The Academic Senate is starting to look at a new major, which would be geared toward engineering students who want to transfer out of the college.

Heavy lifting pays off for Poly athletes

Justin Fassino  
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The gym is not the only place Cal Poly athletes train for their competitions. Many Cal Poly and Cuesta College players take jobs during the off-season to stay in shape for peak performance, and one local company is the place to go.

Meatherhead Movers, the San Luis Obispo-based business that provides moving services all over California, hires almost exclusively young men who take part in sports as their main workforce.

"We're the largest student employer in San Luis Obispo outside of Cal Poly," he said. If the name seems familiar, that's because the company is a sponsor of Cal Poly athletics. They make posters for various teams around campus, and see Movers, page 5.

Engineering, meet liberal arts


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A new major has been proposed as a five-year pilot program. The Bachelor of Arts in liberal arts and engineering studies has yet to be approved, but would be Cal Poly's first interdisciplinary major, offered jointly by the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Engineering.

"We'll see how it works. We're proposing several new aspects that other majors at the university don't typically have," said Deborah Valencia-Laver, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and one of the program's drafters. "There's the interdisciplinary aspect — the CLA and CENG working together to offer courses and coordinate the program."

Initially, the program is for internal transfers only — specifically, sophomores transferring out of engineering.

An advantage of accepting students in the spring of their sophomore year is that they're already cleared the hurdle of math and engineering courses and have a good probability of graduating, College of Liberal Arts Dean Linda Halisky said.

"The program creates for them the possibility of using more of their engineering units toward their new major," Valencia-Laver said.

The 180-unit Bachelor of Arts program includes general education courses, an engineering concentration, a liberal arts concentration and study abroad or global perspectives courses.

The proposal also includes four new courses, including a project-based learning course, an online collaborative global partnership course, senior project and a capstone seminar in which students refine their senior projects.

Keeping with the program's interdisciplinary nature, the courses are presumably going to be team taught, Valencia-Laver said.

"(The courses) are there to first of all give students an identity as a major — having them interact," she said. "The goal of the major is to have a strong project-based aspect, and part of working on projects is working with other people."

The curriculum is heavy in engineering and math early on, but it needs to be, Halisky said.

"They tried very hard to make it balanced," said David Hammings, chair of the Academic Senate curriculum committee and professor of horticulture and crop science.

There is a problem of students in engineering who don't like it and drop out, and this is an opportunity to retain some of them, Provost William Dargis said.

According to a study done by Cal Poly Institutional Planning and Analysis regarding the 1999 freshmen cohort, 143 engineering students transferred out of their college. This is the most recent, complete data, Valencia-Laver said.

Though not sure of how many CENG students transfer to the CLA, the CLA and Orfalea College of Business are the most common destinations for internal transfers, said College of Liberal Arts dean Linda Halisky.

Cal Poly wants to retain its students, but see Majors, page 2.

Souza ready to build on success of past presidents if elected

Isaiah Narcisco  
MUSTANG DAILY

Agribusiness senior Brandon Souza wants to bring out the "palaouta" spirit in his campaign for Associated Students Inc president.

He feels that ASI should act on student ideas, the "student input is my No. 1 priority," Souza said. "I've always been out to make people feel comfortable."

As part of his campaign platforms, Souza noted that he wanted to build on the successes of previous ASI presidents. In fact, he has a family connection to this legacy.

"My father was part of the class of 1971," Souza said. "Actually, he was part of the movement of students that passed the funding to build this University. He was an integral part, and I'm glad that I'm able to carry on the legacy."

Souza said that Cal Poly has given him a lot to him during his student career, and now he wants to give some of that back to the campus.

"I believe I know Cal Poly students," he said. "Leadership is an action, not a position."

Included on his agenda are a graduation evaluation system, student safety, campus sustainability and issues related to ASI facilities.

He elaborated on how campus security can be improved.

"I want to make sure that those blue emergency lights are seen everywhere on campus," Souza said. "There has to be adequate lighting as well.

