Recent sexual assault possibly tied to attacks in 2006

Police are investigating a sexual assault that occurred early Saturday morning in downtown San Luis Obispo, which may have been committed by a suspect tied to a series of assaults that took place in November and December.

At about 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, the suspect stopped the female victim near Buchon and Nipomo streets while she was walking to her friend’s house. The San Luis Obispo Police Department said in a statement. The suspect initiated a conversation with her and then proceeded to follow her to her destination before coming up behind her and putting his hand over her mouth, police said. They ended up on the ground, but she fought him off and he tied her to her destination before coming up behind her again and putting his hand over her mouth.

Police reported the suspect as a white male in his early to mid-twenties with a medium build and short, dark hair—a description that matches that of the November and December suspect. He was reported to have been last seen wearing blue jeans and a dark, hooded sweatshirt.

In response to the recent event, the San Luis Obispo Police Department will be increasing its patrols of the areas where the assaults have taken place, and the department is encouraging downtown businesses to post the sketch of the suspect. Anyone with information can reach the San Luis Obispo Police Department at (805) 781-7317.

Alley Obsession

Amanda Retzer

It’s the bottom of the 10th frame, there are two minutes left in the hour and she’s up. She slides her sweaty palms down the side of her jeans as she picks up the 12-pounder. The 10-foot walk takes ages and she sets up her feet along the arrows with a deep breath. It’s a long lane ahead and pressure is building. Her team is counting on her as all eyes watch intently.

OK, so maybe it’s not so intense, but the game of bowling takes a spot in the lives of over 600 students each quarter in PE 109 and 112, beginning and intermediate bowling.

Two students named women of the year

Daniella Gruber

Ruthie Osorio and Brittany Wiley tied for the student of the year award offered each year by the Women’s Center, in the 25th annual Woman of the Year awards.

Wiley, an English senior, is a student assistant for the Allenworth Mentoring Program where she helps coordinate the program with her supervisor, Donna Davis.

“Shes the most exceptional assistant,” Davis said. “She puts in a great work effort, is a great role model and mentors others.”

Wiley also participates in the Society of Black Engineers and Scientists and the Black Student Union.

Davis said Wiley plans to get a master’s degree in African-American studies and become a professor. Osorio, an English student, is a student assistant for the Allenworth Mentoring Program where she helps coordinate the program with her supervisor, Donna Davis.

