College based fee vote passes overwhelmingly

"I would really like to see us freeze the CBF fees for five years after this."
—Angela Kramer
ASU President

"The university was faced with a really stark future if we didn't get this recommendation from the students."
—Robert Koob
Cal Poly Provost

Schwarzenegger decrees capital's dysfunction

Melissa Pura is one of the accomplished players in Cal Poly softball history.

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Local medical marijuana dispensary owner faces jail time

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Former Morro Bay medical marijuana dispensary owner Charles Lynch will be sentenced on Mar 23 in the Los Angeles Federal Court House and may face a mandatory minimum of five years in federal prison for violating federal drug laws. The jury found Lynch, 46, guilty on Aug. 5 on five federal counts including possession with the intent to distribute and criminal conspiracy. "(This whole case has) pretty much destroyed my life at this point," said Lynch, who was on the front page of the DEA Web site for a week after his conviction. Lynch, a former medical marijuana patient and Morro Bay Chamber of Commerce member, opened Central Coast Commerce member, opened Central Coast Compassionate Caregivers to patients with doctor's recommendations in downtown Morro Bay in 2006, in compliance with city ordinance.

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Proposition 215, or the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, allows patients with valid doctor's recommendation to cultivate and possess marijuana for medical use. But federal law, which essentially trumps state, says it is illegal to distribute or possess marijuana of any kind. Lynch, disappointed with the lack of state support on this issue, wrote to the governor, senators and representatives only to receive responses such as, "This is a federal matter. There is nothing we can do to help."

"It's kind of like saying, 'Sorry pal, you're on your own,'" Lynch said. "No, as a council, felt that it was a worthwhile cause to have a dispensary for medical patients," Peters said. "Almost all of us had known someone who had used medical marijuana for cancer symptoms or glaucoma. We were somewhat sympathetic to its use."

According to Schultz, the council had met all city requirements and state laws "But it's still federal law saying that marijuana is a controlled substance, therefore, see Marijuana, page 2
Marijuana

According to Hedges, the department and DEA served a search warrant. He said they established that an illegal activity was occurring, presented it to the judge, who reviewed it for probable cause and issued the search warrant to go to the location and collect evidence to confirm illegal activity.

"Raids sound dramatic. This is not unlike any other trial. We issue search warrants all the time. It's not something out of the ordinary," Hedges said. According to the Los Angeles Times, at Lynch's trial, federal prosecutors sought to depict Lynch as a common drug trafficker and a middleman for drug dealers who sold pot to teenagers and carried a backpack stuffed with cash.

"They wouldn't allow any evidence of California state law to be presented," Peters said. "All they were able to ask me was if I thought Charles Lynch was a law-abiding citizen. All I could say was, 'Yes. It is frustrating.'"

"(Lynch's defense attorneys are) telling the media and everyone that Lynch was a poor simple businessman providing care for people who needed marijuana for medical needs," Hedges said. "These people are riding on skateboards, bikes, parking around the corner and running into the dispensary and running back out. It's just a bunch of bologna."

San Luis Obispo County has a population of 260,000 people. According to Hedges, over 2,000 people were going to Lynch's dispensary and over 2,700 of those people were under 21.

"Lynch is trying to convince us that over 2,000 people in this county had serious medical illnesses. That to me is a stretch of imagination. Personally, I don't believe that," Hedges said.

It has definitely been the greatest challenge of my life to put up with this. The biggest war machine in the world is coming down on just one person. It's a tough fight to put up," Lynch said.

Many people, both near and far, have come together to support Lynch. There were several rallies in Los Angeles and thousands of letters from across the nation, as well as from troops in Afghanistan.

"The only people that seemed to not fight to put up," Lynch said. "They thought Charles Lynch was a law-abiding citizen. All I could say was, 'Yes. It is frustrating.'"

State

and anti-tax groups.

Schwarzenegger was speaking to The Commonwealth Club, the influential league of free-marketers. Voters of California issued a state statement urging them to reject Prop 1A and three others on the special election ballot.

