Kramer wins ASI presidency

Political science junior captures 47.6 percent of initial votes, 57.2 percent of runoff votes

Patrick Barbieri

After what seemed like an agonizing half-hour delay, Associated Students Inc. representatives announced to an anxious crowd in the University Union Plaza that Angela Kramer had been elected ASI president for the 2008-09 school year.

Since none of the candidates obtained 51 percent of the initial votes, there was a runoff election between the top two candidates, Kramer and Melissa Lema, to determine the outcome.

Kramer came out ahead with 2,906 first- and second-choice votes, which accounted for 57.2 percent of the runoff votes.

"It's amazing; it feels so perfect," said an ecstatic, teary-eyed Kramer while receiving hugs from friends, family and supporters. Lema was close behind with 2,152 runoff votes.

"I'm very proud of how many students voted this year," Lema said. "I congratulate Angela for her victory. I have a lot of hope for Cal Poly and feel we're in good hands with her."

The third candidate, Arvand Sabetian, received 1,274, or 24 percent, of the initial votes, thereby not allowing him a place in the runoff category. This is Sabetian's second-consecutive unsuccessful run for ASI president.

"It felt worse last year," Sabetian said. "Seeing as how I know many of the people who were elected on the Board of Directors, it's unfortunate that I will not be able to work with them."

For students who voted in this year's election, key issues were sustainability, experience and reshaping ASI for the year ahead.

Biomedical engineering freshman Ben Icard voted for Kramer based on the fact that she was "receptive" and a "good liberal." Computer engineering sophomore Estevan Whitfield, on the other hand, said he connected with Lema's student services-oriented campaign.

"The other candidates had big ideas, but didn't really have anything to offer students here and now," Whitfield said.

Some students were shocked at the results.

Economics senior Jenn Kent felt that Sabetian had the election in the bag. For her, issues like attacking the CSU budget crisis and alleviating the economic burden on students were key in her decision.

"I voted for Arvand because I don't want the funding cut-backs to trickle down and cramp my ability to afford my education," Kent said.

Going into the election results, Kramer was optimistic. "We did everything we could with this campaign and stayed true to our ideals," she said. "Everything happens for a reason, so I'm fine with any outcome."

Sabetian shared similar optimism before hearing the results.

"It's hard to really know what's going on outside of your own campaign, but I'd be happy either way," he said.

San Diego State students facing lengthy sentences

Allison Hoffman

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — An honors student pleaded not guilty Thursday to charges that he sold cocaine in an undercover operation that culminated in massive drug busts at San Diego State University.

Kenneth Ciaccio, the suspected leader of a cocaine trafficking ring at the 34,000-student campus, is accused of selling cocaine twice to government agents.

He faces up to six years and four months in prison if he is convicted.

His mother wept behind his arm as he was led out of the courtroom in shackles.

Ciaccio, 19, was among 13 fraternity members arrested in early-morning raids Tuesday at fraternity houses and off-campus housing. University officials said 33 students have been suspended as a result of the busts.

Federal officials said 128 people, including at least 75 SDSU students, were arrested during the five-month investigation.

Some students detained for minor drug offenses or other infractions turned in informants for federal agents.

Ciaccio and six other students pleaded not guilty Thursday before Superior Court Judge David Steemowski to selling an array of drugs including marijuana, Ecstasy, hallucinogenic mushrooms, cocaine and coke.

All but one remained in custody in lieu of bonds ranging from $10,000 to $150,000 for Ciaccio.

Deputy District Attorney Shawn Tafreshi said Ciaccio bragged to undercover agents that he could procure a quarter-pound of the drug for $2,300.

According to court papers, Thomas Watanapun made no effort to conceal the cash he made from dealing, driving directly from one deal to a bank to deposit $400.

"It's a matter where, due to peer pressure and poor judgment, he finds himself in this predicament," said attorney Nathan Aguilar in court.

