey.

During the day, Muslims are not to consume any food or drink and are to abstain from smoking and marital sex.

"As Muslims we are held accountable for every single thing we do," Kolakalah said. She explained that each person has one angel on each shoulder. The angel on the right records good deeds, and the angel on the left records bad deeds. All of these deeds are written in a book and will be read on the day of judgment, she said.

Fasting is also beneficial in several ways and is a personal experience for Muslims.

"It's a major discipline exercise for me. It's spiritual as well as physically detaching your mind from your body."

—Marya Mikati
Architectural engineering junior

At the end of the month the festival Eid al-Fitr celebrates breaking the fast. Muslims dress in their finest clothes, decorate their homes and visit with friends and family. Near the end of the month, they are encouraged to help the poor and contribute to mosques.

Charity is another of the five pillars, and is especially emphasized during Ramadan.

"It is recommended that people give more during this month," Assal said.

Usually the Islamic Society will collect money from members and give to a poor person or family in the area. "We try to get involved with the community as much as we can," he said.

As for the leadership, their work is voluntary and service is very important to them.

"The leader of the people is real­ly the servant of the people," said Nisha Abdul Cader, a child abuse specialist and representative for the San Luis Obispo Interfaith Ministerial Association.

"We want to be here. We want our kids to grow up here," she said, referring to the ways Muslims are treated in the U.S.

While Muslims may have a neg­ative stereotype because of how ter­rorism is portrayed in the media, Cader believes this country is not so bad.

"It's not as extremist in America," she said of Europe being more aggressive toward Muslims.

"I really hope that the individual gets involved again," she said, want­ing Muslims and other U.S. citizens to be a part of the political process.

Aside from politics, service, fast­ing and praying, at the core of Ramadan and all other Muslim practices is obedience.

"It's pleasing God," Mikati said, and that is most important to her.

Every Friday and Saturday potlucks are held at the Ludwick Community Center in San Luis Obispo where Muslims come together from the Islamic Society.

All are welcome to the meal which begins around sunset.

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Pinot grigio, the other white wine

The restaurant was busy and bustling, filled with conversations, with people coming and going and with smells of epicure wafting from the kitchen. As the waiter brought yet another carafe of white “vino” to the table, I couldn’t help but notice how fast this pinot grigio had snuck up on me. It was a wonderful evening in Florence, though there had been lightening and thunder storms earlier. The sun was beginning to set while my Australian friend and I were more preoccupied discussing our highlights of Italy.

My top three highlights were carafe wine, pasta and gelato. This white wine that we sipped was not notably fresh or innovative, but something about its subdued nature drew me back glass after glass. There was something new yet remarkably familiar, something I couldn't put my finger on.

That something familiar could be the fact that I have enjoyed a near replica of this Italian white wine, here in California. That's right. They're called “Cal-Ital” wines, same pinot grigio grape, same Italian style. With nearly 1,600 acres of pinot grigio planted in 2000, counties such as Lodi, Sonoma, Monterey and Kern are responsible for bringing us mass quantities of this “Cal-Ital” wine in a major way according to Wine Business Monthly.

Pinot grigio is just like the wall-flower at a social gathering. You like it around, but it never draws enough attention to where you would seek it out once you got to the party. It's mild mannered and very low-key. In a culture filled with lifted trucks and outspoken, ostentatious people, Americans could take a few lessons in the art of subtlety. The Italians, as far as white wines are concerned, have mastered this subtlety down to a science. Enter stage right: the pinot grigio.

Among some of the more back wines, the pinot grigio has been called, well, a lot of things. Of all these things, for better or for worse, British wine writer Jancis Robinson calls it “a sea of reasonably undistinguished dry white with low aroma and noticeable acidity.” Basically, it is lacking aspiration and has a hint of bitterness...remind you of an old ex?

