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Operated for NASA by the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory at the University of Arizona in partnership with the JPL, Lockheed Martin and the Canadian Space Agency, the mission can only serve to strengthen the relationships between NASA, the JPL and Cal Poly undergraduates pursuing internships, Keller said.

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Surveys also found that in their first six weeks on campus, more than 10 percent of new students reported going to work or school drunk or high on drugs.

Furthermore, since arriving on campus, more than 14 percent of students reported driving under the influence at least once.

Other results show more than 64 percent of students experienced at least one hangover since they arrived on campus.

And with regard to grades, self-described "C" students reported drinking 35 percent more than "A" students.

These unusually high statistics are due in part to Cal Poly being one of the few colleges in the country with more male than female students, Bragg said. As of fall 2005, 36 percent of Cal Poly students were male.

Unfortunately, these statistics are just part of a bigger epidemic of college students and alcohol abuse, which are often perceived to go hand in hand.

In 2005, the NIAAA reported about 1,700 college students between ages 18 and 24 each year from alcohol-related injuries, including car accidents. Reports also found that more than 97,000 students in the same age bracket are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or rape.

Perhaps more alarming is the rate of increase in both student drinkers and their consumption habits.

In 1999, the Harvard School of Public Health College Alcohol Study found that 44.1 percent, or nearly half of all students in 116 surveyed colleges, were binge drinkers, and 19.5 percent were frequent binge drinkers.

Subsequent studies found the percentage of binge drinkers remaining about the same, but the number of frequent binge drinkers increased to 25 percent in 1999.

In 2006, researchers at Duke University coined a new term for excessive drinking habits they saw practiced more and more by students. The new term "extreme drinking" is given to a person who downs two to three times the alcohol of a typical "binge" drinker (i.e. 10 or more drinks per sitting for males, eight for females). Their study revealed about 20 percent of freshmen males make practice drinking "extreme drinking." The new term is far less applicable to females, according to their report.

A forecast generated by Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Center, an organization that surveys college drinking practices, predicts 300,000 of today's college students will eventually die of alcohol-related causes.

"What's more, 159,000 of today's freshmen will drop out of school next year for alcohol or other drug-related reasons, according to their study.

These statistics demonstrate the need for early intervention programs or, as Bragg puts it, "risk reduction."

"We're looking for as many ways as possible to get information to students to help them start college without going crazy drinking," he said.

Numerous programs are underway, but when education isn't enough, law enforcement must step in.

"We constantly try to educate students about alcohol-related issues," said Cal Poly University Police Commander Lori Hashim.

"We're out to get anybody who sometimes enforcement is the best education," she said.

According to Hashim, most University Police calls, especially on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, are for alcohol-related incidents, be it vandalism, assaults or loud parties.

"For the most part, the people that aren't consuming alcohol aren't causing problems," he said, echoing the message of University Police that prevention and safety are paramount.

"It's disturbing to see for so many young people making decisions under the influence of alcohol that may affect them the rest of their lives."

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style sword through Macy's flagship
store in Manhattan is facing charges
of criminal possession of a weapon.

Police say 25-year-old Lawrence
Jackson was brandishing the curved
sword while visiting Macy's I lerald
Square store Sund.iy with his girl­
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He told police he was carrying
the weapon because he is a member of a
dickball team whose players of­
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He maintains he was on his way to
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The tone of the language suggesting Tehran continues to stonewall the U.N. nuclear monitor revealed a glimpse of the frustration felt by agency investigators stymied in their attempts to gain full answers to suspicious aspects of Iran's past nuclear activities.

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — The Iraqi military on Monday displayed a group of weeping teenagers who said they had been forced into training for suicide bombings by a Saudi militant in the last urban stronghold of al-Qaida in Iraq. Four of the six boys were lined up for the media at police headquarters in the northern city of Mosul, where they said they had been training for a month to start suicide operations in early June.

**NORTH BATTLEFORD, Saskatchewan (AP)** — A French skydiver delayed plans Monday to free fall 130,000 feet from the stratosphere in a specially designed suit, helmet and parachute in a bid to break four records.

A spokesperson said the delay was due to unfavorable wind conditions and that another attempt was to be made Tuesday.

Fournier, 64, wants to break the world record for the fastest and longest free fall, the highest parachute jump and the highest balloon flight.

