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Spanso Theatre filled up with a variety of Poly students and community members, as well as the women's basketball team and members of the track, golf and swimming teams on Thursday afternoon, all to see world-renowned basketball star, businesswoman and motivational speaker Jennifer Azzi.

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World-renowned basketball star, businesswoman and motivational speaker Jennifer Azzi spoke Thursday about "the competitive edge" in Spanso Theatre as part of the College of Business Professional Development Speaker Series.

To begin her speech, Azzi asked the crowd: "The leadership edge; what does that mean to you?"

She then asked people to raise their hand if they thought they were leaders. When she heard crickets instead of swift movements from the crowd, she retorted, "Everybody raise your hand really high, because you're all leaders."

Azzi said that if anyone has anything positive to bring to any situation, then they are leading.

The next question posed to the crowd was "What did you want to be when you grow up?"


She then went on to explain that when she was five, she was set on being a forest ranger. But during cancer day in elementary school, while all her classmates and parents were watching, she said she wanted to be a nurse.

After the presentation, her mother asked her when she changed her mind. She said to her mother, "You and I both know that girls can't be forest rangers."

Her mother stopped her and said, "I don't want to ever hear you say anything like that again. You can do and become anything that is in your heart."

To this day, Azzi said that statement was the greatest gift in her life: knowing the power of what's inside, and the fact that she could be what she wanted to be and not what others wanted.

Azzi moved on from forestry and decided she wanted "to be a really good basketball player." Yet she realized this was a strange concept as a girl growing up in the '70s.

Along with playing basketball, she aspired to be an Olympian. In Azzi's case, her dreams were not unattainable and she came to a realization about success.

"There are parallels between leaders in sports and championship teams and champions in business," she said.

Azzi urged people in the audience to "write down all the skills you have as an athlete and save them because one day when you enter the business world, all of those strengths are going to come in very handy."

Azzi said that in her life experience, she has realized that there are five elements to success.

The first element is the power of a vision.

When Azzi first played basketball at Stanford as a freshman, there were almost no fans at her games; this was a big change from the 10,000 people who would watch her play in high school in Tennessee. She did not sulk or complain about the absence of support. Her team became its own marketing staff at Stanford.

One day, her head coach said to her, "I want you to look around and I want you to see this place sold out, see Azzi, page 2

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Full of fans. And I want you to picture us winning a national championship by your senior year. Can you do that?" "Sure, why not?" Azzi replied.

Within three years, her team was selling out every home game, outdrawing the men's team and she did win a national championship. "I think that happened to win, would have worked as hard?" she asked the audience.

The fourth Azzi-ism is creating partnerships.

She spoke of the friendships she created with her fellow teammates and how they all helped each other out during emotional times in practice.

The fifth element: a leader will enable greatness in everyone.

Through sports, Azzi learned that it didn't matter where you play on the court. "Own your role and be proud of it. You're just as important as everyone else," she said.

Before Azzi ever played for the Olympic team, she was asked to being starter. On the 96 squad she was a role player.

"All I needed to hear is that I was valued for what I had to bring to the situation," she said.

She applied this philosophy to the business world and said that everybody is going to perform to the best of their ability if they feel like they are appreciated.

She closed her speech with an analogy about the redwood trees of California. She discussed how the trees grow to be hundreds of feet tall, yet their root systems are only about six feet deep. The sports interlock in order to support mutual growth. She said that the redwood root system is how people should build their lives. "Leaders understand the interlocking nature of their teams and of the people that are in their organizations. We all soar higher when we work together." Azzi allowed for a 15-minute question-and-answer period after her speech and the audience members were eager with inquiries.

When asked why the WNBA continues its struggle to create a level fan base, she said, "Unfortunately, men want to see dunking." One student asked Azzi to elaborate on the leadership edge. Azzi said there are many outside pressures on young people to be stars.

"America is the land of 'American Idol,'" she said.

She said that her five steps are to help people lead collaboratively. "When you can really build a group and build a team and be a part of that every single day, that is a wonderful experience," Azzi said.