League president Jane Housman said in a statement that the group would support real reform to make the budget process more accountable.

"However, these hurriedly drafted propositions, produced at the end of a flawed process that kept both the public and most legislators in the dark, will only make our fiscal situation worse," she said.

The League said it will remain neutral on Proposition IB, a measure to secure future education funding, and Proposition IE, which would prevent lawmakers from getting pay raises during a deficit year.

This weekend, two Los Angeles radio talk shows hosted people who have been calling against the tax increase dime (4,000 people) to protest against the ballot propositions. People tuned in. Democrats, and Republicans, even went to the polls, en masse to go to the polls, and the margins were huge.

Schwarzenegger said some on the far right are telling voters they should vote no to raise taxes, but he maintained they are being misled.

"No matter how you vote on the reform package, yes or no, taxes will be increased temporarily," he said. "It's just a matter of whether it's two years or five years."

The budget package raises the state sales tax by 1 cent on the dollar, increases the personal income tax rate and boosts the vehicle license fee, in addition to making about $15 billion in spending cuts. The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association has estimated the new taxes will cost a family of four an extra $1,300 a year.

Most of the public employee unions that spent millions to defeat Schwarzenegger's ballot initiatives in a 2005 special election have not yet taken a position on the budget measures. Proposition IB, which protects future education funding, is widely believed to have been written to mute potential opposition from the powerful California Teachers Association.

Schwarzenegger dismisses most critics of the budget propositions as special interests out to protect their own political clout. He said they already have launched a campaign to confuse voters.

"Our state capital is a town that feeds on dysfunction," he said. "The special interests, left and right, need the process to be dysfunctional. This is how they control Sacramento. This is how they prevent change."

The governor was interrupted briefly near the start of his speech by a male heckler and his female companion, who began singing as she was pulled from the room at the Mark Hopkins Hotel in San Francisco.

In a question-and-answer session following his address, Schwarzenegger weighed in on a series of political issues, saying he supports extending term limits for lawmakers, would like to see taxes reduced to the state's initiative proportion and will campaign for an open primary on the ballot in 2010. That initiative was a concession given to state Sen. Abel Maldonado, R-Santa Maria, in exchange for his support on the budget compromise.

Schwarzenegger said he does not think California's requirement for a two-thirds vote to pass budgets and tax increases should be changed. It's one of the few states to have such a high threshold, which has been blamed for the drawn-out budget deadlocks that occur nearly every year.

He said he is encouraged by talk of a constitutional convention to overhaul California government, an idea that has gained steam since it was floated by a San Francisco Bay-area business group last year.

Schwarzenegger also praised President Barack Obama's efforts to stimulate the economy, calling the federal stimulus package a "wiped veil at conservatives as liberal host Rush Limbaugh, who sparked a controversy when he said he hopes Obama's plan fails.

"I think that we have to make the Obama administration the most successful administration ever, because then America is going to be successful," Schwarzenegger said to applause.
Bill could lower birth control costs at colleges

Justin Pope  ASSOCIATED PRESS

The estimated 39 percent of American college women who use birth control pills could enjoy relief from big price increases over the last two years thanks to a provision in the budget bill signed by President Barack Obama.

Students had seen prices for oral contraception at college health clinics shoot up two- to threefold — the apparently unintended consequence of a deficit-reduction provision that went into effect in January 2007.

If you're not sleeping or if you find yourself picking at your skin even before a pimple appears, she says, you might be helping to trigger a break out. Instead, use an anti-acne product and manage the stress.

"Try a yoga class," Rodan suggests. "If you're so stressed that it's affecting your skin, then it's affecting the rest of your body," adds Karcher, who consults for Avon. "It would be a disservice if you're just treating your acne, although you do want to treat it. Not doing it would cause even more stress."

Karcher recommends over-the-counter products with salicylic acid or glycolic acid, which can help unclog pores. If pimples are already visible — and especially if you have an upcoming event for which you feel appearance matters, such as a job interview — consider a cortisone injection at a dermatologist's office, Fields says, or try over-the-counter cortisone creams.