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**WORCESTERSHIRE, England (AP)** — "Iron Man," I just saw it and there will be a sequel.

— Jeff Marigli, aerospace engineering freshman

“"Lord of the Rings,' because they did a good job interpreting the books.

— Hannah Harrison, business freshman

“Kill Bill,' I just like Quentin Tarantino a lot.

— Nolan Luchizono, electrical engineering freshman

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Eight accounts of people ‘standing up’ to The Man

In their new book “Standing Up to the Madness,” “Democracy Now” hosts Amy Goodman and her brother, journalist David Goodman, compiled stories of individuals and organizations that represent a hopeful light in what they consider to be the dark state of our country. The tone of the book is not at all surprising: the authors take a strong, decisive stance in regard to matters facing America today.

Before dwelling on the positive, the authors spend a large amount of time outlining the negative. In this way, just like Goodman’s radio show, the book is sure to annoy and anger conservatives in its blunt rebuke of the Bush administration and the current American government in general.

The book begins with a lengthy introduction outlining the authors’ complete disdain for all things connected to the Bush administration and their fears about what they feel is the irrevocable damage it has caused America. What follows are eight profiles of individuals who the authors recognize as “standing up to the madness” by protesting the restrictions placed on them by their local, state and/or federal governments. Many of these profiles have also been heard on “Democracy Now” at one point, so dedicated listeners will recognize some of the stories. Some profiles even feature interviews from the show.

True to form, the Goodmans’ heroes vary in race, sex and ethnicity, allowing for a broad representation of American society. Indeed, part of the book’s intended appeal is the idea that any American is capable of changing the status quo, even if he or she doesn’t fit the typical profile of a muckraker. There is the scientist who counters the government’s findings on global warming (or, from their point of view, the myth thereof), the 16-year-old who acts the part of a soldier afflicted with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in his school play, only to have it banned by his school district, and the ex-Black Panther who started a relief organization for residents of the Ninth Ward after Hurricane Katrina. What all eight of the profiles have in common is an emphasis on locating and fixing the injustice and disparities that exist in the administration of American government.

Interspersed between the contemporary stories are vignettes of famous protests from America’s past (Rosa Parks’ bus protest and Daniel Ellsberg’s publishing of the Pentagon Papers, for example) in an effort to liken the profiled individuals to well-respected American role models and the widely recognized actions they took.

Because of the Goodmans’ strong views, it might seem at first that, in order to respect the individuals profiled in the book, one must reject the...
The phrase "low stinks" brings a bitter, musically inclined Adam Sandler to mind. "The Wedding Singer" is the musical for you. The hit Broadway musical is performing on campus tonight and Wednesday and follows the plot of the popular movie, complete with big hair, '80s pop culture references and catchy tunes.

Since San Luis Obispo is a "second-tier city" as far as entertainment is concerned, the touring cast will be coming to the Performing Arts Center. The play's original Broadway cast, starring musical comedian Stephen Lynch as Robbie Hart, received rave reviews and the touring group promises to bring the same enthusiasm.

"I thought it would be fun; it has the same feel as 'Hairspray,' which was popular last year," said Peter Wilt, Performing Arts Center interim director, who booked the show for Cal Poly. "It's just a fun show with a lot of energy."

Generally, touring shows have a high price because the producers have to approve all ticket prices. This time, Wilt had control of the prices after a flat fee so there will be hundreds of student rush tickets available as well as discount tickets for faculty and staff. They priced lower to aim for students, he said.

So far, not many tickets have been sold, even though they're $20 less than usual Broadway prices, Wilt said. "I don't know if it's a lack of interest in the '80s or 'The Wedding Singer,'" he said, though the weekday timeslots could also factor into the slow sales. "The Wedding Singer" will show in the PAC at 8 p.m. tonight and Wednesday. Faculty and staff can buy advance or at-the-door tickets for 50 percent off the lowest prices. Student rush tickets will be available at the door one hour prior to the show for $8.

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Byzantium conveys the best in Cal Poly creative writing

Patrick Barbieri

Are your textbooks a little too dry? Does reading them make you want to cry?

Why not give Byzantium, the award-winning literary journal that showcases the best poetry and creative fiction Cal Poly students have to offer, a try? (Plus, this year's edition is free.)

"Byzantium allows people to see the different talent that we have on campus and to support our student writers," said Cheryl Cochran, an English junior and co-editor of the publication along with English junior Rebekah Maples.