After the speech, Bobak Khameshi, an environmental engineering grad student, said he enjoyed Azzi's lecture.

"We really need this in life. We need the unification for the whole globe, not only here in the United States," Khameshi said of Azzi's five steps.

Anderson appreciated Azzi's five steps to success. "I think it was very motivational. She talked a lot about leadership and it really applied to me. I want to see what I can do to help best out our team." Azzi said she loved the weather and energy of San Luis Obispso. She added, "I found that people are so incredibly kind here. It seems like a great environment to be in, to go to school here. You just kind of have it all."

She said Cal Poly students "really want to do something good, affect other people's lives and change the world."
**Street**

**PASADENA (AP) —** Three Caltech engineers were in the hospital Wednesday, two of them struck by a car on the eastbound 134 Freeway in Pasadena.

City water department workers were clearing roots in a pres­ suretreated sewage pipe at the north end of Marine Stadium when the spill occurred Wednesday at 10:48 a.m.

**CHINO (AP) —** Felony animal cruelty charges have been filed against a Chino farmer after sick cows and rotting car­ cases were found in a filthy barn.

Albert Buitenhuis was one of two men accused of animal cruelty in 57 cases found sick and dead cows in a dairy barn. The Inland Valley Humane Society says more than a dozen calves were standing atop decaying carcasses.

**LOS ANGELES (AP) —** September home sales throughout California sank to their lowest level in two decades as mortgages became harder to get, according to DataQuick Informa­ tion Systems.

A total of 24,460 new and re­ sale houses and condos were sold statewide last month.

That was down 45.2 percent from September of 2006 and 26.8 percent from August, accord­ ing to DataQuick Informa­ tion Systems.

September home sales in northern California also plunged to their lowest level in 20 years.

**State**

**CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) —** An autistic hiker lost for four days has been found alive and reunited with his family, a spokesman for the search effort said Thursday afternoon.

The spokesman, Chris Sta­ delman, provided no details on Jacob Allen's condition or how the 18-year-old was found. A news conference was planned for Thursday evening.

Allen wandered away from his parents Sunday afternoon in the Monongahela National Forest.

**MOSCOW (AP) —** Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert flew to Russia on Thursday to support new sanctions against Iran over its nuclear activities and urged Hasi­ ni not to sell arms to Iran or Syria.

Olmert's brief, abruptly an­ nounced visit came days after Putin traveled to Iran and met with its president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who has publicly called for Israel's demise.

**PARIS (AP) —** France's glam­ ous First Couple is no more.

President Nicolas Sarkozy and his elegant but estranged wife Cecilia called it quits and abruptly announced their divorce Thursday after months of speculation about their marriage.

The split, a first for France, spelled the end of a seemingly pas­ sionate but deeply political power couple who had challenged the tra­ ditional role of president and first lady.

**LONDON (AP) —** Weight­ conscious lawmakers called on Brit­ ish authorities Thursday to replace Parliament's shooting gallery with a swimming pool, saying it would help them keep in shape.

"Do you agree that there are too many fat members of Parlia­ ment?" lawmaker Richard Bacon asked in a House of Commons debate. "Speaking as one of them, may I say how much I welcome reports about proposals to replace the shooting range with a swim­ ming pool?"

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —** A man who walked into a meet­ ing with his probation officer wearing a Rolex watch ended up sporting handcuffs.

Victor Lopez, 32, was arrested Tuesday on a probation violation for possession of stolen property and was booked into the San Francisco County jail, police said. The probation officer grew suspicious when he noticed Lopez wearing the $2,500 watch and called police, Wheeler said.

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**Bomb attack kills at least 126 in Pakistan**

A suicide bombing in a crowd­ welcoming former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto killed at least 126 people Thursday night, shattering her celebratory processions through Pakistan's biggest city after eight years in exile.

Two explosions went off near a truck carrying Bhutto, but police and officials of her party said she was not injured and was hurried to her house. An Associated Press photo showed a stared-looking Bhutto being helped away.