Some products also contain sulfur, which is an old-time remedy for redness and swelling.

If there's still no improvement then it's time for benzoyl peroxide, Rodan says.

The single worst thing you could do, according to Rodan, is pop your pimples. "Infections also increase when cortisol levels are high and wound healing slows down."

Samantha Critchell

Here's another bump in the landscape of economic meltdown: adult acne.

Stress is a leading cause of breakouts, and there's no shortage of that these days in the office of Oakland, Calif.-based Dr. Katie Rodan. Many of her clients are either in the financial field or have husbands who are.

Meanwhile, Manhattan dermatologist Dr. Cheryl Karcher is performing far fewer liposuctions or botox injections but is seeing more patients than ever. "They're all insurance patients for eczema, acne and warts — they're all another hit from the immune system," she says.

Karcher explains that the nervous system and hormone systems work together. "They are tightly intertwined of one another and we're having so many spikes of economic meltdown: adult acne by stress. ... I am seeing more acne almost every day.

"A traffic jam or a spat with a significant other can set off a rise in cortisol that causes a breakout, but there isn't usually a collective mass of people experiencing high-anxiety event like there is right now with the recession."

With a 16-year-old daughter to care for — and college to pay for — as well as elderly parents, Zondra Barick says the economy weighs on her almost every day.

"My skin is a barometer of my emotional state," says Barrick, a patient of Rodan. "I am trying to take care of myself, behind the scenes I'm taking care of my skin... I have to cut back, but I don't want to look the raggedy way I'm feeling."

Dr. Kathy Fields points to a widely publicized survey from 2002 that found students had more severe acne during exam periods than other times of the year.

"When your cortisol levels go up — and we're having so many spikes during the day — that garners acne. Your cortisol levels go up more in one day than a cavern had in one year," says Fields, a co-founder with Dr. Rodan of the anti-acne formula Proactiv.

Makeup — oil-free and noncomedogenic concealers — can be a quick fix without exacerbating the problem. Rodan says mineral makeup is OK and some concealing products contain salicylic acid, which would actually be helpful. She says it's mean that if some makeup is creeping into the pores, some medicine is going with it.

Still, it's easier to minimize acne if you get to it before it's fully developed, she says. Photo: SXC.hu

Acne: Another bump from the recession

President Barack Obama could make birth control affordable for college women.

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Iraqi who threw shoes at Bush jailed for 3 years

Oday al-Zeidi, center, reacts after his brother Muntadhar al-Zeidi was convicted of assaulting a foreign leader and sentenced to three years in prison in Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday.

Hamza Hendawi
Associated Press

A court convicted an Iraqi journalist Thursday for hurling his shoes at George W. Bush and sentenced him to three years in prison in Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday. Muntadhar al-Zeidi, 30, defiantly shouted, "Long Live Iraq!" when the 70-year-old Manhattan businessman was dead after eating wild mushrooms he picked and sautéed with a steak. His family says he sautéed the mushrooms and ate them with a steak. About six hours later, he became seriously ill and was hospitalized.

STATE

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — An 82-year-old Santa Barbara man is dead after eating wild mushrooms he picked and sautéed with a steak. The man, whose name is being withheld, died March 5 at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. The man had picked poisonous amanita ocreata mushrooms, which are common in the Santa Barbara area, at the Douglas Family Preserve above Arroyo Burro Beach. His family says he sautéed the mushrooms and ate them with a steak. About six hours later, he became seriously ill and was hospitalized.

NATIONAL

NEW YORK (AP) — Prosecutors are looking into why the new White House urban affairs director hasn't paid an architect for house designs made two years ago — the same time he recommended the architect for a lucrative city contract.

Adolfo Carrion, the former Bronx borough president, has said he would pay when he received the bill. But industry experts say the delay of payment is unusual.

