Greek Week: Let the games begin

Brooke Robertson
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All of Cal Poly's sorority and fraternity members are rolling up their sleeves for some competitive sporting and community service activities scheduled to take place during Greek Week, which begins today and ends next Tuesday, April 24.

Greek Week is "an opportunity for Greek organizations to sort of display to the university and to the surrounding community the positive components to being involved in a greek community," said director of Greek Affairs Eddie Dominguez.

During the week, all greek members will compete in sporting and service events as part of a team. Groups vie for the prized winner's trophy by participating in each event and earning points.

Greek Week for fraternities and sororities "is like the Super Bowl for sports teams," said Ryan Honn, a plant protection science sophomore and Alpha Gamma Rho member.

Teams are comprised of members from one large fraternity or sorority paired with a medium-sized fraternity and a cultural greek sorority or fraternity. Members will participate in a variety of sporting events on campus including swimming, bowling, dodgeball, football, arm wrestling and an eating contest.

"I'm going to eat a lot of hot dogs," said Robert Sylvester, an agricultural business sophomore and Alpha Gamma Rho member.

Sylvester is a prime candidate to win the eating contest, which is scheduled for Thursday at 11 a.m. on Mott Lawn. Last year Poly goes 2-0 over weekend in final home matches of season

Poly seniors throw Children's Day

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Though dark clouds threatened rain on Saturday morning, children were walking with arms full of toys and faces full of smiles at the Mission Plaza in downtown San Luis Obispo — all thanks to the work of six Cal Poly students.

Called Children's Day In The Plaza, the event has been put on for 29 years. Each year, six psychology majors take on the planning of the event as their senior project.

The goal of the event was for children and their families to have fun and acquire knowledge of the community resources available to them, said Michelle Von Bauer, psychology senior and publicity chair for the event.

State fire marshal Kate Dargan pictured with Cal Fire director Ruben Grisalva, takes the oath.

Poly alumna takes leap for Calif. female firefighters

Giana Magnoli
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Cal Poly graduate Kate Dargan was sworn in as California's first female fire marshal on April 4. Appointed to, the post by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Dargan was promoted from assistant fire marshal.

She has worked for Cal Fire since 1977. "Cal Fire is one of the best departments in California for diversity of women. I wouldn't yet say it's a lot, but it's better than many ... (it's) a department that is encouraging to work for," Dargan said.

Some of her main goals include developing building constructions for ignition resistance homes, preventing losses from wildfires and revamping training for California's 60,000 firefighters.

"Every year we're training some portion of that community," Dargan said.

Then there is the issue of residential sprinklers; though many progressive cities have them, many don't, which causes preventable deaths, she said.

Another of her "pet projects" is one she calls "shaping the battlefield," a term she borrowed from the military.

"I'm trying to work within fire service to connect fire prevention and fire operations," Dargan said. "Bringing the two together will strengthen fire service.
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Dodgers solemnly lined up along the third-base line, each and every one wearing No. 42. Jackie Robinson broke major league baseball's color barrier on April 15, 1947, with the Brooklyn Dodgers, and the sport celebrated the 60th anniversary of his debut throughout the country Sunday, when more than 200 players, managers and coaches wore his number.

"For often said that baseball's most powerful moment in its real-ly terrifying history was Jackie Robinson's coming into baseball," commissioner Bud Selig said during an on-field ceremony before the Dodgers played the San Diego Padres. "It's an incredible story — not just for baseball, but for society. Jackie was an American hero and the ultimate barrier-breaker. Threats to his life were commonplace. Yet Jackie took everything hate-mongers had to offer him. Not only is he a baseball Hall of Famer, he's a Hall of Famer for all-time."

vice President Dick Cheney says he is "willing to bet" that Democratic lawmakers will send him — both sides are looking ahead. In an interview broadcast Sunday, Cheney predicted the Democrats will win.

NEW YORK (AP) — A powerful nor'easter pounded the East with wind and pouring rain Sunday, grounding airlines and threatening to create some of the worst coastal flooding some areas had seen in more than a decade.

The storm flooded people out of their homes in the middle of the night in West Virginia and trapped others. Other inland states faced a threat of heavy snow.

Los Angeles News wire service

Volunteer rates at historic high since 9/11 dip slightly in 2006

WASHINGTON — People in this country have been volunteering at record levels in the years following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, but that voluntary service dipped slightly in 2006, a study found.