Bhutto flew home to lead her Pakistan People's Party in January parliamentary elections, drawing cheers from supporters massed in a sea of the party's red, green and black flag. The police chief said 150,000 were in the streets, while other on­ lookers estimated twice that.

The through reflected Bhutto's enduring political clout, but she has made enemies of Islamic militants by taking a pro-U.S. line and nego­tiating a possible political alliance with Pakistan's military ruler, Presi­ dent Gen. Pervez Musharraf.

An estimated 20,000 security of­ ficers had been deployed to protect Bhutto and her cavalcade of motor­ ized rickshaws, colorful buses, cars and motorcycles.

Authorities had urged Bhutto to use a helicopter to reduce the risk of attack amid threats from extremist­ isms sympathetic to the Taliban and al-Qaeda, but she brushed off the concerns.

"I am not scared. I am thinking of my mission," she told report­ ers on the plane from Dubai. "This is a movement for democracy because we are under threat from extremists and militants."

Last month, Bhutto told CNN she realized she was a target. Islamic militants, she said, "don't believe in women governing nations, so they will try to plot against me; but these are risks that must be taken. I'm pre­ parated to take them."

"Evidence available at the scene is suggesting it was a suicide bomb­ ing. But it exploded near police vehicles, destroying the two police vans escorting Benazir Bhutto's truck," police officer Raja Umer Khiladi said.

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A celebration aiming to promote cultural appreciation will take place this Sunday at San Luis Obispo's Mission Plaza.

The Cal Poly Multicultural Center and Student Life and Leadership will host the 10th annual Culturefest from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21.

This year's theme is "A Decade of Discovery." Entrance to the festival is free and the event will showcase a diversity of food, activities and live entertainment.

"The purpose of this event is to spread cultural awareness by showcasing the talents and traditions of Cal Poly's student body as well as outside performers," said general engineering senior Ian Valencia. "We try to bring people together and celebrate cultures."

Valencia, the Culturefest Committee Chair, is a member of Omega Xi Delta, an Asian-interest fraternity that is participating in the event.

"It's important because it is run by a devoted group of students and a hard-working advisor — Remoda Campbell — who believes that diversity is what makes America so great," Valencia said.

"Students put their own time into it because they believe in the event. I decided I wanted to be this year's chair because I think the event is one of Cal Poly's best kept secrets. This is the 10th celebration and I wanted to bring excitement and energy to the event."

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"Culturefest is a way to unite the campus and community and provides clubs and organizations a platform to bring awareness of what they do and represent," said entertainment committee member and comparative ethnic studies senior Gals Garcia.

"It also gives students and people in the community [an opportunity] to explore different cultures and encourages positive relationships with the campus and community."

According to Valencia and Garcia, there will be more than 20 cultural and sub-culture clubs and organizations participating in the event. Some participants include the American Indian Student Association, Hip-Hop Congress, Japanese Cultural Exchange, Pilipino Cultural Exchange, Lambda Sigma Gamma — a multicultural sorority — and the Hellenic American Organization.

Some clubs will provide a wide range of food-cooked ethnic foods and give live dance performances. Community organizations such as World Rhythm and Moton will present belly dancers and African dances. The event will end with a performance by Resonation, a local reggae band that has played at Cal Poly several times.

The celebration is a family-oriented affair and the kids' fair has been extended this year, Garcia said.

"People can expect good performances, cultural foods, family games and Zoo to You," Valencia said. The kids' fair will feature activities such as face-painting, games, a coloring contest and a raffle. "It's not too much different from years past, but I think that's why it's so great. Valencia said. "It's once a year and when you go once you'll want to go again next time. This will be only the second year it is in the fall quarter because the clubs decided it was better than the hectic spring quarter."

Remoda Campbell, Director of Multicultural Programs and Services, said that Culturefest is an opportunity to educate and celebrate the different backgrounds and cultures that individuals come from.

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Levator proves ‘Grey’s Anatomy’ soundtrack-ready

Laura Kasavan

Levator began as Lynn’s solo project when she played her first show in Seattle on March 17, 2003. The name “Levator” comes from a surgical instrument used to lift the depressed fragments of a fractured skull. In 2004, Lynn released her self-produced and self-recorded album “Midnight.”