NEW YORK (AP) — Bernard Madoff's new Manhattan home is the size of a walk-in closet, with cinderblock walls, linoleum floors and a bunk bed. Breakfast will be served before sunrise, and the disgraced financier can stretch his legs outside, but only every other day — in a cage.

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The federal jail in Lower Manhattan stands between a courthouse and a church and holds inmates awaiting trial or serving short sentences. Currently, about 750 men and women are behind bars there.

INTERNATIONAL

WINNENDEN, Germany (AP) — The psychological profile of a teenager who went on a shooting spree at his former school and killed 15 people began to take shape Thursday, as investigators described a withdrawn young man from an intact family who broke off psychiatric treatment for depression.

But investigators faced a setback as they struggled to authen-
ticate a chat room posting that purportedly warned of a bloody rampage hours before 17-year-old Tim Kretschmer wreaked havoc on this quiet town near Stuttgart, southwest Germany.
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The drug cartels ruined your plans to go to Mexico, but don’t want to spend a ton of money, consider the many state parks and national forests that dot our region.

Quick hikes: The Central Coast is home to some of the most gorgeous weather on the planet during the spring. Grizzlies paint the hillslides and in some areas, wildflowers compete for a view of the brisk cobalt skies. Bishop’s Peak and Cerro San Luis (a.k.a. Madonna Mountain) make for great quick hikes.

A fit person can summit each peak in about an hour, providing outstanding opportunities for photography and spotting wildlife.

Another peak, a bit more challenging, is Valena Peak in Monte de Oro State Park. The Valena hike may take up to two hours but its views of the Pacific, Morro Bay and the Los Osos Valley are well worth the trek.

Always bring water when you hike and if possible, travel in a group in case there are any unforeseen injuries.

Plan a day trip to a destination less than two hours away. For those who have a full day to get out, quick hikes are a perfect way to go. If you’re looking for something different from the coastal experience, head east on Highway 88 and check out the Carrizo Plain National Monument. The California Valleys, home to the Carrizo Plain, is considered by some to be the Serengeti of California. During the spring, big game animals such as Tule elk and pronghorn antelope flood the plains for its adequate water supply and lush vegetation.

Play golf: Many golf courses in the area offer student discounts with valid student identification. There are several 9-hole courses in or around San Luis Obispo.

Laguna Lake Municipal Golf Course is a great course for starters or non-regular players. The facility offers club rentals for an additional price and a round will cost you less than $10 if you’re walking. Laguna Lake is a great place to play your own round — it’s sweeping back of the Irish hills and on the opposite side, great views of the Morro.

If you’re looking to get a little more driver into your 9-hole game, check out Sea Pines Golf Resort in Los Osos. The course, which features four par-4 holes, is nestled at the southern end of Morro Bay and offers visually aesthetic scenery of sand dunes, Morro Rock and Morro Bay.

For the more avid golfer, check out Daisy Creek, Chalk Mountain or Morro Bay golf courses.

All three are public courses run by San Luis Obispo County Parks and can be played for less than $30 if you can play during off-peak hours or twilight hours. Daisy Creek even offers a student rate of $10 for 18 holes Sunday through Thursday after 11 a.m.

Host a barbecue potluck: Hosting a barbecue potluck is a great way to share the spring sunshine with other non-traveling spring breakers. Using an e-vite service is a great way to ensure that no one doubles up on what they bring. The best part is the chance for leftovers you’ll have in your refrigerator.

Lastly, catch up with personal pleasures — The week off is a good time to catch up on all those personal pleasures that students miss out on during the quarters. Cory up to that novel you’ve been putting off and go on creating your photo albums. Dig into the right brain and create some art or photography. Catch a free show at a local coffee shop or visit local art galleries.

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**Stuck in SLO?**

Spring break can still be fun

Josh Ayers
MONDAY DAILY

**Phantheonist Leonore Annenberg dies at 91**

Kathy Matheson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Leonore Annenberg, who is the widow of billionaire publisher Walter Annenberg, continued his tradition of philanthropy and patronage of the arts. She was 91.