Written, designed and edited entirely by Cal Poly students, the annual journal enjoys a rich history of collaboration between the English and art and design departments, as well as student writers from other majors.

Created in 1991 as a senior project, Byzantium embodies the winning works of each year's Al Landwehr Creative Writing Contest, named after the prominent Cal Poly English professor who started it in 1970.

As part of the contest, first-, second- and third-place winners are chosen in poetry and fiction writing, and editors also select their favorites. The contest culminates in a banquet dinner where the journal is unveiled and writings are acknowledged and read aloud.

First-place winners receive $100 in prize money, but more importantly, all authors enjoy the recognition that comes from being published in a professional-grade literary journal. This year, 17 writers were chosen for Byzantium, including English senior Johannes Lichtman.

"Publication is very hard to come by for young writers and is usually the first step in forming any type of writing career," said Lichtman, who won first place for his fiction story entitled "Tom Cruise is Crazy." "This contest gives students the confidence they need to pursue that goal."

Before Byzantium, winners of the Creative Writing Contest were printed in the Mustang Daily. In 1990, the newspaper could no longer afford the extra print space, so Byzantium was created as a separate publication.

In the past, Byzantium has celebrated both English and art by packaging award-winning literary content in an often elaborate and decorative design.

This year, however, editors decided to focus more on content and less on producing a beautiful book, in order to reduce production costs. There will be 1,000 copies of Byzantium printed this year, up from last year's 450 copies, allowing the journal to be distributed for free to more readers than in years past.

"We realized a lot of people didn't know what Byzantium was, so we're trying to spread the word and make it more available," Cochran said.

That is not to say that this year's Byzantium will be any less eye-pleasing than previous editions.

"It still looks beautiful; we're just trying to produce it for a fraction of the cost," said Molly Choma, an art and design senior and layout editor for Byzantium. "I'm excited to share something we've worked really hard on with a thousand other people. It's not an opportunity every student at Cal Poly gets."

This year's edition was budgeted at $5,000, which came from various donations and fundraising events, including February's "Loverspeak," a Valentine's Day poetry reading event hosted by faculty and students.

The journal will be unveiled at Versanda Cafe at 7 p.m. on June 7, and anyone is welcome to attend the free dinner. After that, editors hope to have copies available around campus, but those looking for a copy will find one in the English department for free.

"It's a way for students to enjoy creative writings written by people like them instead of a bunch of dead white men," said Helen Knight, an English graduate student who won first place for her poem "The Source of My Fondness for Michael Jackson."

Lichtman agrees.

"From serious to funny, there's a lot of variety and something for everyone," he said. "Plus it's free, so you really can't go wrong."
How to spot a cougar—or a grizzly

A middle-aged woman with a spray tan enters a bar downtown wearing tight jeans and a line of a Hawaiian shirt, and if the top few buttons are open and some graying chest hair is visible, that’s a cougar.

1. Grizzlies have slight beer bellies and are always overly hairy, hence the name. They usually smell like the musky scent of Groom & Clean.
2. You may be unaware, but there is a male equivalent to cougars—grizzlies. They can be just as dangerous as cougars, and tend to prey on college-aged women by providing an endless amount of alcohol or money.

Letters are to be sent to the Editor.

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John McCain is the unifying candidate

Like Ian Nachreiner, I am also a conservative first and a Republican second, and for this reason I am wholeheartedly supporting John McCain for president.

John McCain is a patriot, he has sacrificed more for this country than most people realize. He is not a conservative first and a Republican second, but this is the reason he will be able to accomplish more than any other candidate.

McCain does not pander to special interests of powerful groups, he makes his own decisions and is not always liked by conservatives for it. Frankly, I respect him more for following his heart than any other candidate. He is one of the few "more conservative" (or moral liberal) candidates. There is never a candidate that will completely represent everything I believe in, but by any stretch of the imagination as a conservative I would rather be burned alive than not vote for McCain, which would be a vote for Barack Obama.

There have been many misconceptions about John McCain, and the division is that the party sur­ 

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Let me introduce you to a con­

cept: "Rush the Vote," created by Rush Limbaugh, one of the nation's most popular conservative talk radio hosts. He has mobilized tons of Republican voters to support their party affiliation for the pri­

mary and vote for Hillary Rodham Clinton. This is not because Limbaugh believes Clinton is more conservative but rather that she is easier for Mc­

Cain to beat in a general election.