She played multiple shows and tours in 2005 in a flexible fashion, accompanied by various musicians. She sang and played every instrument including the organ, drums, clarinet and guitar.

Levator gained another member in 2006 when Skrasek joined. Lynn and Skrasek toured to promote "Jackson Hwy. Barnes Drive." The band became a four-piece in 2007 with the additions of Jeremy Mitchell on bass and keyboard, and Nate Henry on tenor sax and keyboard. Fans have compared Levator to (g)olden State and together have created a sound that is uniquely California-rock-funk-and-soul.

The band is also recommended to lovers of Sonic Youth, Elliott Smith and The Cure.

Levator recently completed a month-long West Coast tour through Washington, Oregon, Nevada and California.

‘Sunday Funday’ on the green

Megan Priley

Imagine a place where there are vivid greens, mellow songs floating through the air, tasty treats, thirst-quenching beverages, and the beautiful ocean in sight.

Don’t worry, you don’t have to be dreaming to reach a place like this. This is simply the sight Bob's Enterprises introduced as "Sundays on the Green" at Avila Beach Golf Resort for the very first time on Oct. 7.

Anne Giapapas, "The Fun-Raiser," described the event as a "Sunday Funday" as an ideal place to relax with good friends, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and watch some great bands play.

"You can enjoy all the festivities right there on the green and you can do this while overlooking the water," Giapapap said. "It is a great family event and it’s even better because it is free."

The event surrounds the putting green from 2 to 5 p.m. Sundays. So far the event has featured bands such as Siko and the Damon Castillo Band.

San Luis Obispo-based band Siko consists of Ephraim Sommers, Pikes, Trevor Jones and Wyatt Lund. With influences such as 311, Alice in Chains and the Beastie Boys, Siko’s newest album, "LEGENDAROUND," is available in San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles.

The Damon Castillo Band is also based out of San Luis Obispo. All five members hail from the Golden State and together have created a sound that is uniquely California-rock-funk-and-soul.

Currently, the band is recording their next album with Grammy award-winning music producer Ross Hogarth. Their first EP, "Revolution Door," was a success Captelo described as "a more distilled version of their band sound, autobiographical and a statement among this day of manufactured music."

If you missed your chance to see them at Music on the Green this summer, the Damon Castillo Band will begin a nationwide tour coinciding with the release of their new album in the fall.

Next up are the Sugar Daddy Swing Kings on Oct. 21. Other include the JD Project on Nov. 4 and The Bay Boys on Nov. 11.

The Sugar Daddy Swing Kings started their music career by playing Thursday nights at Mother’s Tavern in 1997. They keep this tradition alive by continuing to play at Mother’s Tavern every fourth Sunday of the month.

They are inspired by such greats as Cab Calloway, Louis Prima and Louis Jordan.

Another local band in the JD Project. With a variety of musical influences from all over the world, the JD Project is comprised of former members from San Luis Obispo’s national touring bands (g)olden State and Rough.

These veteran band members have traveled throughout the United States, opening for performers such as Blues Traveler, Damien and Julian Marley and General Public.

The last performance will be given by San Luis Obispo’s very own Bangin’ 58. They are a rockin’ western swingabilly band and they play Wednesday nights at Mother’s Tavern, with shows at 9 and 11 p.m.

To see these bands perform live and grab your chance to enjoy Sundays on the Green at Avila Beach Golf Resort, call 595-4000 (extension 503) for more information.

"Sunday Funday is a really laid-back experience," Giapapap said. "I would recommend it to anyone. It is the perfect way to end your week."
First things first, I should state my dilemma. I am at the same time an auto enthusiast and a sustainability nerd. There, I said it.