Annenberg died of natural causes at Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Annenberg was chairman and president of the Annenberg Foundation, which is based in the Philadelphia suburb of Radnor and has a mission "to advance the public well-being through improved communication." She had led the institution since her husband’s death in October 2002.

Annenberg was a trustee of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and a member of the acquisitions committee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. She also served on the Trustee’s Council of The National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

Longtime friend Vartan Gregorian, president of Carnegie Corp. of New York, described Annenberg as “a very classy person with a deep sense of civic commitment and an unparalleled social conscience.”

“It is unlikely we will ever know the full extent of the Annenberg’s philanthropy because they did not seek publicity for their gifts and gave away many anonymously,” Gregorian wrote in a statement Thursday. The Annenberg Foundation, which also has offices in Los Angeles, has given more than 8,000 grants to nonprofit groups totaling nearly $4.2 billion since its creation in 1989, Jimerson said.

Walter Annenberg was ambassador to Britain under President Richard Nixon. Leonore Annenberg, known to friends as Lee, brought in her own decorator to oversee a million-dollar refurbishment of the U.S. ambassador’s residence in London.

A decade later, she was named U.S. chief of protocol, a position that carries the rank of ambassador, during President Ronald Reagan’s first term.

In the job she often visits foreign leaders from foreign leaders and helped arrange Reagan’s state visits abroad. She told The New York Times it was “the first paying job I ever had.”

Former first lady Nancy Reagan said she and her husband enjoyed invitations to New Year’s Eve celebrations at Sunnylands.

“Lee and Walter Annenberg were unparalleled in their philanthropy giving that spanned everything from politics to the arts,” Reagan said.
Poly seniors aim to provide safe water

Omar Sanchez
Mustang Daily

How many college seniors can say they helped save lives as part of their senior project? That's what six seniors from the Orfalea College of Business are attempting later this month during World Water Week and the Tap Project.

"It's a senior project but we hope to do more than that," said Lindsay Brunisma who is heading the Cal Poly United Nations Children's Fund committee.

The committee will host the event which will take place March 22 to 28 nationally, but will be extended locally to the 30th because Cal Poly spring break falls on World Water Week and the group wants to give students more time to participate.

As a major part of their senior project, the group will launch the first Tap Project in San Luis Obispo using the skills they acquired from their business education.

"We are from different concentrations. I'm marketing, we have some finance and international business. Because it's so multifaceted it reaches a little bit of all of our areas," said Kochelle Norwood, one of the six in the committee.

For the past month, the six have been soliciting restaurants to join in the Tap Project. During World Water Week, restaurants will ask their customers to donate $1 or more for the tap water they usually receive for free.

Nearly all of the project's proceeds will go towards the United Nations Children's Fund's campaign to bring clean and accessible water to millions of children around the world.

"That's the great thing about UNICEF; because it's so well connected it's able to do so much without having high administrative costs," Brunisma said.

UNICEF was created in 1946 to provide emergency food and healthcare to children in countries that had been devastated by World War II. It is one of the largest humanitarian and developmental assistance organizations that provide relief to families in developing countries.

According to UNICEF, waterborne illnesses are the second deadliest of children under five, with 4,200 dying every day of it. For that reason Brunisma and her group are trying to raise funds through events like the Tap Project to provide clean water to 900 million people around the world who don't normally have access to it.

UNICEF will distribute packets that contain water purification tablets and rehydration salts as part of the solution to treat the diarrhea which is largely responsible for deaths in children who drink unsafe water.

In addition to providing them with safe water to drink, UNICEF will aim to educate the people of the three nations receiving aid (Haiti, Togo, Central African Republic) about the dangers of waterborne diseases as well as promote safe hygiene practices.

Another issue UNICEF plans to tackle is the inconvenient distance people travel to get access to water in these developing nations by building water pumps.