Pinot grigio comes from the Northern part of Italy. Truth be told, it really comes from France, where they call it pinot gris. Literally translated, it means “pinot grey.” Of course, this makes sense because the grapes have a grayish-white gleam to them. The pinot gris is allegedly a close clone of the pinot noir grape. Beware: if you happen across a California “pinot gris,” you will be getting a French, usually Alsace region white wine instead of an Italian one.
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to it when you are a bit lonely and that familiar comfort is there for you. You drunk dial it at 3 in the morning and old reliable pinot grigio is there, ready to mix things up again. You randomly run into it cruising the wine aisle and decide to take it home. Well, you get my point. There is nothing wrong with having a reliable, comforting standby.

Though, just as in the case of old flings, as time passes, your interests dwindle. At this point, you generally want to move on and experience new things. Maybe you want to sauce things up with syrah, or perhaps you are looking for something more long-term. A romance with Rhone? The possibilities are endless, but at the end of the day, all wines aside, you have pinot grigio sitting on the bench, ready to be called in.

No matter the occasion, be it enjoying a glass with dinner, or hosting an unexpected friend stopping by, pinot grigio makes an excellent addition to your refrigerator. In mild-mannered nature it makes it always a crowd pleaser. If you prefer dry and light I recommend a chilled Bonello d'Italia. If you're looking for a twist on familiar, go with contadino, which gives you an effervescently pleasing surprise. Both can be found at Trader Joe's for under $5.

While pinot grigio still gets along well with all your old mutual friends, it should be noted it doesn't do so well with highly acidic foods. Some big no-no's are things like tomato sauces and citrus salads. This white wine is a great pair with appetizers, cold foods, salads and seafoods such as shrimp or salmon. In Florence, I enjoyed a seafood pasta in a butter cream sauce alongside my carafe of grig. Here in San Luis Obispo, I happily settle for pitas, hummus and a glass of my favorite mistake: white wine. Feel free to submit any recommendations, accolades, favorite wines or recipes to laurentiger@gmail.com.

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SPOTLIGHT

Tuesday at Backstage

Milena Krayzbuk

Why spring for front row tickets when you can have a free Backstage pass to see Corey Nitschke? The acoustic rock musician will be performing at Backstage Pizza Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Nitschke, 28, has been playing the guitar since he was 14 and has been professionally since he was 7. There are the talents he will be performing onstage, though he says he can also play drums, bass, electric guitar, keys, percussion and kazoo in his spare time.

Nitschke describes his music as "the best crowds so far." He has gone on three tours this year and said "the first and last day are the hardest. You have to bring everything, you can't forget... your guitar!" Once he forgot his electric guitar. "Once he forgot his electric guitar," he says is important for his look because if he is clean-shaven, he looks like he's 12.

While Nitschke is on tour, he forgives hotels to stay with people who have seen him in concert. He considers them friends rather than fans since they have opened their homes to him and have gotten a chance to know him.

Nitschke gives a free CD to everyone he says with. He customizes each one with different songs, various versions of them, and some newer songs that haven't been released yet.

Although Nitschke doesn't have much spare time these days, he often spends it working on a personal goal.

"The majority of my free time is spent looking for the girl I'm supposed to be marrying," Nitschke said, adding that it is a topic for many of his songs. He also said that he takes classes to continue his education and works with youth ministries at church.

Nitschke is looking forward to coming to Cal Poly because it has "the best crowds so far."
OUTSOURCING: NOT A MENACE...YET

While the issue of outsourcing is hardly new, I believe it is ripe for addressing now. The current news cycle is full of outsourcing stories, some of which are quite interesting. Even I will acknowledge that outsourcing is not a sexy topic, but I feel that we are at war and elections are coming up, and it is an important issue for us to consider. Unfortunately, it is one that does not appear to be a concern of ours, even though the cost of outsourcing comes anywhere near the benefit it can provide to the country. But that doesn't mean we should become complacent.

Some political pundits like Lou Dobbs say outsourcing so far the practice has helped the U.S. tremendously by lowering the prices of goods and by expanding the U.S. economy. But we need to know that outsourcing is not a solution to the economic problems of the U.S. When U.S. companies outsource jobs to a lower-wage nation, it reduces costs and consequently, the prices of goods in that country.

