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 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.

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Participants raised funds to take care of a Poly alum’s 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 Bottger said. "This was a great chance for us to come out and show our support for our community." Bottger’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 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.
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 KCTR station and the CKPTV 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 Ukaine, 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. Ramos and the facility and the way the university prepares its students to enter the media," Jarratt 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.

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WINE COMMENTARY

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.

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. Buyer 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.

Among some of the more laid-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?

Oh. but pinot grigio is such a comfort to come back to. You go see Wine, page 5
Tuesday at Backstage

Milena Krayzbuk
MUSTANG DAILY

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, 23, has been playing the guitar since he was 14 and has been professionally since he was 7. These 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 similar to "John Mayer with a shaved, he looks like he's 12."

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to it when you are a bit lonely and that familiar comfort is there for you. You drink 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 things, 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 syrup, 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 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 grigio. Here in San Luis Obispo, I happily settle for pitas, hummus and a glass of my favorite mistake. Feel free to submit any recommendations, accolades, favorite wines or recipes to laurentester@gmail.com.
OUTSOURCING: NOT A MENACE...YET

While the issue of outsourcing is hardly new, many people's perceptions of it have changed in the current news cycle. For the most part, it is another of the major issues for this year's political season. One...
The Mustangs are undefeated in the Big West Conference.

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 moved to 9-3-3 overall and 3-3-1 in the Big West. The Matadors dropped to 10-4-0 overall and 3-4-0 in the Big West.

Cal Poly came out strong, posting three shots in the first 13 minutes, but the Matadors responded with midfielder Susie Meschienlo scoring just 7 minutes, 54 seconds into the match.

Mischenko scored the goal with header at the back post off of a corner kick taken by defender Sara Davis. Cal Poly ended the first half down 1-0.

The Mustangs came back in the second half and leveled the score six minutes into play. Senior midfielder Heather Allen scored the goal off of a header on a corner kick. Senior defender Kim Vackzan posted her first assist this season when she lobbed the ball to the six-yard mark and right into the path of McGregor, who drove it into the back of the net.

The Matadors found themselves short-handed at the 52:56 mark, when a scuffle after a physical play ended with forward Carole Faith Murphy being ejected from the game with a red card.

Cal Poly went on the attack posting five shots in the remaining 27 minutes. 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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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)."

What's more, the Mustangs have still not allowed a single point in the first quarter of a game all season.

That was little consolation, however, to a group that suffered its first loss in a month and fell for the first time since a 36-33 defeat at the hands of UC Davis on Oct. 30, 2004.

There are a million lessons," Ellison said. "You guard his way when his team breaks down the film. There are too many to even articulate.

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

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

Tristan Aird Reporter

Several fans headed for the exits early during the fourth quarter of Saturday’s Homecoming game. Who could blame them?

After all, the Cal Poly football team had a 22-point lead on South Dakota State and was coasting to its 11th straight home win with only 8 minutes remaining.

“Maybe coating a little too causally,” said Aird.

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

“None of us had thoughts in the backs of our minds like, ‘we’re up by 22 — there’s no way we’re going to lose,’ said Jack Rabbits' Matt Breman 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 (5-2-1,2-0), which is sure to drop significantly from the No. 4 spot in today's newest Sports Network Division I-AA poll.

“A tour of Alex G. Spanos Stadium was given Friday.

Tristan Aird

Cal Poly athletics director Alison Cone said Friday the university will have a completely different experience upon its completion.

“The (football) team absolutely deserves it and they should be in that kind of venue,” said Cone. “People really did their best, so I wasn’t frustrated,” she said. “You’d be kind of perfect conditions to pull it in on time and perfection doesn’t always occur.”

Cone added, however, that she is not upset by the delays.

“There’s a huge buzz,” Cone said. “It’s not just around the athletic department. It’s a combination of the (football) team doing so well and the stadium.”

Cone said construction of the stadium, which began in September 2005, was delayed this year primarily because of heavy rains during last school year. The original goal was to have the stadium ready for this year’s season opener Sept. 2.

Instead, it took until Saturday to have any fans at all on the west side of the stadium. That’s when most of the 865 chairback seats on the west concourse were occupied by season-ticket holders.

“The most noticeable part of the stadium with a long way to go is on top of the chairback seats, where eight suites and separate boxes for coaches and media will eventually reside.

Both soccer teams will return to the stadium next year after playing this season at the Sports Complex.

Cone said the new stadium will make for an entirely different atmosphere upon its completion.

“The (football) team absolutely deserves it and they should be in that kind of venue,” she said. “People will have a completely different experience.”

Project manager Perry Judd said roughly 30 to 60 Maino Construction Co. Inc. workers each day have been making progress.

The peak of the pillars on each side of the west concourse is at 38 feet. Judd said, “It’s just a matter of getting all the steps done.”

The Mustangs entered the game ranked second in Division I-AA in the fewest points allowed per game (9.7). “For three and a half quarters, they were living off it.”

No doubt about that.

Through three quarters, Cal Poly had outgained South Dakota State 265-169, rushed for 164 more yards and ran 14 more plays from scrimmage.

But that all 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 fourth quarter lead since Oct. 4, 2003, when Montana erased a 14-10 deficit with 1:14 left.

“They just wanted it more than us,” said Cal Poly corner Courtney Brown, who had six tackles.

Neither Brown nor defensive end Ryan Shores was surprised to see South Dakota State go for two after the last touchdown.

“The biggest difference was just that we kind of came out pretty flat in the second half,” said Shores, 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 Breman hit Rames Baden for a 45-yard pass play down the right sideline. That got the Mustangs to the Cal Poly 36-yard line inside the final minute. But after an injury timeout, Breman’s front-side post pattern to Treadle Tolwer was picked off in the end zone by Tyler Koch with 33 seconds remaining.

Breman finished 4 of 13 for 84 yards with the one pick. Weber Payton Award candidate and sophomore tailback James Noble carried 26 times for 169 yards for Cal Poly.

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

“Every coach, every player, including the guys on the sideline — every team lost Friday,” said Shores. “Every team lost except us and there were ourselves out and say, ‘so-and-so screwed up,’ then we don’t have a chance.”