What: Student of the year award

When: Thursday, May 17 from 11 a.m. to noon

Where: Student Services building, room 224

For more info: contact the Student Government at (805) 756-1112.
Housing
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UC Berkeley finished second with a proposal to build at the Glen Park Bay Area Regional Transit parking lot.
Panetta was unsure what the Stanford design apart from the others, and is anxiously awaiting the judges’
debriefing to clarify their decision.
The judges of the contest evaluated financial feasibil­
ity, community acceptance and impact, eco-­
friendly characteristics and design innovation.
Panetta was most impressed with his team’s attention
to detail and the quality of their final project, which the
team started working on around the beginning of the
winter quarter.
“Given the time frame our students had to work
with, they explored much more in depth. They exam­
ined possibilities all the way down to the individual unit
level,” Panetta said.
The judges were impressed with Cal Poly’s proposal
because of its sustainability and focus on who the design
was for.
“They worked very hard to find that out,” Panetta
said.
The team worked with community members in
Santa Maria, including City Council members and the
People’s Self-Help Housing Corp.
This year marked the first time the contest judged
proposals on use of green building and environmental
sustainability.
Panetta said the biggest challenge the team faced was
coordinating the various aspects of the project and find­
ing time to put it all together.
Cal Poly won the competition in 2005 with a pro­
posal to re-design the Oak Park neighborhood in Paso
Robles. The project featured a $56-million proposal
that included the design, planning, construction, and
financing for the replacement of 148 deteriorating
townhouses.
That project was actually built, and students from this
year’s team will present their designs next Tuesday in
front of the Santa Maria City Council.
“Whether the city pursues the project is still a big if,”
Panetta said.
Bowling
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“I scheduled (the class) so it is after all my
classes (and) at the end of my lab so that I can just bowl for an hour,” com­
puter engineering senior Steve Shields said. “It’s a great way to wind down.”
This 141-average senior has already taken the regular course and is now
enrolled in the intermediate level class.
“I wanted a one-unit class to do noth­
ing (and) just get up and bowl,” he said. Shields topped the charts for high
scores in his class after a game of 197.
“I don’t know what happened that day. I just started bowling, and when I looked
up, I had a 197,” Shields said with a grin.
The two-day-a-week course offers students an opportunity to escape pro­
gramming, Aristotle and microorganisms and replace them with a relaxing and
social hour of bowling. And this is exactly
what attracts a diverse selection of stu­
dents to the alleys that house machines
built in 1964.
“There is every major on campus on
that roll sheet and we’ve got a lot of
repeat offenders,” said bowling instructor Greg Bishop, who has taught the class
since 1993. “One guy took it 17 straight
quarters. He took it every quarter he was
here.”
Fall, winter and spring quarters hold
15 classes each with 40 spots available in
each class. This means bowling classes are
running from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday
through Thursday.
This comes out to 1,800 students enrolled
every year. Plus, bowling is offered over the summer, with two clas­
ses from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday through
Thursday this coming quarter.
A $40 fee covers the cost of bowling
and shoes, bringing the average out to
about $50 a game, Bishop said.
“After the first two weeks, we put them into a league format. They get their
handicap set and every day they show up, it’s a competition,” Bishop said.
Each class session, the teams are given printouts of current team standings,
scores and individual scores. Teams are
comprised of four people and are deter­
mined on the first day of class.
At the end of the quarter, the first
place teams in each class have a big roll­
off and the winning team gets brand new
bowling balls.
The skill level ranges from students who have been on bowling teams before
to those who have never even picked up
a ball.
The highest game ever bowled by a
student was 268 and the lowest was 14.
“She ended up being the most
improved in that class,” Bishop said. “It
took me three weeks to get her to hit a
pin! But she ended up with a 68 aver­
age.”
The split up between gender is about
60/40, leaning toward the male side,
Bishop said.
Ten student employees work for the
alley, including business senior Dave
Ponek, who has been there for three
years.
“T get to talk to all sorts of people,” Ponek said. “And smell shoes all day.”
Although he has never taken the class, he
was once an alternate. Ponek said that the
class adds three alternates once each class
is full. The alternates can come to the
class, and if anyone is absent, then they
can take their place for the hour.
Associated Students Inc. used to be the
head honcho for the bowling facility until it was leased out in 2005 to Steve
Goldie, who runs the hot spot with his
son Steve Goldie Jr.
Goldie Sr. and Bishop share the classes,
while Goldie Jr. runs the business side of
things. They hold a five-year lease on
Mustang Lanes, along with owning
Pismo Bowl and Pueblo Bowl.
“We got the whole county,” Bishop
said, who also works at the other bowling
alleys.
Besides classes, Mustang Lanes has
recreational bowling for the public and
for students not enrolled in the classes.
Prices are cheaper for students, with even
lower prices for bowling before 6 p.m. at
$1.50 a game. Shoes are $1 for students
and $5 for the public.
Special activities also include birthday
parties on the weekends and Cosmic
Bowling on Saturdays at 6 p.m., which is
basically where they “crank up the music,
turn out the lights and turn on the disco
lights,” Bishop said.
There is also Pizza Bowl Night every
Monday from 6 to 9 p.m. where students
can bowl and eat pizza as much as they
want. A $9 charge covers shoes, unlimited
bowling and unlimited one-­topping pizza
from BackStage Pizzas. It’s best to
show up early because it is first-come,
first-serve, and it fills up pretty quickly.
Bishop encourages all students to sign
up for one of the classes.
“This is one class that you should
absolutely take,” he said. “I love the com­
petition and we’re all here cheering each
other on, having fun, yelling random
stuff.”
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Residents of remote Alaska villages brace for big increase in mail rates

Jeannette J. Lee
ANCHORAGE, Alaska - The new U.S. Postal Service rates that go into effect Monday have people living in Alaska's remotest villages worried about more than just paying 2 cents more for a stamp.

The Postal Service also is bumping up rates for Alaska's one-of-a-kind discount mail program, which ensures that groceries and other basic supplies arrive regularly in 139 villages that cannot be reached by any road.

For these communities, where prices already are high, the roughly 13 percent hike will affect the cost of all sorts of items from milk to fresh fruit, retailers say.

Even before the postal hike, a regular-size box of cereal could cost more than $8 in some villages and milk cost more than $7 a gallon.