In an era of both rampant excess and narrow­ning views toward the future, it is a rare position to be in. It’s not that I have anything against public transportation (subway systems have always interested me), it’s just that I love the call of the open road. Automobiles have entwined themselves into American culture to the point that we can’t even consider what life without a car is even like. And they have been so entwined that our current infrastructure that any radical change to their basic design would force massive roadway reconstruction projects nationwide. Even with the advent of the ubiquitous Toyota Prius, it is still difficult to find some common ground between these two camps. Yet as diametrically opposed as these groups may seem, I can’t help but side with both.

For those of you readers who’ve had a history of doing off in G.E. philosophy classes (and I will be the first to admit guilt), autonomy — in Kantian philosophic terms — is the capacity of an agent to act in accordance with objective morality rather than under the influence of desires. While that word might not fully encompass this column’s theme, it did make for a catchy title, eh? To be frank, Detroit needs to get its act together. Earlier this year, Toyota overtook GM as the world’s largest automaker. I can’t help but think that this change directly correlates to the long-term progressiveness of the companies. I’m not looking for a complete turnaround or anything, I just want to see visible progress. It feels like the auto industry in America has been perpetually stuck in the same rut. It did make for a catchy title, eh? To be frank, Detroit needs to get its act together. Earlier this year, Toyota overtook GM as the world’s largest automaker. I can’t help but think that this change directly correlates to the long-term progressiveness of the companies. I’m not looking for a complete turnaround or anything, I just want to see visible progress. It feels like the auto industry in America has been perpetually stuck in the same rut.

As a sidenote, if you happen to be perusing your way through the In­ternet and feel so inclined, you should take some time to check out these cool Web sites: www.worldchanging.com and www.autobloggreen.com (I swear I wasn’t paid to plug those sites — I wish that were the case). In other news, I really wish I could be at the Alternative Car Expo happen­ing in Santa Monica this weekend. Oh well. Enjoy your weekend.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Ad promotes safe shooting, not school shootings

I’ve been an employee at Rangemaster now for more than a year. Our greatest concern (yes, I am speaking for every person at our store) is safety. Every student who comes to shoot in our range takes a test to ensure they know basic safety and then are instructed on handling and proper use. In a lot of cases, we will even have someone go in with the students to make sure they are doing everything safely and correctly. If that isn’t enough, we offer personal instruction which goes even further in-depth.

Ms. Harasling, please do some research and tell me how many of the perpetrators of school shootings had any formal training or even an introduction to safety such as we do in our store. If you find a case, I will personally pay for an additional two hours of personalized instruction and shooting for you and a friend.

To say that our ad promotes school shootings is like saying that those “Under Four” ads promote drunk driving.

And you have even gone as far as to mock our ad in a paper it is not even in. Yes, I’ve seen your “New Times” article. We should all be glad to know that Harasling’s opinion is worth much more than ours because she is from Germany and is better than most students at Poly. Oh, right, I forgot, she doesn’t define herself as “Poly,” that definition is too “german­tally” for her.

If you don’t like guns or the NRA, that’s perfectly fine. But if you feel the need to mock the American rights of free speech, freedom of the press and the right to bear arms, please go back to Germany. Or should I remind you that one of the five actions of fascist regime is to remove fire­arms from the hands of the people it wants to oppress?

Bill Willis is a social science senior and a guest columnist for the Mustang Daily.

Sorry, all of you Chevry drivers out there. If nothing else, it’s just bad business to not look toward the future. I know that GM has put more than $1 billion into hydrogen research, but they aren’t meeting the needs of today’s consumers base with any of those funds. Ask anyone in the country if they would like to get more miles out of a gallon of gas and they will respondingly reply, “Yes.” Hummers might have been the quicker sell, but unless the new ones are packing batteries or fuel cells, most Americans aren’t being the last anymore. All the while, waiting lists for Japanese hy­brids are increasing. Building great alternate fuel cars is not important. Evidence: A hybrid-powered Honda Insight DBRS9 won the British GT championship race this year — proof that you can simultaneously go fast and go green, and all of that while still looking good.

Battling the inertia of the status quo in one of the biggest industries in America can be frustratingly difficult. But one way we as consumers can do to battle against this behemoth industry is to speak with our money. If we refuse to buy cars that punished us at the gas pump, then the automakers will invariably have to create a more efficient ma­chine if they hope to survive. That’s what it comes down to — survival.