Ann Coulter, who at one point was critical of

McCain, has now changed her view drastically. In fact, she currently has a link to buy "McCain'08" shirts on her Web site. Strange as it may seem, there was no such link to buy Clinton shirts.

McCain is the only candidate who has a record of reducing wasteful spending, something I value high­

ly as a conservative. Citizens Against Government Waste publics a list every year ranking senators and the amount of wasteful spending they approve.

McCain was one of five senators who had zero dol­

lar spending in wasteful spending. In fact, he demonstrated a fiscal restraint I don't know what does.

After hearing McCain speak at a luncheon last summer I find him to be powerful, moral and inspiring. He communicates with ease and is a true presence in the room. These are qualities that define a true leader, someone I am proud to vote for, who can shape this generation, and build a better future for the United States of America, the best nation in the world.

Jennifer Gilmore
Marketing junior

Some perspective please...

Yup, it've been a while. Haven't had too much to complain about this quarter, and when I have, other people have complained before I got a chance. But now I've got one myself, and anyone else who thinks

one will scoop me on. Just one little change, it's about the liberal column.

I was reading the column "Denial of same-sex marriage is unconscionable" (May 21), and I think Mr. McGowan went too far. Don't get me wrong, I support gay marriage, but I don't think he was fair to the people who made com­

promises such as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and the "Defense of Marriage Act" more than a decade ago.

It reminds me of a speech Bush gave during a town-swan conference in Spanish countries several months ago, when he excoriated FDR for "abandoning" Eastern Europe behind the iron curtain. But he failed to realize that this was just this one example, the gravity of others than the United Nations allies from the same fate.

So too, the liberals of the Clin­

ton administration were facing a rearguard conservative movement, one which could have upheld the laws. This is the worst thing they managed to fumble: the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, which stopped the military from actively persecuting gay males as it had before

then, and the "Defense of Mar­

riage Act," which made it easier for Bush to accept liberal states opening marriage to gays.

So before we criticize these commitments as setting the gay rights movement back, let's remember that times haven't always been this good, and that we too may have to consider our own compromises to advance the cause.

Troy Kuersten
Aerospace engineering/physics

Senior

Man U?

Regarding Kory Harbeck's article "When the NBA just isn't enough"—Manchester United is not known to fans as "Man U". Official club abbreviations are "Man UTD", Man United, and MUFC.

Why am I so nitpicky? "Man U" is a word that should be owned by the club and fans to insult the 23 passengers who died in the plane crash of 1966. I'm sure none of the fans that do use the term realize the gravity of what they say, but, in the interest of avoiding a fattening, Internet-based battle of insults of insulting their favorite club, these fans should learn to strike the term "Man U" from their vocabulary and never again identify the club they know and love.

Jerry Vin
Mechanical engineering junior

Meet Mr. Hate

You may have heard of him. His name is Patrick Barberi. And he hates a (former) woman who is pregnant. This scenario is disturbing in so many ways. Where to even begin?

Let's start with his attack on Thomas Beatie for his decision to make a sex change, but preser the ability to have a child. I ask what is worse; that Beatie decided to do this, or that we live in a country where people who love each other and want to raise a child together have to undergo a sex change for the same legal protection as other couples? What part of going to their happy wedding and then you find them, disciplining them and supporting them in all their efforts requires having a penis or vagina?

Shame is self-absorbed with his own "moral superiority" that he fails to see the implications they will have on how he treats other human beings. How many normal couples have problems? How many people have choose to stop using drugs, but are ashamed of their law-abiding status?

Are we really willing to throw away years of progress towards equality? It is more ethical to raise a child under those circumstances than in a loving, same-sex family? My question to Barberi is why can't he believe in the gravity of the situation.

Dana Harbut is a graphic communication junior and a guest columnist for the Mustang Daily.

Letters to the Editor

The time is now for Republicans to unite

I feel sorry for you because it appears that you have now joined the ranks of the apathetic voter. That is, you have pulled yourself from the voting process. You have chosen not to support a candidate instead of choosing to be procastinist.

So you didn't get your candi­

date elected in the primary? Get over it. The time is now for the Republican party to unite for the election that is coming in November.