"The villages are already having a hard time. A lot of people live on food stamps and I don't think they get very far," said 85-year-old Josephine Robern, who lives in the Athabascan Indian village of Tanana.

The community of 260 people lies 130 air miles west of Fairbanks, Alaska's second-largest city. Large shipments can reach it only by plane or by barges that navigate the nearby Yukon River after the summer thaw.

"I don't know why they don't just build a road down here already because air freight and postage is going up," Roberts said.

The Postal Service program pays Alaska's air carriers to deliver the mail and gives shippers a break, Alaska's air carriers to deliver the mail and gives shippers a break, the unique circumstances of Alaska's air routes.

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"The postal rates for what is essentially first-class service. Packages sent through the program are known as "by-pass mail," because they circumvent the post office and go directly to carriers for delivery.

Shipments must total 1,000 pounds or more to qualify for the reduced postage and the individual parcels that make up a shipment weigh 35 and 70 pounds each.

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High school exit exam pass rates don't add up, UCLA prof says

Constance Dillon
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - A University of California education professor recently found that the state of California is presenting artificially high graduation rates to the public.

The California Department of Education maintained that the passage percentages they reported for the class of 2006 are correct.

Matt Taylor, education-research and evaluation consultant for the California Department of Education, said the numbers are determined by an outside agency that measures the exit exam success rate based on students who take and pass the exam and does not take into consideration graduation rates.

Roger said that providing the public with accurate information could foster support for education improvement and reform throughout the state.

"What's important is whether there are conditions for success, not symbolic success," he said.

Education officials have no way of knowing the result of low pass rates by students or poor performance of school systems, Roger said.

Schools with low pass rates were 10 times more likely to have short-term quality teachers and severe overcrowding than schools with high pass rates, he said.

"We can’t have an accurate way to gauge learning until we provide students with the opportunity (to learn)," Rogers said.

The study also found that 50,000 fewer students graduated in the past five years compared to the past five years, suggesting that students may have dropped out at a higher rate because of the pressures to pass another exam.

The Los Angeles Unified School District counted fewer than 30,000 students who failed the exam in 2006, compared to the 50,000 students entered as tenth-graders in the 2003-2004 school year, according to the study.

Taylor said he could not say whether the exit exam caused students to drop out of school since students leave for a variety of reasons, including having low credits or other personal reasons.

According to the study, students without a high school degree earn approximately one-third less than high school graduates.

Within LAUSD, students who do not pass the exam this year are given several opportunities to retake the exam each year in addition as well as additional exam tutoring, which are all mandated by the state law in 1999, LAUSD spokeswoman said.

Exit exam "boots camps" are offered for students who failed the exam 12th grade, which include practice exams and an extra support courses in both math and English language, said.

The extra courses are offered after school and on weekends to fit students' schedules, she said.

"Our job is to educate these students and see those deficiencies," Taylor said.

Corte Madera (AP) — He has flippers instead of feet — and certainly no sneaker or hiking boots. But that didn’t stop a sea lion from joining schoolchildren on a walk-a-thon.

The marine mammal apparently noticed children doing laps Friday morning and decided to hop in on the fun. Parents had set up at the Marin County Day School next to the shores of the San Francisco Bay to keep children fit.

"It’s a program that the Postal Service supports in recognition of the unique circumstances of Alaska residents," Draton said. "We are committed to making it work in the state of Alaska."
Al-Qaeda group says it captured 3 U.S. troops missing after deadly attack in Iraq that killed 5

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BAGHDAD — An Al-Qaida front group announced Sunday it had captured American soldiers in a deadly attack the day before, as thousands of U.S. troops searched insurgent areas south of Baghdad for their three missing comrades.

The statement came one of the deadliest days in the country in recent weeks, with at least 126 people killed or found dead — including two American soldiers who died in separate bombings. A suicide truck bomb tore through the offices of a Kurdish political party in northern Iraq, killing 56 people, and a car bombing in a crowded Baghdad market killed another five.

Troops surrounded the town of Yusufiyah and told residents over loudspeakers to stay inside, residents said. They then methodically searched the houses, focusing on possible secret chambers under the floors where the soldiers might be hidden, residents said. The soldiers marked each searched house with a white piece of cloth.

Soldiers also searched cars entering and leaving the town, writing "searched" on the side of each vehicle they had inspected. Several people were arrested, witnesses said.