Another student found with two semiautomatic weapons along with $15,000 worth of marijuana and cocaine could be sentenced up to 11 years.
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESULTS**

**COLLEGE OF AG, FOOD AND ENV. SCIENCE**
- **3,846 VOTES**
  - Kelsey Rugani
  - Megan Brownell
  - Shawn Cooper
  - Nate Sandler
  - Wes Carlson

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**
- **2,381 VOTES**
  - Jessica Patton
  - Kendra Searle
  - Kayvan Chinichian
  - Kelly Griggs
  - Sara Hunt

**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**
- **2,019 VOTES**
  - Laura Gunderson
  - Nima Salke
  - Ashley Singer
  - Jesse Schwartz

**COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**
- **3,773 VOTES**
  - Alyssa Habling
  - Kaitlin Spak
  - Matt Agnitch
  - Kelley Wigton
  - Russell Taylor

**COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE**
- **792 VOTES**
  - Katie Groth
  - Theresa Swen
  - Sean Christy

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS**
- **993 VOTES**
  - Adam Marre
  - Josh Lazarus
  - Sunil Patel

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**Drugs**

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years and eight months, said Deputy District Attorney Damon Mosler.

Lawyers for two students who pleaded not guilty to marijuana charges Wednesday said their clients should not have been lumped in with those involved in trafficking.

"It seems a little heavy handed to go into a college campus with DEA agents to ferret out students who are selling small amounts of marijuana," said attorney Gretchen Van Helms. Her client, 19-year-old Joshua Matsuda, faces up to 3 years and eight months in jail if convicted on charges of possessing marijuana for sale.

His roommate, Jarrod Skippon, faces similar charges after agents allegedly found marijuana and 30 vials of hash oil at their apartment.

Skippon's lawyer, Marc Cirlos, said a female undercover agent asked his client to sell her pot after they met at a party.

"We're talking about a 19-year-old," Cirlos said. "So they're caught in the sting, and they're being asked to put agents in touch with sellers."

The students, both freshmen, have each been released on $10,000 bail.

Other colleges in the San Diego area have also been targeted by authorities investigating drug sales.

The San Diego Sheriff's Department said about a dozen San Diego gang members set up shop in a luxury apartment building next to the Cal State San Marcos campus, about 40 miles north of San Diego. Sheriff's Sgt. Gary Flood said the group sells marijuana, methamphetamine and Ecstasy.

Deputies have made seven arrests since late February, but the sergeant says the gang is still active.

The gang members are believed to be part of a southeast San Diego gang forced out of town by an injunction.

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**MUSTANG DAILY CORRECTIONS**

The Mustang Daily staff takes pride in publishing a daily newspaper for the Cal Poly campus and the neighboring community. We appreciate your readership and are thankful for your careful reading.

Please send your correction suggestions to mustangdaily@gmail.com.

**The guide to the 2008-09 Board of Directors published in Thursday's paper incorrectly referred to College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science candidate Shawn Cooper as a man. Cooper is a woman.**

The Mustang Daily apologizes for this mistake.

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**Work Hard.**

Robyn Kontra, Senior
Valencia, CA

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**Play Hard.**

**SOFTBALL**

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- Saturday May 10

- 4 p.m. *
- 12 p.m. *

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ALTADENA (AP) — Authorities say an elderly woman was found dead in a burning home in Altadena, but most of her injuries were unrelated to the blaze.

Los Angeles County Fire Department spokesman San Padilla says a body was found on the kitchen floor of the home, lying in a substantial pool of blood. He says she had suffered significant physical trauma.

Padilla says the fire was reported around 10 a.m. Thursday. It burned two rooms of the home in the foothills northeast of Los Angeles.

Investigators are looking into the cause of the blaze and trying to determine why the woman died.

GUALALA (AP) — Another abalone diver is dead after suffering a medical emergency while pursuing the mollusk off California's northern coast.

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Newark, N.J. (AP) — A rare international alert seeking a man shown in dozens of raw child porn images quickly led to the arrest of a small-time actor who painted faces at children's parties and performed as "the best Santa Claus anyone has ever seen."

Wayne Nelson Corliss told authorities he had sex with three boys in Thailand six years ago, an experience he described as "euphoria," a prosecutor said Thursday at Corliss' first court appearance.

CHICAGO (AP) — There's a rumor, commonly talked about in the streets, that a medical know-how doctors learn to save lives: It makes them especially good at carrying on under adverse conditions, he said, but they also caused problems that can be fatal to their careers, so they suffer in silence.

International

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, responding to fresh questions about whether he illegally accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars from a U.S. citizen, on Thursday said he will step down if he is indicted.

Olmert made his statement in a nationally televised speech from his official residence late Thursday after a gag order was lifted from the case.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's acting federal police chief was shot dead Thursday outside his home — a brazen at­ack that comes as drug traffickers increasingly lash back at a nation­wide crackdown on organized crime.