"I hope that Cal Poly continues to accept more students, the current graduation evaluation system would have more work to process out of others. Souza said that he wants to ensure students would graduate on time and be able to cut through the confusion.

"I think that there should be a system where students can log on and have an electronic flow chart relative to their major, their concentration and their minors," Souza said.

see Souza, page 4.
"this is not for people flunking out of engineering," Hannings said. "It's for people who are good at math and physics but don't want to be engineers."

The application process to transfer includes maintaining a 2.5 grade point average in at least three math classes required in the program, a 2.5 GPA for the CIE Area A or equivalent, and a one-page essay describing interest in the program.

"It's not to be a sort of last resort for CENG students," Valenica-Laver said. "It's more of, 'how can I marry my strengths and interests in science, technology, engineering and math with an area in the liberal arts?'"

For many jobs, people need both engineering and communication skills, Hannings said. "They can translate engineering to the general public."

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Protesters urge Congress to offer residency to illegal immigrants

Peter Prengranan

LOS ANGELES — Angry over recent raids and frustrated with Congress, thousands of Hispanics and others took to the nation's streets Tuesday to demand a path to citizenship for an estimated 12 million illegal immigrants.

Organizers hoped a strong national showing would prompt Congress to pass immigration reform legislation before lawmakers become engulfed in the looming presidential primaries.

"If we don't act, then both the Democratic and Republican parties can go back to their comfort zones and do nothing," said Angelica Salas, director of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles. "They won't have the courage to resolve a major issue for millions of people."

Marches, meetings and voter registration drives got under way from California to New York, a year after 1 million people flexed their economic muscle in a nation-wide boycott on May 1.

Democratic Party Chairman Howard Dean told immigrant supporters in Miami that a reform bill currently before Congress was "insane" because it would require many illegal immigrants to return home before applying for citizenship.

"This is a government that can't find a 6-foot-4 terrorist. How is it going to find 12 million people?" he told a group of more than 100 party supporters at Miami's Parrot Jungle Island.

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U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker told reporters that American authorities in Baghdad were seeking more information.

London (AP) Hundreds of shoppers lined up in London for a sneak peek at Kate Moss' new collection of jeans, shirts and dresses at British fashion retailer Topshop. The 33-year-old supermodel posed briefly in a store window in a flowing orange dress to pro- mote the preview only moments before it began. Topshop was to let groups of shoppers browse for 20 minutes at a time Monday to avoid a mad scramble. Shoppers can choose from 50 designs, including a vest top for $24 and a creased leather jacket for $300.

The collection will be avail- able in the United States at Barneys stores beginning May 9 and on Barneys.com.

Caracas, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez's government took over Venezuela's last privately run oil fields Tuesday, intensifying a struggle with international oil companies that could slow develop- ment of the world's largest known petroleum deposit. Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez declared that the Orinoco River fields reverted to state control just after midnight.

The site even got the attention of the Muitang Dam's reservoir owners. That is a sentiment that Steed said. That is a sentiment that Steed instills in his employees, much to their benefit.

The movers usually work in teams of three to five people and are responsible for handling, loading and unloading the customer's belong-ings. But their job doesn't end there. Both Steed and Nelson pointed out that customer service is just as important as all the heavy lifting. "You have to be really mentally strong to work here," Steed said. That is a sentiment that Cuesta College student Kelly Nelson agreed with.

"It's a nice physical environment," said Nelson, a former wrestler. "Everyone's pretty cool."

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Wouldn’t it be great if you had the power to make all of your dreams come true, just by wishing them into being? What if you could get rich, lose weight, fall in love, and still have enough time to go shopping for a new car? Well, according to "The Secret," by author and teacher Rhonda Byrne, this is not only possible, but easy!

The theory behind "The Secret," which Byrne outlines in the book and also on DVD, rests on the application of the law of attraction to the realm of the mind.

She, as well as many others (including, she says, Albert Einstein and Leonardo da Vinci), believe that whatever a person chooses to focus their mental energy on will eventually find its way to that person, for better or for worse.

