Recreation major to become separate department next academic year

Ashley Ciullo

Recreation, parks and tourism administration by the numbers

11
The number of departments that the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences will have next academic year.

50%
The percentage of RPTA students that currently make up the national management department.

300
The number of students majoring in RPTA.

The start of the new academic year will bring a change to recreation, parks and tourism administration (RPTA), which will become its own department. RPTA, accredited by the National Recreation and Park Association, is currently a program within the national resources management (NRM) department in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

The interdisciplinary program aims to give students leadership and planning skills in park, recreation and tourism services.

NRM houses two other majors, forestry and national resources, accredited by the Society of American Foresters, and environmental management and protection. In addition, the NRM department has two graduate programs and manages Swanton Pacific Ranch.

RPTA professor Marlin Goldenberg said the transition will provide more visibility to RPTA, which she said is essential for development and growth of the area. “This is a huge move and we’re really excited about it. Both new and prospective students will be able to know where we’re located,” Goldenberg said.

RPTA is an impacted major with over 300 undergraduate students and accounts for nearly half of the NRM student population. CAFES dean David Wehner said “There is really no change to anything that effects students. They will still apply for the RPTA major, only the administrative home will be its own department rather than in the NRM department,” Wehner said.

New campus group forms to mediate student conflicts

Chris Jagger

Cal Poly is developing an outlet for students to report grievances in order to foster a safer and healthier learning environment.

CARE-Net is a university-wide initiative; it is essentially a forum for students to report discriminatory incidents. CARE-Net will likely be launched later in May as a pilot program.

“The university is interested in hearing about students’ experiences at Cal Poly and the university is committed to an inclusive community,” CARE-Net organizer Patricia Ponce said.

The CARE-Net team defines a biased incident as “any speech, act, or harmful incident or action taken by a person or group that is perceived to be malicious or discriminatory toward another person or group based on bias or prejudice relating to such characteristics as race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, ancestry, ethnicity, religion, age or mental or physical disability.”

Under the CARE-Net umbrella, 12 students, staff and faculty will serve as campus advocates. Any Cal Poly student who thinks they have been a victim of biased or unjust treatment can report their issue to the university by contacting one of these advocates. The CARE-Net staff will then develop a plan of action in response to the report.

Students will be able to report incidents online as well through EthicsPoint, a third-party entity not associated with Cal Poly. The option to remain anonymous will be available with EthicsPoint, which notifies Cal Poly of the incident. Students can also report an issue to the university by contacting one of these advocates.

“We want (CARE-Net) to be a resource for students’ voices to be heard by the university,” CARE-Net organizer Terrance Harris said. “We want students to be able to voice any issues that they are having.”

According to Ponce, the CARE-Net assignment started in January.

Notre Dame’s Obama invite riles some Catholic bishops

Eric Gorski

This coming week, Bishop Thomas Wenski of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orlando, Fla., will take the unusual step of celebrating a Mass of Reparation, to make amends for sins against God.

The motivation to provide an outlet for Catholics upset with what Wenski calls the University of Notre Dame’s “callous” decision to invite President Barack Obama to speak at its commencement and receive an honorary doctorate May 17.

The nation’s flagship Catholic university’s honoring of a politician whose abortion rights record clashes with a fundamental church teaching has triggered a reaction among the nation’s Catholic bishops that is remarkable in scope and tone, church observers say.

At least 55 bishops have publicly denounced or questioned President Barack Obama makes a surprise appearance at the daily briefing in the Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House in Washington, Friday.

None of the bishops have publicly voiced support for an announcement made Thursday by the University of Notre Dame that Obama will speak at its May 17 commencement.

The most recent of the objections came from the bishops of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, who issued a joint statement Wednesday that characterized Obama’s choice to speak at the Catholic university’s graduation as “extreme embarrassment.”

The bishops’ response is part of a larger reaction by many American Catholics to the university’s decision to honor Obama, a self-proclaimed Christian, at its graduation.

RPTA will have a new department office in the agriculture sciences building. RPTA Program coordinator Bill Hendrick will become the department head in the fall.

“It will be in the same area with faculty in the same offices,” Wehner said. “It isn’t that big of a proposition because one of the faculty members will go from working a nine-month appointment to a 12-month appointment. It doesn’t cost very much to do that,” he said.

Due to a nationwide budget crisis in the early 1990s, RPTA moved to the NRM department from the Kinesiology department. NRM department head Douglas Pierno said that an agreement was formed which required maintaining autonomy within the department structure.

“It’s been a strong, wonderful partnership. We look at it as an opportunity to take the different entities now that were good to begin see Department, page 2

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with and make them even better," Pietro said.

"It gives RPTA greater voice and direct connection to the dean of the college," he said.

This year, the proposal by RPTA to become an individual department went to the dean, the provost, the academic senate and the president and was approved at all levels.

Goldenberg said that the program will now have a more pronounced status, which she said could catch the attention of prospective donors and individuals who want to contribute to RPTA, as well as recruitment from high schools and Cal Poly students.

"It’s good for students to be aware that we exist," Goldenberg said. "I think it will be really great for the students to have an identity that they can understand as a part of a department."

RPTA will become the eleventh department in CCEES, which currently houses the departments of agriculture education and communication, agricultural business, animal science, bioresource and agricultural engineering, earth science, dairy science, earth and soil sciences, food science and nutrition, horticulture and crop science, military science, and NRM.

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President Warren Baker and Provost Robert Kohls asked Student Affairs and Academic Affairs to develop an advocacy group for students.