Since it was introduced in New York two years ago, the movement has grown from 300 New York City restaurants in 2007 to a nationwide effort in which over 3,000 restaurants across the country participated last year.

"San Luis Obispo is great at community things but this is a global issue that San Luis Obispo citizens can really grab onto," Brunisma said.

So far three restaurants have registered in San Luis Obispo: Pizza Fusion, Upper Ost, Trattoria and Natural Cafe. A final list of participating restaurants will be listed on the events website tapproject.org.

Eventually the group wants to establish a club at Cal Poly so that the movement continues year round because "Nothing is more important than children. They are our future. So if we can make even the slightest change for children anywhere in the world, I'm extremely excited about it," Brunisma said.
Cal Poly Arts to welcome back award-winning composer

Samantha MacConnell

Although many students will travel for spring break, those who are here on March 22 have a chance to enjoy "An Evening With Marvin Hamlisch," in which the composer will perform with special guest vocalist Anne Lurloff.

Hamlisch, who scored numerous motion pictures and Broadway shows, has won three Oscars, four Grammy Awards, three Golden Globes, one Tony Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

"I think students will be familiar with some of his songs and I think they would enjoy the concert just because he is very affable; he's friendly, he talks to the audience and tells a lot of stories," said Peter Wilt, program manager for Cal Poly Arts. "It's just a very pleasant evening of great new songs."

The performance will feature Hamlisch on the grand piano and singing and Broadway singer Lurloff, whose most notable role was in the Broadway play "Les Miserables." Songs from Hamlisch's most successful and Pulitzer Prize winning Broadway show "A Chorus Line," award-winning scores from "The Way We Were" and a tribute to Scott Joplin for "The Sting" will also be featured.

"He puts out a good show," Wilt said. "He's very talented. You'll hear a lot of great stories about Broadway. He's a down-to-earth, great guy.

As the principal pops conductor for six major symphony orchestras including the San Diego Symphony, National Symphony, Colorado Symphony Orchestra, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Seattle Symphony and Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Hamlisch is able to tour and travel across the country.

Cal Poly Arts had the opportunity to book the composer for the second time as he is scheduled to perform in San Diego.

"He's a Broadway pop icon," Wilt said. "When he was here before, he was very popular."

Hamlisch was inducted into the American Hall of Fame last year and most recently scored an upcoming film directed by Steven Soderbergh starring Matt Damon called "The Informant" scheduled for release in September. "Every Little Step," a documentary that chronicles Hamlisch's involvement in "A Chorus Line," was released this month by Sony Pictures.

"Anybody who is still here, I would definitely recommend they see it," Wilt said.

The show, held in the PAC, will start at 7 p.m. Student tickets range from $33 to $43, but a student ticket rush will be available one hour prior to the show for $10.

home at their Sunnynlands estate in Rancho Mirage but also used the property to host officials, dignitaries and programs.

With Leonore Annenberg's death, it will be available for high-level retreats and open to public tours. Jamieson said Thursday Sunnynlands hosts a wide-ranging art collection by artists including Rodin and Picasso.

Walter Annenberg's father started the family publishing empire, eventually acquiring The Philadelphia Inquirer. His son greatly expanded the businesses, adding the Philadelphia Daily News and branching out into magazines, including Seventeen and the hugely successful TV Guide. He also added radio and TV stations and amassed a multimillion-dollar art collection.

He sold off his properties in the 1970s and '80s, bringing huge sums, including a multimillion-dollar deal with Rupert Murdoch.

Walter Annenberg had a son and daughter with his first wife, Veronica, whom he divorced in 1950. His second wife, the former Leonore Cohn Rosenstiel, whom he married in 1951, had two daughters from two previous marriages.

Leonore Annenberg was born in New York City on Feb. 20, 1918, and later graduated from Stanford University. Survivors include a sister, two daughters, one stepdaughter, seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Plans for a memorial event will be announced in the coming months.
Between traveling by bike, bus and foot, Cal Poly students rarely need to claim a car’s front seat. But for those returning home for spring break,1 the eternal struggle with siblings to navigate the radio and have access to an airbag will continue just as it did before leaving for school. For this reason, I will now discuss the following rules will prevent upcoming shotgun claims.