According to this belief, whatever your heart desires will soon come to you — but only if you think about it hard enough. The size of your request doesn’t matter; in fact, the universe has no concept of size, Byrne says.

For instance, a woman wishing for $1 million to drop out of the sky has the same chance of realizing success as the guy next door does of landing a date with his hot neighbor.

Byrne says that people have known "The Secret" since the beginning of time, but it hasn’t been readily available; the great minds of centuries past wanted to keep it under wraps, so their powerful positions wouldn’t be threatened.

Now, though, Byrne has decided that it is her life’s mission to share the wonders of the secret with the rest of us. She even credits it with her book’s success, as well as for the millions of dollars in DVD sales she experienced beforehand.

This brings us to another point: "The Secret" may sound a bit strange, but there is no doubt as to its immense popularity. Since its February release, the book has sold 3.75 million copies.

Add to that millions of dollars in DVD sales since March of last year. It seems that everyone, including Oprah, is crazy about it.

So what’s the big deal? Could it be the high dose of optimism that’s attracting people? Maybe it’s the idea of controlling each aspect of one’s life that appeals to micromanagers everywhere.

Basically, "The Secret" mixes a bunch of positive thoughts with a little bit of the supernatural. Things start out sounding pretty plausible, but the whole idea becomes harder and harder to believe as the book goes along.

The first chapter suggests things like thinking good thoughts when you’re going to get a haircut and reminding yourself daily that you are capable of being on time, in order to achieve a positive outcome. Statements like this aren’t too weird and don’t deviate much from the norms for a typical self-help book.

However, things quickly progress to skeptical proportions. For example, in a later chapter, Byrne tells her readers to rejoice every time they receive a bill in the mail, pretend it’s actually a check for an obscene amount of money, and thank the universe for the wonderful gift. That’s the point where she might lose a few followers.

Besides Byrne’s narrative, which includes stories and example of the secret in her own life, the book also includes the interspersed thoughts of 23 contemporary “teachers,” all of whom follow the secret.

This keeps things somewhat interesting, as there is always some of anecdotal distraction from the author’s sometimes overbearing eccentricity. Also, its simple prose makes it an easy read.

Still, the book is highly repetitive, and most people will get the point after the first few pages. By the time you finish the first chapter, you’ll know whether or not you’ll want to continue.
Online poker: an addiction among Cal Poly students

Janelle Eastridge

Andrew Custer first began playing online poker casually in the summer of 2005. Within a year, his initial investment of $100 had quadrupled. He was hooked.

Now, the business junior is a professional poker player who sets his own schedule, usually allotting 15 to 20 hours per week to play. "I don't pit myself to a certain amount of hours a week because otherwise (I'll) burn myself out. It's much better when you play when you want to play, on your own schedule," Custer said.

Although he has made about $6,000 since last August from playing—money is not the goal.

"In poker, money is just something that shows you have won," he said. "I could not go to casinos when ever I didn't have a car," he said. So he turned to online poker instead.

"It was fun at the time, but the next day, I felt terrible," he said.

An addiction at a real casino can quickly turn into an addiction of the online variety as well. Social sciences junior Michael Hada began playing poker five years ago.

"When I came to Cal Poly, it was hard to get good games going, and I could not go to casinos whenever I wanted since I didn’t have a car," he said. So he turned to online poker instead.

"I really don’t think people should gamble. Whether it’s online or in a casino, it’s pretty much the same thing... They (shouldn’t) lose all their money; it’s addicting," he said.

About 1.6 million college students play online poker. And with Chumash Casino nearby, some Cal Poly students play there too.

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—Chris Molnar

business administration junior

SLO heads ‘Underground’ to hip-hop music scene

Rachelle Santucci

San Luis Obispo and hip-hop. They might not seem like the usual combination, but SLO Underground is an attempt to make hip-hop a more common part of the music scene in San Luis Obispo.