Edgar Milan Gomez was shot 10 times as he opened the door to his Mexico City apartment complex, where at least one gun­man was waiting for him before dawn, the Public Safety Depart­ment said. Two bodyguards were also wounded. Millas died hours later in a hospital.

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      The Good: The Fey/ Poehler duo is dynamic, but the supporting actors make the film even stronger.  
      The Bad: Unsurprisingly, a plausible main character in the company of completely unrealistic people. (Kristen Marshack) |
| Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed (PG) | —     | Ben Stein, Jason Collett; directed by Nathan Frankowski                                              | Summary: In this documentary Ben Stein travels the world in search of scientists and scholars being discriminated against for their lack of faith in Darwinism, revealing the misfortunes they encounter.  
      The Good: Addresses an interesting aspect of the evolution vs. creation debate.  
      The Bad: Strong bias and lack of factual evidence does little to further Stein's argument. (Metacritic.com) |
| The Forbidden Kingdom (PG-13)    | 113 min. | Jet Li, Jackie Chan, Michael Angelarano, Collin Chou, Crystal Liu Yi Fei, and Li Bing Bing; directed by Rob Minkoff | Summary: Jason Tripitikas is hurtled back in time to ancient China, where he must free a fabled warrior held captive by an evil warlord. A wise kung fu master teaches him what he needs to get home.  
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      The Bad: May not live up to the expectations of kung fu purists. (Metacritic.com) |
| Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R)    | 111 min. | Jason Segel, Kristen Bell, Mia Kunis, Bill Hader, Russell Brand, Jonah Hill, Paul Rudd, Lizzy Capwell, directed by Nicholas Stoller | Summary: After being dumped by his girlfriend of five and a half years, Peter Bretter (Segel) escapes to Hawaii, but in a sick turn of fate, Sarah (Bell) and her new beau happen to be staying at the same resort.  
      The Good: Clever one-liners and awkward situational humor in this "ultimate romantic disaster" movie.  
      The Bad: If you don’t like full-frontal male nudity, be sure to close those eyes (four times). (Janelle Eastridge) |
| Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) | 102 min. | John Cho, Kal Penn, Rob Corddry, Roger Bart, Neil Patrick Harris, Kal Penn, Rob Corddry, and Roger Bart; directed by Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg | Summary: Jason Tripitikas is hurtled back in time to ancient China, where he must free a fabled warrior held captive by an evil warlord. A wise kung fu master teaches him what he needs to get home.  
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| Iron Man (PG-13)                | 126 min. | Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard, Jeff Bridges, Gwyneth Paltrow, Leslie Bibb, Shauna Tom, Faran Tahir; directed by Jon Favreau | Summary: Robert Downey Jr. plays Tony Stark, a brilliant head of a large weapons company who creates a suit of metal to get out of the desert after being taken hostage. Gwyneth Paltrow plays his sexy assistant.  
      The Good: The acting and special effects are stellar.  
      The Bad: The plot lacks much forward movement. (Christina Cassol) |
| Made of Honor (PG-13)           | 101 min. | Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan, Kevin McKidd, Kathleen Quinlan, Sydney Pollack; directed by Paul Weiland | Summary: Tom and Hannah have been best friends since an awkward college encounter. Ten years later, Tom realizes he's in love with Hannah when she leaves for Scotland — and then re-engaged.  
      The Good: Cute moments and clever jokes with a guaranteed happily ever after.  
      The Bad: Full of cliches and very predictable. Plus, Dempsey plays a surprisingly unmanly man. (Kristen Marshack) |