1. The claimer must be outside (or in the garage), in front of the vehicle, and finished with all activities that preceded the ride for the claim to be valid (no “shotgun infinite”).

2. There are exceptions when:
   a. The automobile is disproportionately small compared to one of the passengers.
   b. The automobile owner is a passenger.
   c. The automobile is disproportionately small compared to the size of the passengers.
   d. The operator of the vehicle is under a fare from the building voids the claim. There are exceptions when:

3. The claimer must be outside (or in the garage), in sight of the vehicle, and finished with all activities that preceded the ride for the claim to be valid (no “shotgun infinite”).

4. Returning to the building voids the claim, leaving the front seat again up for grabs (helpful when related to people who frequently make everyone wait while they go back inside to get something). This can be an issue of students in a car’s front seat.

5. Grabbing the passenger door at the precise moment the driver unlocks the car, causing the door to remain locked, voids the claim.

6. When traveling with multiple cars, claimers must specify the car (i.e. state name of driver after yelling, “Shotgun!”). This can be an issue of students in a car’s front seat.

7. There are exceptions when:
   a. The driver’s significant other is a passenger.
   b. The automobile owner is a passenger.
   c. The automobile is disproportionately small compared to the size of the passengers.
   d. The operator of the vehicle is under a fare from the building voids the claim. There are exceptions when:

8. The driver (or Rock, Paper, Scissors) is the final judge as to the validity of all shotgun claims.

To avoid non-rule compliance based on ignorance, one should mail copies of this article to all siblings before coming home for spring break, because, while you may have gained the freshman 15, the back seat of your parents’ car has not.

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— Sharon

Response to “CLA Students shouldn’t have to foot the bill”
Calvin finally came up with a crazy money making scheme that worked.
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to go. It sucked, but that was the only scenario that we were going to work. That was it for us. And after, you could feel it in the air in the clubhouse. We got Jason Bay — Johnny Damon, plays the game right, plays through broken knees, runs out every ground ball — and it was like a breath of fresh air! Awesome! No question.”

In the Red Sox clubhouse before playing the Cardinals in Jupiter, Fla., on Thursday, Papelbon backed up his assertions.

“I’m not afraid to say it,” he said. “If it’s the truth and I believe it, I’ll say it.”

Papelbon also said he had never heard from teammates or anyone else asking him to soften his statements about Ramirez.

“Because I think they all know that’s the truth,” he said. “If I said something that was out of line, then yeah. But I don’t think I said anything that’s out of line. I spoke the truth.

“T’m in my own here. So, I’m not coming up with some new big hidden secret. Everybody knows about this. This is something everybody’s been knowing about...and it’s old news,” he added. “But I know those comments just came out today from a magazine (interviews) that I did in the first of December. But there’s no secret here. The writing is on the wall.”

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She’s one of the leaders on the team. People respect her advice when she talks to them.

—Cristen Lee
Cal Poly softball business

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so we can step up and help.”

Mimmah said the Mustangs need to avoid a slow start if they are to beat the Highlanders.

“We need to put them off their game,” Mimmah said. “We can give them nervous jitters to start off the game. When you are the hunted maybe you sense that a little bit more.

In the other quarterfinal game, seventh-seeded Cal State Fullerton continued their surprise run through the tournament beating Pacific to set up a semifinal match up with top overall seed UC Santa Barbara.

“Fullerton is playing some really good basketball right now,” Mimmah said of the Titans.

We’re just going to put it all out there. If we win we will go nuts and if we fall short on the scoreboard we will be proud of our effort.

—Kristina Santiago
Cal Poly forward

“Whether they can sustain for those three straight games is a difficult task. I certainly wish them well in that endeavor, but they’re a lot smaller overall than Santa Barbara and that may be the difference.”