The Islamic State in Iraq offered no proof for its claim that it was behind the attack Sunday in Mahmoodiyah that also killed four U.S. soldiers and an Iraqi translator. But the Sunni area known as the "triangle of death" is a longtime Al-Qaida stronghold.

If the claim proves true, it would mark the third major suicide attack by the umbrella Sunni insurgent group against U.S. forces here. Maj. Gen. William Caldwell, spokesman for the U.S. military, said 4,000 U.S. troops backed by aircraft and intelligence units were scouring the farming area as the military made "every effort available to find our missing soldiers."

President Bush was also getting regular updates on the missing soldiers, said Gordon Johndroe, a spokesman for the White House's National Security Council in Washington.

The early morning attack on two U.S. military vehicles outside of Mahmoodiyah, about 20 miles south of Baghdad, left the bodies of the four U.S. soldiers and their translator badly burned.

Caldwell said the bodies of the interpreter and three of the slain soldiers had been identified, but the military was still working to identify the fourth.

Later Sunday, the Islamic State of Iraq posted a brief message on a militant Web site saying it was responsible for the attack and had released an unspecified number of U.S. soldiers. The group promised more details later.

The Islamic State is a coalition of eight insurgent groups. Last late month, it named a 10-member "Cabinet" with a "war minister" an apparent attempt to present the Sunni coalition as an alternative to the U.S.-backed, Shiite-led administration of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

U.S. military officials said they had no indication of who was behind Sunday's attack.

"It's difficult to verify anything that Al-Qaida in Iraq would say because they lie," said Lt. Col. Christopher Garret, a military spokesman. However, "it would not surprise us if it were Al-Qaida behind this, because we've seen this type of attack, this type of tactic, before."
Buy, sell, or drink — the economics of wine

Sometimes, when we sit down, in a daze, and overlook all the hard work and resources that went into making that wonderful Pinot Noir or Syrah, believe it or not, but the wine business is an industry of mergers, acquisitions and deals. Deals made all the time. Wineries are always growing. Some tend to feel growing pains and find that it’s best to chop off a successful label or part of the business from the rest and cash out to make a quick profit.

Buy, buy, buy, sell, sell. So why should wine drinkers care? Well, it could save some money at the cash register whenever you buy wine locally.

It is important to be aware and stay connected with favorite wineries and understand their business practices. One example is the sale of all Big House Red, Big House White and Cardinal Zin labels from Boone Doon to The Wine Group LLC of San Francisco.

Randall Grahm, the owner of Bonny Doon, felt that it was an opportunity to downsize and refocus energies to concentrate on his not so esoteric brands. Also, eventually the Pacific Rim Reselling will be phased out to a winery in Washington who will absorb that new label into its own label, said Bonny Doon.

What does this mean? Well with the changing of hands, some time shipments are liquidated to lower prices. Take for example, the Rex Goliath brand with that huge 47-pound rooster on the label. This wine was made specifically by a premier winery in Monterey County called Hahn Estates. This award-winning wine is sold from between $12 and $145.

The flagship label Hahn Winery carries that all too familiar red rooster on the label as well. Well, sometime last year the Rex Goliath Label of Hahn Estates was sold off to Constellation distributors, the largest wine company in the world. So what does this mean for us wine lovers? It means, once again, that the wine has changed hands and that prices for the Rex Goliath stayed low because there was no reason to tie Hahn and Rex Goliath together.

At the register, this means you can buy a wine made from the same wine maker and estate grapes of Hahn and instead of paying $12 to $45 dollars, you pay merely pennies on the dollar. Rex Goliath is a steal at $5.99 at Albertsons.

Another smart choice consumers can make is to check for liquidation. Sometimes big brand name wineries have too much wine to bottle and may flood the market. Remember that economics class you took a few quarters back? If you keep supply low, the demand will stay high. This works for business strategies at wineries where their products are purely luxury goods.

So what can a winery do to still make money selling its wine but not representing the premium label? It can bottle its wine under a private label allowing it to liquidate without hurting the winery image. Catocto Cellars, for example, produced a 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon for exclusively for Trader Joe’s. Catocto Cellar Cabernet Sauvignon normally retails for $12.99. The wine from Trader Joe’s is called Trader Joe’s Coastal and is available for a mere $3.99. What’s more, there is a whole lineup including Merlot and Merlot available to boot. Take this opportunity to purchase a case and have solace in the fact that you are a keen wine drinker on the Central Coast who knows a good bargain when you see one.