| Redbelt (R)                     | 99 min. | Chiwetel Ejiofor, Naya Rivera, Tim Allen, Emily Mortimer, Rodrigo Santoro, Rebecca Pidgeon, Randy Couture; directed by David Mamet | Summary: Set in the fight and crime-laden world of LA's west side, Mike Terry is a jujitsu teacher who avoids the prizefighting circuit for years but must now enter the ring to pay off debts and regain his honor.  
      The Good: Ejiofor shines, bringing his calm magnetism and beartic severity to the big screen.  
      The Bad: Uneven at the end amid a simplistic climax, the film leaves many questions unanswered. (Metacritic.com) |
| Shine a Light (Pu-13)           | 122 min. | Keith Richards, Mick Jagger, Bill Clinton, Ron Wood, and Charlie Watts; directed by Martin Scorsese | Summary: This documentary captures the raw energy of a Rolling Stones concert in a way never before seen by the world using a legendary team of cinematographers.  
      The Good: Perhaps the most meticulously crafted documentary of any band to date.  
      The Bad: All about the Rolling Stones. If you don’t like them, you won’t like this film. (Metacritic.com) |
| Speed Racer (PG)                | 129 min. | Emile Hirsch, Christina Ricci, John Goodman, Susan Sarandon, Matthew Fox; directed by Andy and Larry Wachowski | Summary: A natural born wheel, Speed Racer turns down an offer to join Royalton International, which wants to increase its profits. Heparticipates in the racing world's pinnacle event against stiff competition.  
      The Good: At its best, the film is buoyant pop entertainment focused on speed, racing and cool colors.  
      The Bad: A so-so storyline with minimal character development. (Metacritic.com) |
| The Visitor (PG-13)             | 103 min. | Richard Jenkins, Oliver Bokembek, Hami Abbass, Maggie Moore; directed by Thomas McCarthy | Summary: The film follows Walter Vale, a disillusioned Connecticut econ professor, as he is transformed by a chance encounter and newfound connections in New York City.  
      The Good: The film goes more or less where you think it will, but still manages to surprise.  
      The Bad: Afraid to take a political stand, the film seems to avoid hard-hitting questions. (Metacritic.com) |
| What Happens In Vegas (PG-13)   | 99 min. | Cameron Diaz, Ashton Kutcher, Rob Corddry, Treat Williams, Dennis Farina; directed by Tom Vaughan | Summary: After a rowdy weekend in Las Vegas, strangers Jack Fuller (Kutcher) and Jo McAllie (Diaz) find themselves hitched, then must try to survive six months of "wedding bliss" to keep their Vegas earnings.  
      The Good: An exceedingly bright comedy with smart lines and superb comic acting.  
      The Bad: The stars lack the classic sparing but meaningful for-each-other mentality. (Metacritic.com) |
| The Year My Parents Went on Vacation (PG) | 110 min. | Michael Joesias, Daniela Piespszky, Liliana Castro; directed by Cao Hamburger | Summary: In Brazil's 2007 Oscar contribution, a young boy is separated from his parents, who are forced to leave the country because of political turmoil, and moves to a Jewish neighborhood.  
      The Good: Poignant and surprisingly tender at times. Plus, the film’s climax is definitely worthwhile.  
      The Bad: A film about a childhood trauma presented in a timid and sanitized manner. (RottenTomatoes.com) |
| Young@Heart (PG)               | 110 min. | The Young@Heart vocal group; directed by Stephen Walker | Summary: A documentary tracking the progress of the Young@Heart vocal group, comprised of elderly men and women who sing covers of songs by Bob Dylan, The Clash and others, as they prepare for a major gig.  
      The Good: An enjoyable film with a built-in cute factor (70 and 80-somethings singing good music...).  
      The Bad: Some claim it "requires of commercial calculation," lacks the grit of the group it follows. (RottenTomatoes.com) |