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The most apparent cost associated with outsourcing is the job displacement. Although U.S. companies have been shifting jobs overseas for decades, there has been a significant increase in outsourcing since 1995. These jobs account for nearly 20 percent of the national output and 33 percent of our nation's market. Therefore, we are not getting enough to guarantee that the practice doesn't become too common.

The potential benefits of outsourcing have been illustrated so far, but the practice of outsourcing is one of the most relevant issues of our generation because it affects many people's employment prospects. Even I will acknowledge that outsourcing is not a sexy topic, but I feel that we are at war and elections are coming up, and it is an important issue for us to consider. Unfortunately, it is one that does not appear to be a concern of ours, even though the cost of outsourcing comes anywhere near the benefit it can provide to the country. But that doesn't mean we should become complacent.

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PATRICK MOLNAR

BICYCLISTS SHOULD PAY ATTENTION WHILE RIDING

I realize the campus bike issue is almost a dead horse. Monday evening, I had a bike accident with my minivan. He was going the wrong way on a one-way street, had his iPod blaring, and refused to give his last name or even wait for the University Police Department or an ambulance. He took off, saying "I'm late for a job interview." I don't have a problem with bikes on campus, but I do have a problem when they're on the wrong side of the road or not in a bike lane (which there aren't enough of, by the way).

At first I felt bad for the bicyclist, but now I'm just mad. He broke the rules, he damaged my vehicle and then took off. Leaving the scene of an accident is a felony! So no wonder bicyclists get a bad rap on campus — act like a jerk, and you'll be treated like one. I'm angry that my tax dollars have to go to making new signs for bicyclists who choose to ignore the California vehicle code or even care for their own safety. For some good reminders of the rules, call 765-NEWS and listen to the message. Kudos to UPD for putting that message up and for helping me out when I called 911 on Monday night. Shame on you, Adam, for leaving the scene of an accident and not having the sense to be safe on your bike.

Mike Smith
Cal Poly staff member

SOME CAL POLY SPORTS UNDERREPRESENTED

As a reader of the Mustang Daily and a Cal Poly athlete, I am appalled by the decisions of which sports have featured stories this past week. Specifically, I cannot understand why a sport in their off-season would have a feature story about their recruiting class, when soccer's men's just had a huge win against conference leader and defending conference champion Cal State Northridge. Two pathetically written paragraphs thrown into a corner of the second sports page is hardly recognizable let alone fair. How are teams who work hard to turn their programs around supposed to gain the respect of their peers and build a bigger fan base if there is little to nothing written about them? Volleyball and Football aside, I am sick of seeing teams being dropped over or at a disadvantage in the sports section. As an athlete's perspective the sports writer should do it to step it up and stick to what is relevant for the sake of those who play a sport at Cal Poly and for those who read your column.

Emily Hively
Communications senior

Great Baker milk ad in 90th anniversary issue

I just wanted to thank you guys for putting together a great issue. I love Cal Poly and was so interested to read all of these different clippings. I picked up multiple copies to send to my family members. Seeing the Baker milk ad was the highlight of my day. Thanks again, and keep it up!

Yvonne Barton
Business senior

MUSTANG DAILY OPINION EDITORIALS

Volunteer for your community

As a subscriber of Mustang Daily, I can see the great impact that the campus has on the neighboring community. We pride in publishing a daily newspaper for the Cal Poly campus and the neighboring community. We also believe in generating the kindergarteners through 12th-grade curriculum, investing in science and engineering and education, and restoring funding to community colleges and remaining programs.

The final thing the government should do is provide ample assistance to displaced workers. This assistance should include wage, unemployment, temporary payments that make up the difference between what one's old and new job pays with an annual ceiling of $10,000, as well as re-training programs.