More than a fourth of the population, 26.7 percent, did volunteer work in 2006, down from 28.8 percent the previous year, according to a new report by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

"We can't expect every year to be a new high so we're not really concerned moving from '05 to '06 with a small decrease," said David Eisner, chief executive officer of the corporation. "We would get concerned if that repeated itself every year." An increase in volunteers from 20.4 percent in 1989 to 26.7 percent in 2006 was heavily influenced by a sharp increase — almost doubling — in the volunteer rates of young people ages 16-19, according to the report, released at the start of National Volunteer Week.

"Out of the tragedy of 9/11 and the devastation of hurricanes has come an unmistakable good: a strong interest in volunteering and community involvement," said Eisner. But he said there's plenty to be done to expand the country's service to others.

The percentage of beginning college students who believe it is very important to help others in difficulty reached a 25-year high in 2005, the Higher Education Research Institute found.

Eisner called the young people "the 9/11 generation."

"They came of age during 9/11. They learned new habits of responsibility, new habits of volunteering and those have stuck," he said. But volunteerism rates also have increased for most age groups.

The volunteer rate for seniors has increased from 16.9 percent in 1989 to 23.8 percent in 2006. Volunteerism among adults ages 45-64 has also increased since 1989.

The overall volunteer rate was at 27.4 percent in 2002 and has stayed close to that level for the last five years.

The corporation, which administers volunteer programs including Senior Corps and AmeriCorps, prepared the report in partnership with the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the U.S. Census Bureau.

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Stop whining — wine season is here!

Spring brings some great wine festivals and seasonal tastings to SLO area

The birds are chirping, the cows are mooing, and the clothes are being shed on the campus (this happens more at the Cal Poly Rec Center pool and volleyball courts). Along with spring comes my favorite time of year ... wine festival time!

You may ask, why is a wine festival so neat? And I will reply, "It combines a lot of people and a lot of wine." Pair that with the fact that waiters carry around bruschetta and the like, and that it is socially acceptable to booze during broad daylight and you've got yourself a winner!

Even better than wedding season a la "Wedding Crashers," wine season is chock full of food, free stuff and wine, wine and more wine. And which is better, Christmas or wine season? The answer would be, um, wine season! So bring out your calendars, folks, wine season is among us.

While the wonderful world of pinot noir festival waved us goodbye in March, there is no excuse for missing any festival this month. First on the list is the Cal Poly Wine Festival, formally known as "An Afternoon Amidst the Oaks." With a whole new wine and viticulture program, the event has revamped itself. Nearly doubling winery participation from years past, Cal Poly Wine Festival is geared up to be a No. 1 stunner.

Ripe vines are popping up all over the Central Coast, including Santa Margarita, above. www.calpolywinefestival.com. All proceeds go toward the new wine and viticulture program.

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No such thing as radical Islam

I am extremely curious to know who is in charge of the “Brecht” section of the Mustang Daily, smartly using a suicide vest strapped under her Muslim robe? Can someone please explain what a Muslim robe is? I guess you can call sweater and jeans a Christian outfit since that’s your usual outfit and I am a Christian! Amazing.

Brian Eller, I’ll keep this short and sweet. Please do not speak as if you are in any way credible to analyze the religious teachings of Islam. Sure, there are radical Muslims, just like there are radical Christians and Jews. That doesn’t mean there is such a thing as a radical Muslim, or simply radical human beings who claim to do unjustifiable acts in the name of Islam.

The government of Saudi Arabia is not only a poor delegate but one that shouldn’t even be considered a representative of true Islam, but an obvious convenient example for your absurd arguments. Myself, along with my Muslim sisters, are indeed allowed to drive, dress how God wants, and his overall pro-nets of bishofialolland credibility is just that — hype.

Letters to the governor’s office are subject to editing and are subject to limits. Letters to the editor are subject to editing and are limited to 250 words or less and are subject to limits. No such thing as radical Islam. Send your opinions, rants and ravesto Mustang Daily opinions emails at Mustang Daily or submit your letter to the editor through the improved Mustang Daily.

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These are the views of the Mustang Daily and do not represent the views of the Poly campus and the neighboring community. We appreciate your respectful, and are thankful for your careful reading.
Although four teams in the Big West Conference have better overall records, the Mustangs stand alone in first place at 7-2 in conference play.

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The Cal Poly men's tennis team won both its matches at home over the weekend to wrap up the No. 1 seed in the upcoming Big West Conference Championships.