FRIDAY SHOWTIMES

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Superhero movies tend to either impress their audiences or let them down completely. Too much technology or far-fetched plot lines are the factors that make comic book creations flop in theaters. Then there are those movies that get all the hype, the recently released "Iron Man" being one of them. It has dazzled audiences nationwide, but does it really deserve it?

Robert Downey Jr. plays child prodigy Tony Stark, who has taken over his father's multimillion-dollar weapons company. When visiting a Middle Eastern country to promote a new powerful weapon, his car blows up. To save him, a doctor must put a magnetic device in his chest to keep the shrapnel from his heart. He creates a metal suit to escape the cave the Middle Eastern extremists are keeping him in.

To be completely honest, Downey Jr. has come out of nowhere and played a riveting role. The character is complicated and simple at the same time. He seems like one of those cocky businessmen who gets whatever he wants, but proves he actually cares about important issues later in the movie. He is smoking hot with a phenomenal body, and he's 43 years old.

Downey Jr.'s co-star is Stark's funny and sassy red-headed assistant Pepper Potts, played by Gwyneth Paltrow. I don't know where Paltrow has been, but thank you "Iron Man" casters for bringing her back. She does an awesome and impressive job in the role.

The plot is what lacked in the end. It started off pretty good with the character development, but once the story got to the cave, it started to get slow. It's not that it dragged, it just didn't move forward. The whole movie seemed to be character development with one really cool battle scene at the end.

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The latter argument is just confusing. Just because there is going to be a sequel does not mean there can't be an ending. The movie needed some closure — the main aspect "Iron Man" was missing.

The cinematography was impressive, and the special effects were super. There are a few scenes that keep viewers on the edge of their seats. All of the technology is super advanced, and every boy in the audience probably wanted to steal it.

In general, the movie was entertaining. There were cool objects being built and relationships forming, but when it started to get near the end, it was a bit lacking. If the characters had some forward movement in their relationship, it would have been satisfactory, but there was almost none. Plus, the last line Stark says kind of ruins the superhero thing.

However, the stellar casting and eye-catching graphics overshadowed the lack of momentum the plot offered, creating a superhero movie that's not necessarily great but is still one of the better ones to come out of Hollywood.
Elizabeth Berg's "The Day I Ate Whatever I Wanted" is a collection of short stories that manage to explore the complexities of weight and self-perception while still remaining light-hearted and fun.

The fantasy starts when the nameless narrator arrives at a Weight Watchers meeting, only to find a blind woman and a thin, elderly woman who could barely walk — both with "no visible blubber" — weighing and critiquing themselves. The main character thought it was too ridiculous to witness and decided to take the day off from her weight-loss regimen, opting instead to eat anything and everything she wanted. She started at Dunkin' Donuts, ordering her coffee with heavy cream.

The spirit of the book would be clearer if the original title was kept: "The Day I Ate Whatever I Fucking Wanted." However, Berg's characters speak their minds and commit their own little acts of defiance nonetheless.

For instance, the main character in the title story commented in detail about the woman behind the counter at Dunkin' Donut being fat. "Anyway, Sigrid's fat looked good, truly. Every now and then you see a person who wears fat well," the character explained. "It is that tight fat and just really looks kind of delicious, and also their attitude is just great, like in your face: I'm fat, so fucking what? Get over your sanctimonious self."

The bravado it takes to confess these little observations makes the stories entertaining. Berg's style is light, comfortable and conversational, and she manages to portray the lives of women from pre-teens worried about breasts and bras to elderly women wistful about teenage loves.

Berg is an award-winning author and has been on The New York Times best-sellers list multiple times. Even more to her credit, she has met Oprah three times. Oprah even chose Berg's novel "Open House" in 2000 as a selection for Oprah's Book Club.

While packed with themes of weight, children, love and growing up, "The Day I Ate Whatever I Wanted" manages to stay lighthearted and fun. Berg explained that she likes the easy-to-read format of short stories that allows a busy reader to feel like they actually finished something without too much effort. But don't be deceived by the casual style because the language is loaded, its underside exposing subtle critiques about everyday life.
Raising environmental awareness: the timing is ripe

As stated in the "Make-Out and Peace Out" article a few weeks ago, "In a college environment, sex is increasingly becoming a nonchalant act that carries little thought of what happens the next morning," and I agree. I also think it extends further to actually dating someone, whether or not "long-coupled" is involved. It seems that the dating world has become a free-for-all in which one or both partners are likely to come down with a case of what I affectionately call "Sudden Asshole Syndrome," a plague of sorts that spread so easily by the current dating generation.

This new dimension surrounding miscommunication seems to be a growing phenomenon and one that I will henceforth refer to as S.A.S. (S.A.S. just didn't seem to cut it). This syndrome, as the name implies, occurs suddenly and without cause, when someone we date just drops off the face of the earth. I mean, come on! At least have the decency to say, "I'm sorry, it's just not working out." I was run over by a tractor and broke all the bones in my body, and don't want you to see me in this state.

Instead, men (and admittedly, some women) just seem to disappear without a trace, like they never existed (although the pictures may prove otherwise). For example, a close friend of mine dated a guy for a little more than a month. Suddenly, no call or text was exchanged, and all traces were gone. Then, one night, my friend called said guy to hang out, as per routine (they had established. Then, one night, my friend "called said guy to hang out, as per routine (they had established. Then, one night, my friend was positively befuddled that he had just canned me)." She knew he had always kept his word (mind you, he had always kept his word, otherwise). That was a couple of weeks ago."