After the first SLO Underground in March had a big turnout and a positive response from the crowd, Superb Reality, a local promotion and production company, is putting together SLO Underground 1.5 as a preview to SLO Underground 2.

"1.5 is just as an in-between show for SLO Underground 2, kind of a smaller version to generate publicity," said Cari Pimentel, a social sciences freshman who is helping to organize the show.

Graphic communication sophomore, Rachel Cherry agreed and said it is a great promotional idea to generate hype for the second installment.

"We had such a great response from SLO Underground 1," she said. "It will be fun and people who missed the first one can come."

Pimentel said people reacted well to the first hip-hop show.

"It’s awesome for SLO to have something like that," she said. "People were asking when the next one was going to be.

The show will feature performances by Mental, Dejouro and D Serra, who are all artists from the Central Coast. It will be co-hosted by Pimentel and WORDUP, an artist from the Bay Area.

"We actually had to turn people down to perform," Cherry said.

One of the main attractions of the night is an emcee battle that anyone can enter.

People can sign up at the door and place a $5 bet that goes toward a cash prize the winner will receive.

Since 1.5 will be a smaller version of the first SLO Underground, it will be held at a smaller venue; the Steynberg Gallery.

Though the gallery often hosts shows by local bands, this is the first time they have hosted a hip-hop show.

Cherry said that they had a hard time finding a venue because there are not many in San Luis Obispo.

"At first we were like, um, an art gallery? Let’s look around a little bit more," she went on to say that the owner was receptive to the idea of hosting a hip-hop show and sounded excited about it.

Both Pimentel and Cherry worked on the first SLO Underground and were asked to organize this one by Rob Cee, who organized the first show.

"We did a lot of promotional work for that show.We passed out flyers for months beforehand," Cherry said.

Because she isn’t musical, Cherry helps out with other aspects of putting together a show like this and makes sure everyone else is ready to perform.

"I like to do whatever makes things run more smoothly and helps take stress off other people," she said.

Though the gallery often hosts shows by local bands, this is the first SLO Underground 1.5 will be held on Thursday at the Steynberg Gallery, 1531 Monterey St. Tickets are $5 and doors open at 7 p.m.

"We want anyone to come to SLO Underground 1.5; everybody’s welcome," said Pimentel.

More information on the show is available at Superb Reality’s Web site www.superbreality.net.
Cassie Gaeto

The year was 2002 when seven exceptionally dysfunctional strangers made their way to the penthouse suite of The Palms Hotel and Resort in Las Vegas. The 12th season of MTV's show "The Real World" was underway, documenting the lives of Arissa, Irlan, Frank, Steven, Trishelle, Brynn and Alton in the most chaotic and drama-packed season ever.

Now, five years later, the cast is reuniting in the same Palm suite for a first-ever reunion series "Reunited: The Real World." All seven cast members signed on to "stop being polite and start getting real" for three weeks while they tape the six-episode mini series.

Taping for the show began early in April and it is scheduled to air on MTV in late spring.

This is amazing news for everyone. For those of you like me who watched the original series we get to relive the best cast in the history of The Real World, and for those of you who missed it; fear not. God has given you a second chance.

For those out there thinking I may be getting overexcited let me just explain something. I am not a die-hard "Real World" fan. The show has not been without its dark moments in recent years. In Philadelphia anyone? My love for each season's show depends on the location, cast chemistry and good-looking male participants.

Las Vegas provided me with all of my criteria and so much more. They earned themselves even more points in the cast chemistry category with the friendship between Irlan and Arissa, the feud between Steven and Brynn and the multiple romances.

With that said lets refresh on some of the highlights from Las Vegas and reasons why I believe it was the second highest rated season in real world history (No. 1 was Chicago, no comment).

Las Vegas was full of in-house hook-ups. On one hand we had the endearing romance of Alton and Irulan that slowly developed the stuff of true love over the season. On the other hand we had Trishelle and Steven, the purely sexual driven flashe in which all rules and forms of contraception were thrown out the window. Their relationship was an endless source of drama with their remedial communication skills and the infamous pregnancy scare.