With their 4-0 win over UC Riverside on Saturday and 4-3 victory over UC on Sunday, the Mustangs finished the regular season with a record of 10-12 overall and 4-4 in conference games.

Cal Poly's women's tennis team, in conference play, runs on 14 hits in an easy 12-0 victory over UC Irvine on Sunday, the Mustang's Daily Staff Report said.

Cal Poly's women's tennis team, meanwhile, had its Senior Day match rained out over the weekend, the Cal Poly women's tennis team was eventually rained out on Senior Day against Santa Clara after taking a pair of points in singles play.

Both Cal Poly teams are at the Big West Championships in Indian Wells from April 27 to 29, although the women's team has one more regular-season matchup remaining — at Fresno State at 11 a.m. Saturday.

For the Cal Poly men's team, which has won three straight matches, freshman Rob Foy went 2-0 in singles play over the weekend.

He won 6-2, 6-2 against UC Riverside and 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 against UC Irvine.

Against UC Irvine, the Mustangs also got singles points from senior Matt Baca (7-5, 7-5), sophomore Darryn Young (6-1, 5-7, 6-3), and doubles wins from Baca and senior Kyle Roybal (8-5) and sophomore Nick Berger and junior Fred DeWitte (8-5).

In the UC Riverside match, Cal Poly got singles wins from DeWitte (6-3, 6-0), Foy and Berger (6-1, 6-0) and doubles points from Foy and Young (8-2) and DeWitte and Berger (9-1).

Cal Poly men's first-year head coach Justin McGrath has directed a team to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history.

The Mustangs finished the regular season 14-18-1, 2-7 in conference play.

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Cal Poly men's tennis team clinches No. 1 seed in Big West

**BY THE NUMBERS**

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3-1 Mustangs record for UC Irvine men's tennis team.

4-0 Big West record for Cal Poly men's tennis team.

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Cal Poly junior Fred DeWitte (above) helped the Mustangs to a 4-0 Big West Conference win over visiting UC Riverside on Saturday.

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Cal Poly fared well over the weekend with split squads at the Mt. San Antonio College Relays and UCLA's Raiffe Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersee Invitational.

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WALNUT — Cal Poly's Sharon Rifa of Mexico, but took second based on fewer misses. The pair out-jumped the rest of the field with third-place finisher Mirim Minson of Alabama and fourth-place finisher Solange Whitman of Argentina clearing 5-10-4.

The field of 10 athletes included four international competitors and three sponsored athletes.

Bojar took fifth in the javelin with a season best of 171-2. Smith, competing unattached, won the event with a throw of 252-5.

On Friday, Cal Poly's Phillip Reid finished sixth and ran a personal-best 3 minutes, 44.41 seconds in the 1,500-meter run.

Also competing in the 1,500 for the Mustangs was Evan Anderson. Anderson also posted a personal best with a time of 3:46.70 for 15th place.

Jameson Moser, running in the 5,000, missed an NCAA West Regional qualifying mark by a second with a personal-best of 14:13.

At the Raiffe Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersee Invitational hosted by UCLA on Friday, James Nunnio highlighted a solid performance by Cal Poly with a second-place finish in the men's decathlon with 6,844 points.

Nunnio won the discus (123.8) and pole vault (12.0-3/4) and was second in both the javelin (156-3) and 400 (51.72). He was second behind Justin Johnson, competing unattached, with 6,934 points.

In the men's 3,000 steeplechase, Cal Poly runners went one-two. Two Jeff Leach won the event with a personal-best and regional qualifying time of 8:53.93 and Andrew Brown came in second with a personal-best of 8:56.71.

Cal Poly also went one-two in the women's triple jump with Jessica Desme winning at 52-7.8 and Cassie Ormenes taking second at 51-9.35.

Other highlights for the Mustangs included Joe Lumrell in the 400 with a third-place finish and a personal-best of 49.67. Chris Frazer had a personal-best in the 400 hurdles and a personal-best of 52.3.

Leighton Herpe won the shot put with a season-best of 62-9.75 and Julian Drufse placed second in the shot put with a personal-best and regional qualifying time of 64-2.

Bridgeitt Sexton won the 800 with a time of 2:10.87 and Cause Armstrong won the 1,500 with a personal-best of 4:28.71.

The Mustangs will return to action Saturday when the team travels to San Diego to compete in the Triton Invitational hosted by UC San Diego.

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