In my mind, this boy tucked his tail between his legs and ran for the border of S.A.D.-ville. I was positively befuddled that he had just canned me. I always knew he was up to no good, and he absolutely was wonderful. Then something happened. I'll tell you what, but I really don't know. He stopped calling as much, which I mistakenly took to mean he was busy. However, I ran into him a couple of times during Poly Royal weekend and he acted really odd, as in a "are you doing here on the campus you attend?" kind of odd, and I didn't hear from him for several days afterward. I called him, merely wondering what was up, and he brushed me off, saying he would call back later (mind you, he had always kept his word before). That was a couple of weeks ago.

To the 'Make out and peace out' philosophy...
Think about the young mothers this Mother’s Day

Mother’s Day is different this year.

For me, the Hallmark holiday used to be about going home to have brunch with my mom, or at least sending her a card.

I used to see motherhood as this distant thing, something that was a way off for my friends and me.

On Sept. 5, 2007, one of my best friends back home gave birth — at 19 years old — to a baby boy and Mother’s Day will never be the same.

Kayla’s pregnancy wasn’t typical. On the first day of her sophomore year in college, she found out she was pregnant. Kayla’s story is by all means bizarre, but college-aged mothers are not very uncommon. We have at least one of it to the media, they should also be doing something about it.

Kayla’s story is all about being a victim. Her birth control fails and babies are born. Whether it be in high school, she was a straight-A honor student, three-sport athlete and a homecoming queen nominee. She’s been with her boyfriend since 10th grade, and worked part-time while majoring in engineering during her freshman year. If anything, becoming a teen mother has made her resume more impressive.

Being a full-time student is difficult within itself. Kayla’s studying is now interfaced with diapers, bottles, tears and testings. How many “Polly dolls” can imagine that?

College life isn’t exactly conducive to being a mom or dad. Aside from day care services offered on campus, having a child and deciding to raise it comes with a lot of sacrifice. Parties and Pampers don’t exactly go hand in hand.

Kayla and her boyfriend have embraced parenthood as fast boys embrace naïve freshmen. When I’ve gone home to visit, I’m in awe of her as she is two years younger than me and handling more that I could ever imagine.

When I complain about being tired from studying or partying I think to myself, “Bridge, you don’t even know what tired is.”

The judgmental looks my friend receives when she runs errands with her son irritate me. I wish people could see how well she’s done and how hard she works. In all honesty, she deserves a round of applause, not a dirty look.

For most students, having a baby in college isn’t ideal, but it isn’t the end of the world.

So this Mother’s Day, when you’re out to brunch with your mom or putting the stamp on her card, acknowledge and appreciate the fact that some of your peers are parents, and someday that you might be too. And to the young woman that gave birth on campus, know that wherever you are, you are not alone.

Happy Mother’s Day.

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Diaz lifts Braves over Padres in ninth inning

ATLANTA — The Braves finally won a one-run game when Matt Diaz hit a bases-loaded single in the ninth inning for the winning run.

Atlanta, which beat San Diego 5-4, was the first team since the Houston Astros to lose its first nine one-run games. The Braves were the only team in the major leagues with a one-run record.

Sanchez had three hits and scored an RBI single up the middle. "He pitched a good ballgame, but we outscored him 5-1," said senior defender and co-captain Jaime Oetman, also co-team captain Jaime Oetman.

"We just like to play our style no matter the opponent because we know that we can beat them," she added. "Our zone defense is really strong because no other team plays it the same way."

"It's a player-run program," Chandler said. "Oetman, who explained that the Mustangs fund themselves and drive themselves to games, agreed about the reasons for the teams success. It's amazing, honestly, that we've won seven years in a row just because that doesn't happen for teams that do everything themselves," she said.

Chandler said many actually come to Cal Poly after hearing how successful the team has been.

"Even though it is only a club, we've been so successful on the West Coast that it's an attraction for players," she said.

Key to Cal Poly's run has been its consistent ability to rise to the occasion, Oetman stressed.

"If we play well, we tend to do that during nationals, we'll be in the finals," she said. "There's just something that clicks for our entire team, and we step up and perform to the best of our ability."

The winner of the Mustangs-Gauchos 2:30 p.m. match-up will take on the winner of the one-run semifinal, played two hours earlier between No. 2 seed Colorado State and No. 3 seed Colorado Saturday's championship will begin at noon.
Left, members of the Cal Poly women's water polo team celebrate a 7-6 win over Oregon on Sunday at the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship in Portland, Ore. Right, Mustangs senior 2-meter Colleen Scheitrum passes against Arizona in Saturday's semifinals.