Do American car companies deserve to survive if they can’t keep up with competitors? Well, I guess that’s a question of objective morality.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

I would just like to thank all of the fans who attended the Cal Poly vs. UCSB football game Saturday. As I understand, Mustang Mustangs arranged for two buses to take students to and from the game. Many people who were unable to get a seat on one of the buses drove up to Davis the day of the game and drove back right after the game. It was awesome to see all of that green and gold in the stands. The best part was when the two student sections went back and forth chanting at each other. Our students definitely had the better chants.

I think I speak for the entire football team when I say that we really appreciate having that many fans in the stands. It definitely makes a big difference. Thank you once again from me and the entire football team.

Go Mustangs!!!

Perry A.C. Kelly
Political science senior and Cal Poly football player

LOL @ Ian Nachreiner Mr. Nachreiner,

When dummies review other dummies, it isn’t called peer-re­viewed science: It’s called partisan journalism.

You realize I’m a physics ma­jor, right? I realize that you’re an ag major and, as such, you won’t see me running around mini­forming people about your cows.

So why you gotta insipere my gravity, dog?

Thanks for playing.

Ryan more totally

PS: To paraphrase your “ar­ticle,” anyone so close-minded (read: retarded) as to not read the “physics major” bit in the byline is a stupidly unworthy of awkwardly shoe-horning an un­funny K-Fed reference into their all-too-serious response to a joke­tirting letter-to-the-editor.

PPS. I CAN USE CAPS LOCK TOO.

Ryan Moriarty
Physics junior

EDITOR’S NOTE: The Mustang Daily editors definitely encourage dis­cussion in the Opinion section and of all at Cal Poly in general. But please try to keep this discussion mature and respectful. Thank you.
Young advances to round of 32 at ITA Regionals

In the doubles main draw, Nick Berger and Andy Gerst gained a 9-8 victory against Troy Aiken and Alex Moreno of Pepperdine in round of 32. They will compete against one of the number five seeds, Haythem Ahlid and Nick Meister of UCLA on Oct. 19 at 9:30.

Foy and partner Young were defeated by Matt Brooksley and Wes Miller of Arizona State University, who also entered in this tournament as one of the number five seeds.

Tournament play continues on Oct. 19 and will finish on Oct. 22.

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target for Jackrabbits, with 494 yards on 31 catches.

Harris is no stranger to the Mustangs. In Cal Poly's 29-28 homecoming loss against the Jackrabbits last year, he caught three touchdowns of 14, 12 and 19 yards in the fourth quarter.

Harris' final touchdown with 1:05 left in the game set up quarter back Andy Kandos' run for the two-point conversion that capped a 23-0 Jackrabbit rally to tie the win away from Cal Poly.

"Harris is a go-go," Ellerson said.

South Dakota State has put points on the board in 19 out of 20 times from inside of the red zone with 10 of those scores being for touchdowns.

The Mustangs, according to Ellerson, are healthier coming off of the UC Davis game than they have been in weeks prior.

"We came out of last week better than we have been," Ellerson said.

The Mustangs continue to have success through the air and have made steady improvements to the ground game as well.

Last week, punter wide receiver Rameses Barden, who was put on watch for the Walter Payton Award, hauled in five receptions for 173 and three touchdowns.

He currently leads the Great West, as well as the entire Football Championship Subdivision in total receiving yards per game and is seventh in the nation in scoring.

Connecting with Barden has been quarterback Jonathan Dally, who is No. 2 in the FCS in passing efficiency with a 209.6 rating.

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Wingbacks Ryan Moe and James Noble returned to the lineup last week and combined for 186 yards on 18 carries and ran for three touchdowns.

Dally nettled 88 yards on the ground and eight other Mustangs combined for 166 yards.

Saturday's game will mark the fourth time the teams have met, with Cal Poly leading 2-1 in the series. The game starts at 5 p.m. PST.

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