Trishelle was at the center of a majority of the storylines and easily became the most well-known and famous from the group. Since airing she has been involved in multiple MTV appearances and posed for Playboy. I believe that the world is divided into two groups of people those who think Trishelle is good-looking and those who are repulsed by her gangly physique and painful sounding accent. I hope you can tell by that statement which side I am on.

Another huge Vegas controversy was the fight between Steven and Brynn which was culminated in Brynn throwing a fork at him. I will never forget the freeze frame on the fork that MTV aired for the weeks following; it truly was the fork heard round the world.

Another interesting tidbit about this particular season is that at request of The Palms Hotel owner, all cast members were at least 21 years old, a first ever for the production.

I think this made for better cast because they got rid of that 18 year-old typeset, the one who has never lived away from home and spends the day crying in the confessional. Examples include Rachel from "Back to New York" and more recently Voxanna from Key West.

With that highlight review, I hope you see what an amazing opportunity this is. The cast has all these experiences under their belt, plus five years to dwell on it. Alton and Irlan who dated for years but eventually split will be reunited and under the same roof, along with fellow ex-lovers Trishelle and Steven.

We, as the viewing audiences, will be able to thrive on all these awkward moments all from the comfort of our homes.

Now that we have reminisced through a golden age of "The Real World," later this quarter, when the series airs, don't judge the people who watch it, sit down and judge the seven returning cast mates. Trust me, it never gets old.

**Do you think Cal Poly students will watch "The Real World" reunion?***

"I could see people watching this; everyone watches The Real World challenge. College students like drama."
- Brittany Hidal, communications freshman

"I won't watch it, but there are a lot of people really into The Real World who will."
-Camille Thorsen, nutrition junior

"I don't think people will be interested with the old drama anymore. People want to see new people and new drama."
-Ryan Polei, business sophomore

"Yes, I think the drama created is fascinating. It totally sucks you in. I'll watch it."
-Cathie Johnson, English junior

"I think people will watch it. It is the nature of the show; reality television is huge right now."
-Patrick Wyatt, agribusiness senior

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**SPOTLIGHT**

- 1997 Donald Trump and Marla Maples announce they are separating.
- 1994 Dr. Kervokian found innocent on assisting suicides.
- 1983 6.7 earthquake injures 487 in Coalinga, Calif.
- 1975 Apple records closes down.

**2002 Real World cast members to reunite**

Five years after the drama, hook-ups and fights, the Las Vegas cast is back
Tues­day was May Day, a day long for when many of us have found our- selves engaged in a cause that we decided not to go to work. Last year, more than one million people demonstrated over the immigration debate. However, according to the 1000 or so people who filled the con­­gressional district media sources, this year's demonstra­tion will be far (or would be, at time of press) smaller than the year before.

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and try to out-kick his opponent to Cal Poly’s highest-ranked team this championship in Terre Haute, at the NCAA meet.

Alongside him, Reid powered his academic year.

The Mustangs drop to No. 29 at the national ranking? Take Reid out and put away through the race. Paced only by Maltz Athlete of the Year.

When Chavez tried to close the gap, Reid didn’t sit behind UC Santa Barbara’s Mike Chavez in a 3,000-meter run this weekend. The two major differences:

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The easy pick is to select a third baseman in Division I-AA and Durant was the top I-AA player taken in the draft.

Brandon Shotwell was voted the top defensive end in I-AA ranks, he couldn’t garner a bid to the NFL Draft Combine — the snub of the year at Cal Poly. Durant was the top 1-AA player selected in the NFL Draft, and now the 2006 Buck Buchanan Award winner.

Maltz Athlete of the Year.

Senior linebacker)

Most scouts passed on Cal Poly’s Pro Day on March 26 and didn’t show up. For the record, Durant ran the 40-yard dash (4.5 seconds), had a nearly identical build (6-foot-1, 240 pounds) and similar statistics.

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