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The Cal Poly women's water polo team won the National Collegiate Club Championship on Sunday in Portland, Ore., by defeating Oregon in a double-overtime final, 7-6.

With 12 seconds left in the first of the three-minute extra periods, freshman 2-meter Sarah Ur scored to break the tie.

"Everyone was pretty nervous," Ur said. "But we just kind of kept our cool and pulled through in the end."

Oregon opened scoring first before second-seeded Cal Poly responded with four unanswered scores in the last six minutes of the first period, thanks to one goal apiece by senior 2-meter Colleen Scheitrum and sophomore utility player Roxanne Eastwood, and two courtesy of Ur.

The No. 7 seed Ducks, however, scored with a minute and 27 seconds remaining in the period to cut the margin to 4-2. Eastwood tallied another goal in the second, but Oregon countered with three of its own to claim a 6-5 advantage with about seven minutes left. Oregon's dim lead was short-lived, however, with Eastwood scoring yet again to tie the affair with just more than six minutes remaining.

Ur's decisive tiebreaker was sent into the left side of the cage on an exclusion opportunity.

"I was really nervous," Mustangs senior goalkeeper Jenny Austin said. "It was definitely a nail-biter."

The championship hadn't gone into overtime since 2002, when Michigan State edged Cal Poly 7-6.

"It was a very exciting game," said Mustang head coach Bobby Erzen, who was awarded Coach of the Year after the tournament. "A lot of parents and friends came out there to support us."

After the Mustangs arrived in Oregon on May 1, Erzen was able to schedule a last-minute practice at 8 that night.

"That was good to get the nerves out," he said.

The following morning, in what Erzen called "a pretty impressive win," the Mustangs topped No. 12 Chico State 11-6.

Following a 13-1 rout of No. 19 Middlebury College on Saturday, they charged into the semifinals, where they would vanquish No. 5 Arizona 11-5.

"As a whole, we played really well," Eastwood said. "We just came out with so much energy."

Ur was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. She and Scheitrum made the All-Tournament team.

"I think we have the potential to leave even more of a legacy," she said. "But right now I think most of us are still drinking in the win."

Hayley Bramble

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Cal Poly women's water polo team captures national championship

Ur wins MVP, Erzen garners Coach of Year honors at tournament as Mustangs claim fourth Women's National Collegiate Club Championship

Mustangs advance to semifinal round with win over Michigan

Brittney Clyde
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly women's lacrosse club team does not shy away from competition.

The Mustangs, in search of their eighth consecutive Women's Division Intercollegiate Associates National Championship, will take on UC Santa Barbara in the WDIA semifinals today in Denver.

Cal Poly senior midfielder Kailin Chandler, a co-team captain and All-American Second Team member, said the Mustangs don't mind being perceived as the team to beat.

"I know our team is really pumped because this year we have so many good players on our team, I was surprised more of us didn't make the all-tournament team," Ur said.

Cal Poly won its fourth national crown, adding to its titles in 2003 (won against Dartmouth), 2004 and 2005 (each against Dartmouth).

The Cal Poly men also won a national championship this season, making for the first time in four years that both squads have achieved the feat.

"I was really nervous," Mustangs senior goalkeeper Jenny Austin said. "At least we have a rally going.""

The rally started when pinch-hitter Nyjer Morgan bunted down the third-base line and was ruled safe at first by umpire Ron Kulpa for a single.

Replays appeared to show Morgan did not beat the throw.

"I had a great view of it and there was no doubt in my mind that he was out," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "It's a huge call. Instead of getting the first out there, now they have a rally going."

The Pirates rallied 4-2 against Matt Cain (1-3) when Morgan — who was optioned to Triple-A after the game — reached against Matt Cain (1-3).""When we watched the replay, it looked like he was out to us," Cain said.

Freddy Sanchez, 7-for-13 after being moved to the leadoff slot for the first time this week, followed with a ground-rule double and Nate McLouth hit sacrifice fly to score Morgan.

Jason Bay's double tied the score. Jack Taschner relieved and, one out later, NL RBi leader Xavier Nady was intentionally walked. LaRoche, who see Giants, page 11