There is a significant difference in attitude between the games for Cal Poly, and Mimmah said the Mustangs are just as determined to win.

“Cal Poly senior shortstop Melissa Pura, shown above, is one of the most accomplished hitters in the history of the softball program. This year is just really cool, being my senior season and having such tight knit group of girls that makes it really special,” Pura says. "The program, even from my freshman year, has advanced dramatically and that’s really cool to be a part of.”

Pressure that was on them yesterday won’t be there this evening.

“We knew were supposed to win that game,” Mimmah said. "Tomorrow we have none of that pressure. We expect to win, but I don’t think anyone else expects us to win, it’s freeing in a way.”

Cal Poly is two wins away from their first NCAA tournament birth, but Mimmah said the team will keep a level head as they approach the biggest game of their careers.

“We’re just going to put it all out there,” Mimmah said. “If we win we will go nuts and if we fall short on the scoreboard we will be proud of the effort that we gave. The team is super motivated. They want to win a championship and tomorrow is their next chance to prove that.”

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**Senior shortstop Melissa Pura has dominated on the field and in the classroom**

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Melissa Pura's legacy at Cal Poly started before she even enrolled. Both of the senior shortstop's parents received their degrees from the university and enjoyed the school so much that Pura decided she wanted the same experience.

Unlike many athletes, Pura chose Cal Poly because of the reputation of its business school as well as the university's proximity to her hometown of Suisun.

"I kind of went beyond the whole softball thing," Pura says. "I'm really into my education and I know that they have a good business school here so that was really a convincing factor too."

Pura says it can be hard to juggle both school and athletics because of the intense daily schedule, but head coach Jenny Condon

emphasizes the fact that the women are at Cal Poly for school first and softball second. The business marketing major is also pursuing a minor in wine and viticulture, but isn't exactly sure what she will do after she graduates.

Pura says she would love to go into sports marketing because that field combines both of her interests. Marketing for the wine and viticulture industry is also a possibility, but Pura says she's "leaving her doors open" right now.

Another option opened up for Pura after the Aces Racers selected the softball standout in the fourth round in the National Pro Fastpitch league draft. Right now, however, Pura says she is focused on her history softball and isn't committed to the Racers.

"It's an honor to be drafted because that means that people across the country feel like she's one of the top players in the country," Condon says.

"I think it's a great opportunity for her," echoed teammate Kristen Lee. "It's a compliment for her ability to play and I think whatever she choses to do, she'll make the right decision."

Pura began playing T-ball when she was 5 years old. T-ball turned into baseball and when she was 11, Pura's dad suggested the tryout for a softball team. Though she doesn't remember exactly why she played baseball in the first place, Pura says she stuck with the sport because she continued to be successful and simply enjoyed playing.

"I didn't realize to me at that time (was) just like 'Oh cool, now I have a bunch of girl-friends on the team and it's not just all these boys,'" Pura says. "That's all I really cared about... just making friends."

Volleyball was another sport in Pura's life, but she found herself competing in both sports became too much and she decided to commit to softball. She says she thought she would be too short to continue volleyball in college.

"I'm happy; I'm enjoying my career," Pura says. "I definitely don't miss volleyball and wonder what it would have been like if I would have stuck with that, but I'm totally happy. I love softball (and) I have a great, great career."

Pura says she remains close with her family and her parents attend every game due to their close proximity. Pura's father contracted cancer when she was young and completed his radiation treatments after dropping his middle child off at practice and picking her up afterward. Pura's father remains an inspiration to his daughter today and his attitude seems to be reflected in hers.

"I wouldn't be here without them," Pura says. "My father is a huge inspiration to me...he's awesome and his positiveness and everything has been really nice."

In her fourth year on the Cal Poly softball team, Pura currently leads the Mustangs in RBIs (21) and slugging percentage (.447) and holds the third highest batting average (.353). She has already received two Big West Player of the Week awards so far this season.

"Melina is a great athlete," Condon says. "She does a great job (and) she's a good leader... see Pura, page 11"