Enjoy your bargain basement priced premium wines this week but be responsible. Speaking of responsibilities, please make sure to go and vote in the ASI presidential run-off this Wednesday. "Ask not, what you can do for your wine, but what your wine can do for you."
Comedy + juggling = 'The Passing Zone'

Talented team juggles chainsaws, jokes in hilarious weekend performance

Daniel Seguin
MUSTANG DAILY

"It's the most exciting comedy extravaganza in the world.
That is the classic tagline-in-check response Jon Wee gives when asked to describe his act in his own terms.
Wee and business partner Owen Morse, take a more subtle approach.
"It's hard to categorize," Morse said. "The juggling is important but it's definitely more of a comedy show that appeals to audiences of all ages."

Collectively, Wee and Morse are the two main elements that form the comedic juggling duo known as The Passing Zone.

Performing together for more than 18 years, Wee and Morse deliver an excellent stage show. Weaved throughout is a combination of brilliant juggling sequences as well as comedic bantering and hilarious one-liners. It's a tightly choreographed routine of ringing such greats as Martin and Lewis or Abbott and Costello.

"We try not to take it too seriously," Wee said. "We're just out there to have a good time and create a good time for others. The more fun we're having, the more fun the audience has."

Even when it comes to somewhat serious matters such as injuries, both of the guys try to keep things on a lighter tone.

"There have been a few bumps, bruises and scrapes but nothing too serious," Wee said. "We still have all of our limbs and all of our fingers."

Morse quickly internalizes the comment and fires right back with smooth, comedic grace.

"The audience members haven't been as lucky," Morse quipped. "But we really try not to bring that up."

Audience members are treated to fantastic feats of juggling prowess, including multiple clubs, rings and even a bowling ball.

Some other show highlights included two very funny bits. The first is when the guys juggle the "three most loved TV commercial items." The items are supposed to be dangerous, heavy and an animal. Wee and Morse select audience members to participate at specific key moments. One of those key moments was during the sledge toss.

Wee and Morse select an audience member, explicitly pointing it out that they are someone who doesn't want to participate and get them to, well, participate.

Tom Hale, of San Luis Obispo, was brought to the stage and outfitted with pink tunics. During the bit, they tragically dance to "Swan Lake" and juggle three live chainsaws.

Wee said the nervous factor definitely comes into play with the chainsaw segment.

"We're always a little on edge during that one," he said. "It's one of those routines where not only is it hard to do, but it's really hard to mess up, for every reason."

Audience member Robert Garcia, of Atascadero, said that the chainsaws made him somewhat nervous.

"I was sitting in the front row and those things were buzzing away," he said. "I got nervous at first but they showed they were in total control of the situation."

Garcia said that he was impressed with the show Wee and Morse put on as a whole.

"Those guys were working with really dangerous objects like fire, knives and chainsaws," Garcia said. "Overall, I think they did a really great job."

During the course of the show, Wee and Morse select audience members to participate at specific key moments. One of those key moments was during the sledge toss. When it comes to safety in the show, they have performed many awards and honors. They are the recipients of five Guinness World Records in the sport of juggling.

They have performed for monarchs and presidents, most notably Prince Charles in London and President Bush at the White House. They have opened for the likes of Bill Cosby, George Carlin and "Weird Al" Yankovic, among many others.

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Songwriters fest boasts music that rocks
A little bit Country, a little bit Rock 'n Roll
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Brian McMullen
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The Central Coast is well known for its scenic beauty, its tri-tip steak and its beaches, but what about its songwriters? Last week at the Clark Center for the Performing Arts in Arroyo Grande, local musicians took part in the First Annual Central Coast Songwriter's Festival, and it was a damn good time, for the most part.

The stage was decorated to look something like a coffee shop or a living room and created a warm and comfortable atmosphere which most of the artists' music complimented. The night began with Jon Anderson, lead singer for the band Yes, who played a brilliantly charismatic solo acoustic set.

His face pointed to the ceiling, eyes closed, he sang in his high-pitch Paul McCartney and Sting-like vocals, "There's a time, and the time is right for me, it's right for me, the time is now. There's a word, and the word is love, and right for me, it's right for me, the word is love."

In between songs he gave his take on songwriting. "Songs are a little bit like butterflies, you take time and clip your hand out and wait. And the butterfly will come and land on your hand," he said.