You say that you are a conser­
vative first and I am an American first and I support the candidate because I think he is the best for the American people instead of sticking to the same two votes. Where to even begin?

Students mocking the 18 lives lost when the plane crashed will surely offend the gravity of the crime.

Diana Uathins is a graphic communication junior and a guest columnist for the Mustang Daily.
How to play the Daily Dots

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5. Player with the most squares win.

Girls & Sports by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

AMAZING! It appears male Homo sapiens choose their mates based solely on physical attraction.

Daily Dots

Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz
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Across
1. Like a cold fish
6. Final Four games
11. Item in a bucket
14. Lash of old westerns
15. Bring shame to
16. Greeting at the Forum
17. "Mystic cartoon titles"
19. Drink from a snifter, e.g.
20. Garbage hauler
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34. Boots, gloves, mask, etc.
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70. Gave a beating to
71. U.S.A. grad
72. Chills out
73. Start-up costs, of sorts
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Pistons power past Celtics, level East finals at 2-2

Detroit guard Richard Hamilton (32) and the rest of the Pistons defeated the Boston Celtics 94-75 Monday night to even the NBA's Eastern Conference finals at 2-2. Pistons forward Antonio McDyess had game highs of 21 points and 16 rebounds.

11 for 38
The combined shooting from the floor by Boston's Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen during the floor by Boston's Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen during the

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made the four-hour trip from Pittsburgh. Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury stayed on his feet this time upon hopping onto the ice before the opening faceoff, but couldn't get enough of his stick on Stev's drive from inside the blue line at 6:55 to keep the puck from hopping up and into the net. It was the defensemen's first playoff goal.

Holmstrom has made a living on scoring from close quarters, and did so again without infringing on the crease or Fleury's space. Holmstrom passed the puck out from the side to feed Swede Henrik Zetterberg, who squeezed a shot between Fleury's pads. As the puck trickled tantalizingly close to the goal line, Holmstrom moved in at the right post and slammed a shot in at 11:18.

He was called for interference on Fleury in the first period on Saturday, negating a goal by captain Nicklas Lidstrom. That's about the only thing that has gone right for the Penguins.
Cal Poly finished with its worst record since 1999, but held leads during 24 of its 32 losses

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Cal Poly head baseball coach Larry Lee knew his Mustangs had one of the toughest schedules in the country heading into the season. Even after finishing with the program’s fewest wins since 1999, though, and its worst winning percentage as a head coach since 1989, Lee doesn’t regret taking on the challenging slate, the ninth-toughest schedule in the country according to Boyd’s World.com.

The Mustangs, whose season ended Sunday with a 12-7 win at UC Riverside, were 24-32, including 8-16 for a seventh-place tie in the Big West Conference, and finished with a Ratings Percentage Index ranking of 96th.

“It was difficult in that we put together an extremely strong non-conference schedule,” Lee said. “And to play a schedule like that, you need to have all the pieces to the puzzle, and we just didn’t have that all at once. If we had a softer schedule, things may have been different, but that’s not what we want.”

In all but eight of their losses, the Mustangs held leads at one point.

“It’s a mixed type of feeling, because we’ve been behind and hadn’t been able to hold on to those leads,” Cal Poly junior left-hander Jared Eskew said. “To a certain extent, we didn’t play too well, but a lot of those games were against top-notch teams.”

Lee said junior third baseman Brent Morel, junior center fielder Logan Schafer, sophomore designated hitter Luke Yoder and sophomore right-hander Levin Castner will likely be lost through the Major League Baseball draft, held June 5-6.

“A lot of positions will be open,” Lee said. “Hopefully, two or three first-year players will take that next step up.”

Morel finished with team highs of a .368 batting average and 60 RBI. Also hitting better than .300 were Schafer (.369, nine home runs and 49 RBI), junior right fielder Ryan Lee (.357 with 21 RBIs), Yoder (.345 with eight home runs and 33 RBI), sophomore left fielder Adam Melker (.314) and sophomore first baseman Wes Darvell (.304).

Cal Poly’s pitching staff, which figures to undergo less turnover, should return junior right-hander Eric Maimangham (2-5 with a 5.86 ERA), Eskew (5-4, 4.11 ERA) and sophomore right-hander Steven Fischback (5-4, 4.55 ERA), according to lioydsWorld.com.

The Mustangs look to use offseason to advantage.