Ultimately when it comes to contemporary outsourcing, it does not appear to be the menace everyone is making it out to be. Nevertheless, the threat of massive job displacement that can affect our generation is a real one. Consequently, our country's policy towards outsourcing must look to eliminate unfairly cheap labor practices around the world while emphasizing education and assistance at home.
The Mustangs are undefeated in the Big West Conference.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly women's soccer team remains unbeaten in Big West Conference play after it defeated visiting Cal State Northridge 3-1 Sunday at the Sports Complex. The Mustangs improved to 9-6-3 overall and 3-0-3 in the Big West.

At the 6:26 mark, senior midfielder Susie Misheenko scored the goal with her head at the back post off of a corner kick taken by defender Sara Davis. Cal Poly ended the first half 1-0.

The Mustangs came back in the second half and levelled the score six minutes into play. Senior midfielder Katie Vakuzan posted her first assist this season when she lofted the ball to the six-yard mark and right into the path of McGinity, who drove it into the back of the net.

The Matadors found themselves short-handed at the 62:56 mark, when a Artificial player was ejected from the game with a red card.

Cal Poly went on the attack posting five shots in the remaining 27 minutes. Senior midfielder Kelsey Carroll scored her first goal this season when she picked off a mis­t­­clouded ball in the Matador defense.

The game was a reversal of Cal Poly's last two, second-half comeback victories over Southern Utah and rival UC Davis.

"We're not a dominant outfit," Ellison said. "Despite looking, like anything but itself during the fourth quarter, Cal Poly's defense only fell from first to third in Division I-AA in fewest yards allowed per game (217.9)."

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Cal Poly will likely have to win each of its final three games against Division I-AA teams to make the playoffs.

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South Dakota State's Andy Kardoes (11) throws three touchdowns to Jarion Harris in the final 8 minutes of a 29-28 win over Cal Poly.

Jacks score 23 points in final 8 minutes, hand Mustangs shocking 29-28 loss

The Jackrabbits stunned the Mustangs by scoring 23 points in the final 7:55 to seize a heart-pounding 29-28 Great West Football Conference victory in front of 9,042 at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

"We all had thoughts in the backs of our minds like, 'we're up by 22 — there's no way we're going to lose,'" Cal Poly quarterback Matt Breiman said. "That kind of thinking gets you in trouble like we did and South Dakota State kept playing the next play.

The loss puts into serious jeopardy the playoff hopes for Cal Poly (5-2, 2-1), which is sure to drop significantly from the No. 4 spot in the Division I-AA poll.

"That kind of thinking gets you in trouble like we did and South Dakota State kept playing the next play," Cone said Friday the university had outgained South Dakota State 265-169, rushed for 164 more yards and ran 14 more plays from scrimmage.

When all but went out the window in a fourth quarter in which Cal Poly's defense hardly looked familiar. It marked the first time the Mustangs surrendered a four-quarter lead since Oct. 4, 2003, when Montana erased a 14-10 deficit in the final 1:45.

"They just wanted it more than us," said Cal Poly cornerback Courtney Brown, who had six tackles. Neither Brown nor defensive end Ryan Shorell was surprised to see South Dakota State go for two after the last touchdown.

"They were living off it," said Cal Poly head coach Jerry Ullrich. "They really didn't screw up, then we don't have a chance.

"The biggest difference was just that we kind of came out pretty flat in the second half," said Shorell, who with a half-sack improved his team-leading total to 5.5. "They played a great game; their attitude was right and ours wasn't. They really stepped up in the fourth quarter and pulled off what they needed to do."

Cal Poly had one last chance after Brennan hit Rameses Baden for a 45-yard pass play down the right sideline. That got the Mustangs to the Cal Poly 26-yard line inside the final minute.

But after an injury timeout, Brennan's front-side out pattern to Tredale Toliver was picked off in the end zone by Tyler Koch with 33 seconds remaining.

The loss is especially puzzling considering three statistics — Cal Poly held South Dakota State to a 1-fo-9 conversion rate on third downs, averaged 2.8 more yards per carry and possessed the ball for 33:22.

"Every coach, every player, including the guys on the sidelines knew we had a chance ourselves ourself and say, 'so-and-so screwed up,' then we don't have a chance."