His songwriting was simple and effective, and when he ended his short set on a song by his band Yes, after Anderson was the young something very cliché: "I think this might be one of the sexiest crowds I've ever seen.

His songs were all riff with hand, steel guitar strumming, and simple, sometimes nonsensical lyrics. When his lyrics were at their best, he often followed them with poor lyrics. Two of his songs began with him strumming wildly and singing oohs and ahahs and other inimitable noises, and when you thought the lyrics were going to start, he repeated the oohs and ahahs. The last things worth mentioning about Emery are one, his wack falsetto singing voice, and two, the fact that he is completely charm-"ma-less on stage. He stood center stage the whole time with no emotion on his face at all. Then again, how can you beat into singing songs with lyrics like, "There's a pill, a pill for everything, but there's not one for love."

Thanks to great planning, Damon Castillo rocked the stage immediately after Emery and restored the great music portion of the evening. Castillo began by telling the audience that people often ask him where he gets his inspiration for his songs from, and then they assume it's some sort of life experience, but, "no, I take the easy way out; I just make it all up," he said. And with that, he began his first song with his soulful, better than John Mayer vocals, "I'm so sorry I forgot to put the toilet seat down, I'm not used to having girls around. At least you didn't drown."

In between songs, Castillo liked songwriting to a physical itch, or some deep psychological compulsive. "Whether I'm supposed to be doing the dishes or paying the bills, a song comes and it's like, oh, gotta scratch that itch.

Two of his songs began with him playing acoustic guitar. The set ended with possibly the best song of the night, a song called "Claim to Fame."

Castillo sang, "It ain't music if it's just a number's game," and later, "I get high off chords and melody and when I die, I'm gonna take my guitar with me."

At the end of the song, the chorus changed and Castillo sang, "That's my claim to fame, making music with my family. That's my claim to fame, making music with my family. When's the next one to come up to something to me?"

His simplistic songwriting never seemed dull or contrived, and his vocals and music provided tons of soul and depth. After Castillo was a short intermission and it was announced that the "veteran part of the show" was about to begin.

The veterans were Jay Horn, Jill Knight, and Jade Johnstone. Horn played a decent set though it was obvious he was a little nervous, he joked, "What a bunch of gifted people, at least up until now because of it. His voice and guitar were both soothing, and his songwriting was described as pretty.

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Horn followed Horns and brought a more classic rock feel to the stage. She showcased excellently written songs that were both meaningful and sometimes difficult to think about. Her guitar playing was on point, and her voice was delicate at times, often commanding when the presence on stage was one of authority; she didn't just play to the audience, she took hold of them with her persona and moved them with her music, which at times was best described as introspective and melancholy

Johnstone, the last act of the night, was a stylized departure from the performance. She was different because all she'll ever be is a paper thin girl, but just began singing and writing with the same songwriting vein as the others.

She played a beautifully mellow piano along with a stand up bass player whose parts were rhythmically similar to hers, and a trumpet player whose flourishes and solos pierced the easygoing vibe, but did not disrupt it.

Shortly after taking the stage, Johnstone shared that, "(Knight) and I both started our periods tonight," adding, "I tend to get gorous about halfway through my set and I don't want you to get offended."

Nothing about her music sounded gorous; it was all smooth and her lyrics harked back to the simple jazz standards sung by Ella Fitzgerald or Lena Horne, though Johnstone's voice can't compare. Perhaps to flip a song off her classic jazz and she sang, "but you cannot blame her, because all she'll ever be is a paper thin girl, nothing but a paper thin girl, that's all.

Johnstone ended the evening fittingly by singing, "It's easy to play the fool, and it's easy to darlin' to change the rules, but no matter what you say, it's hard to walk away."

There were no calls for encore, but it was evident that the audience was satisfied with the buffet line of Central Coast songwriting they were presented. It is highly recommended that if given the chance, you go to a concert by any one of these artists, with the exception of Emery.
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

All candidates had to use superfluous incentives

After I read Matt Tarlecki’s letter, “You don’t win with salad,” I was surprised to see completely oblivious to the other two presidents campaigns, or if he just wanted to rip on Arvand Sabatian. Did not hundreds of people don orange and white shirts alongside this, who wore brown ones! Did not both Matt Taylor and Brandon Souza give away food on Dartmouth Lawn? I believe Souza and his campaign team also give free soda to voters in the weekend before the election. Tarlecki claims Souza tries to “get votes by free giveaway and not addressing real issues…”

Tarlecki has a skewed perception. The real bone of contention in this situation is that all of these candidates have to overdo their incentives to win votes. When it comes to the superficial incentives just to get people to listen (most don’t even do that; rather, they take the free item greedily). The presidential candidates all had legitimate and sincere issues, but the students here, and people in general, are so used to being incessantly apathetic when the outcome affects them, that it takes quite creative efforts just to turn their ears to listen. When I asked my fellow students who they’d vote for, far too many responded that they didn’t know anything about the candidates, or that Daily didn’t care who won. I can’t even decide which assures me more. If we don’t take the time to give a damn, who will? Emily Doris Civil engineering major

Souza deserves your vote again on Wednesday

Brandon Souza possesses the qualities to be a successful and effective leader. He believes in doing what is best for the students of Cal Poly and he has taken steps towards the success in campus safety, student academic success and Rec Center renovations. His dedication is demonstrated by his many involvements ranging from being a member of the Agriculture Council, sitting on the Board of Directors and serving as the current ASI President, to chair of the University Union Advisory Board as well as working alongside current City Council President Todd Maki. He is approachable and has an open door policy for all students. I will be voting for Brandon Souza again on May 16 because he knows, acknowledges, and addresses the issues that are six main for student success.

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Front line of tradition

As the spring semester comes to a close, so does Mustang’s political column. Bush’s strategies to fight terrorism invalidate the Bush administration’s response to the threat of global terrorism. One can only hope that this inadequacy doesn’t manifest itself in a manner that truly threatens the people of the United States in the near future, given the Bush administration’s neo-conservative worldview.

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However, a closer look at this story suggests that the FBI agent that infiltrated this group of young Muslims to go further in their plans than they had ever intended. While we don’t know all of the specifics of the law enforcement used to catch these men, those details will emerge in court — something that is nothing but a petty barrier to catching these “terrorists” in the mind of the Bush administration. This event, if anything, underscores the inadequacy of the Bush state’s strategy to fight terrorism. Seeing terrorism as nothing but a product of unrest in the Middle East that can be targeted and destroyed, the Bush administration’s response to the threat of global terrorism. One can only hope that this inadequacy doesn’t manifest itself in a manner that truly threatens the people of the United States in the near future, given the Bush administration’s neo-conservative worldview.

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With their series against UC Davis already clinched 2-0, Cal Poly baseball players only had one thing to worry about in the final game Sunday: their mothers in the crowd.

The Mustangs swept their non-conference series with the Aggies, winning the final game 8-3 in front of 1,165 fans and many happy mothers at Baggett Stadium.

"It was a nice Mother's Day gift," said Cal Poly starting sophomore right-hander Thomas Eager, who pitched his second complete-game victory. "I'm glad they got to see it."

The Mustangs won Friday's game 10-7 and then clinched the series Saturday with a 10-0 victory. Saturday's game lasted 4 hours, 43 minutes and ended in the 12th inning after a home run by junior right fielder Grant Deome.

"It wasn't always the prettiest series at times," said Cal Poly second baseman Pat Pecet, who had a booming two-run triple to center field Sunday. "We were fighting the whole time."

Cal Poly improved to 27-23 overall as UC Davis, a future Big West Conference opponent, fell to 20-28. The Mustangs remained 8-7 in the Big West.

"We continued to have a good approach offensively all weekend," said Deome. "And played very well defensively." Cal Poly head coach Larry Lee said. "Just as we can right now to increase our chances of getting a (regional) bid through thick and thin," Lee said. "They played the best teams this past weekend. We've gotten back to how we've played the better teams."}

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The Mustangs went the three nonconference games by a combined score of 28-21.

Ryan Chatrand

The Aggies were trying to sneak a comeback throughout the sixth and seventh with a run in each, but three straight outs in the eighth from the Mustangs seemed to stop all hope.

Although the Mustangs entered the ninth inning with a five-run lead, emotions were running high. With two outs on the board, the fans were on their feet begging for a strikeout.

Eager, however, couldn't give it to them. With the bases loaded, a powerful single (right field center brought in the only two runs Cal Poly needed to win the game to start the Mustangs on their run to a Pac-10, that's something to sav for now. They're a big part of it." Conlon agreed.

Maiden (2 for 3) was the only regular player in the game with multiple hits.

On Friday, the Mustangs lift to the doubleheader sweep by junior right-hander Robyn Kontra's one-hitter in the first game and sophomore shortstop Melissa Pur's seventh-inning, RBI single to center field in the second.

Kontra (12-6, 2.18 ERA) said the team earning its first tournament berth and Big West championship in the same weekend was out too much to take in at once.

"I think it's overwhelming because we've had this as a goal for so long," she said. "This has been our objective since day one. It's the only way we could guarantee ourselves a bid into regionals."

That Cal Poly did, ending years of frustration after being controversially left out of the tournament in 1997, 2005 and 2006.

Several ex-Mustangs were present to witness the historic firstfrand, among them Chelsie Graves (class of 2006) and Amylo Nataram (2005). "It's not just this year and this team sondseason record. Entering the week, he was also still first in the nation for home runs with 13. Although Cal Poly is ranked first in the Big West in home runs with 13, the team has a 6.70 ERA in its past 10 games.

"Yeah, it's not good," Lee said. "Two out of three of the aspects of the game we're doing quite well; we've got offense and defense, but pitching isn't where it needs to be to beat the better teams."

Cal Poly also faced a few injuries to deal with in the following weeks.

"There's the possibility that we might be shutting down some arms for the rest of the season," Lee said, calling someone looks like they're a pretty good pitching staff (Pitcher of the Year), Most Outstanding Player of the Year), senior Jake Gedhe-Jones (Defensive Player of the Year), freshman first baseman Travis Cary (Newcomer of the Year), Puts (Most Improved Players of the Year) and Iwata ( Mustang Pride Award).
The Cal Poly men's team, led by winces Matt Johnsrud and Evan Anderson, finished fourth and fifth in the race, both running NCAA West Regional qualifying times of 3:46.59 and 3:46.76, respectively. In winning the race, Reid just edged UC Irvine's Ricky Barnes, who finished with a time of 3:42.57.

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After two years of knocking on the door, the Cal Poly softball team barged into the NCAA Tournament over the weekend.

By winning 3-0 and 3-2 in a home doubleheader against Pacific on Friday, the Mustangs clinched their first tournament berth since moving to the Division I level in 1995. Cal Poly then finished a three-game series sweep of the Tigers on Saturday with a 2-0 Senior Day win to wrap up the first outright Big West Conference title in program history.

"It's just so exciting because I feel like we've been working for it for three years," Cal Poly senior pitcher Emily Hively said. "It's nice to finally get that payoff and not leave anything to chance. We know we're going."

Senior Day at Bob Janssen Field had all the makings of a storybook ending for the Mustangs, who presented their five seniors accompanied by family with flower bouquets before the first pitch.

Cal Poly (39-15, 14-4), after all, set program records for wins in a season and Big West winning percentage this season. Third-year head coach Jenny Condon — now 101-54 at the helm of the Mustangs — has already surpassed the century mark for wins since coming to Cal Poly.

But despite all that, the Mustangs hardly feel a sense of finality.

"I'm so proud of these guys," Condon said of reaching the tournament. "This (the Big West) is all said and done. But we're not going to be happy to just be there. That's not good enough."

There's too much passion and hard work in these guys. They want to go to Oklahoma State. Now we re-adjust our goal. One weekend at a time."

Cal Poly found out Sunday it will open the tournament at BYU against the host Cougars at either 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. Thursday. The other two teams in the double-elimination regional, which runs Thursday through Saturday, are seventh overall seed Arizona State (49-15) and Southern Utah (29-29).

A combined five games will be played between the four teams Thursday and Friday to determine who has the right to battle Saturday for an appearance in the round of 16. The Mustangs, who watched the 64-team bracket be unveiled live on ESPNews at Downtown Brew on Sunday, plan to fly to Provo, Utah, on Tuesday.

Hively made Senior Day her own Saturday with the kind of performance Cal Poly hopes will continue into the postseason.

In her third shutout and sixth complete game of the season, Hively gave up only three hits, walked one and struck out four. The right-hander from Fullerton needed only 94 pitches to plow through a game that lasted only 1 hour, 36 minutes.

"I really tried not to get too caught up in Senior Day only because it's not our last game," said Hively, who is 9-2 with a 1.55 ERA. "It's not my last time playing and I needed to just focus on my game."

Condon added: "That's the best Emily's thrown all year. She came out on a mission and was really focused. We talked about it because a lot of times going into Senior Day, there's a lot of dis-

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