While some of the groundwork for this project was laid years ago, it gained momentum following the discriminatory incidents that occurred at the Crop House, according to Harris.

In October, a Confederate flag and month were allegedly displayed outside the Crop House, an on-campus residence.

There are about 25 people involved with CARE-Net, including the 12 campus advocates. Many campus offices were consulted during the creation of CARE-Net including the Employment Equity Office; the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities; the Dean of Students Office; and Housing and Residential Life.

Protecting students from biased teachers will be an integral aspect of CARE-Net’s responsibilities.

"All students have had a teacher who isn’t politically correct or is harmful in their actions or words," recreation administration junior and future campus advocate Jessica Cressi said. "Some students get really offended by that type of teacher and won’t do as well in class as they could.

CARE-Net would give students the ability to confront teachers in a safe, anonymous manner. Reports will be filed and used to help identify behavioral trends regarding teachers or staff.

The pilot program starting in May should offer the university and students a glimpse of the program’s potential effectiveness.

"This is not groundwater stuff," Harris said.

"This is the type of program that has been implemented at other schools. We want to make sure that there are resources out there for the students."

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...to the beginning of life and that things are down," said James Hitchcock, a history professor at St. Louis University. "The election has changed the whole landscape. Now we have a strongly pro-abortion administration in power, and he’s in a position to achieve what we’ve been trying to stave off now for years."

As for Wenski, he issued a statement and then came up with the Mass idea after angry Notre Dame graduates from central Florida asked for guidance about how to respond, he said in an interview.

"I figured I’m a bishop — I’m not going to tell them to attack Notre Dame with a pitchfork," said Wenski, who is not among the nation’s more confrontational bishops. "I’m going to tell them to go pray." Wenski said he will not "precisely state" against Notre Dame during the March for Life announcement of the Vatican’s action in St. James. What must be made clear, Wenski said, is consistency among U.S. Catholics about the legal killing of unborn children, which contributed to the climate that allowed Notre Dame to think it was all right to honor Obama.

Wenski, almost immediately after Notre Dame invited Obama and he accepted, anti-abortion and conservative Catholic groups launched protests, and bishops began either making statements or releasing letters written to the university president, the Rev. John Jenkins.

Former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican Mary Ann Glendon turned down a prestigious Notre Dame medal last week because she was to have shared the stage with Obama.

The university has emphasized that Obama will be honored as an inspiring leader who broke a historic racial barrier — not for his positions on abortion or embryonic stem cell research.

U.S. bishops have long been at the forefront of opposing legal abortion, but it’s never been their sole focus. During the 1980s, the bishops issued pastoral letters on nuclear weapons, poverty and the economy, influenced by the late Chicago Cardinal Joseph Bernardin’s concept of a "consistent ethic of life.

Many Catholic bishops, however, worried that abortion was getting shortchanged. Those who argue abortion trumps everything say that other issues are irrelevant without the beginning of life and that things like capital punishment and war are sometimes justified.

Bishops hammered that home in November 2007 with a statement on faithful citizenship that said: "The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life is always wrong and is not just one issue among many."
State

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The president of the University of California named two women with backgrounds in science and engineering as his choices to lead UC campuses in Davis and San Francisco Friday.

UC President Mark Yudof said he will recommend Susan Desmond-Hellmann to be chancellor of UCSF and Linda Katehi to be chancellor of UC Davis. He made the recommendations after committees conducted national searches for each position.

The two candidates would take over in August if the UC Board of Regents approve their appointments at its meeting in San Diego next week. Currently, there is just one woman — Marye Anne Fox at UC San Diego — among UC's 10 chancellors.

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MERCED, Calif. (AP) — What started as a small graduation ceremony has mushroomed into a $700,000 gala as UC Merced officials plan for first lady Michelle Obama's commencement speech.

Campus spokeswoman Tonya Luiz said school officials have yet to secure sponsors to cover the cost, but with the May 16 event approaching in August if the UC Board of Regents approves in San Diego next week. Currently, there is just one woman — Marye Anne Fox at UC San Diego — among UC's 10 chancellors.

Luiz said their biggest obligation is to make UC Merced look good.

Briefs

National

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Wolves in parts of the Northern Rockies and the Great Lakes region came off the endangered species list Monday, opening them to public hunts in some states for the first time in decades.

Federal officials say the population of gray wolves in those areas has recovered and is large enough to survive on its own. The animals were listed as endangered in 1974, after they had been wiped out across the lower 48 states by hunting and government-sponsored poisoning.

“We’ve exceeded our recovery goals for nine consecutive years, and we fully expect those trends will continue,” said Seth Wiles, regional recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Denver.

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OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Bill Clinton recalled the profound impact of the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing on the nation and his presidency during a private tour of a memorial and museum honoring the 168 people killed.

The former president announced Saturday he is joining an honorary national board of trustees that will promote the privately operated Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum. Clinton was president when the powerful truck bomb tore through the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995.

International

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Nepal's prime minister fired the army chief Sunday after a struggle over admitting former Maoist rebel fighters to the military, sparking mass protests and jeopardizing the survival of the country's first elected government.

President Ram Baran Yadav, meanwhile, rejected the ouster of army chief, Rookmangad Katwal, in a letter, calling it unconstitutional.

The letter was delivered to Katwal's office late Sunday night and copies were also sent to Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal's residence.

Yadav was the first person elected as president in this Himalayan country, where a centuries-old monarchy was abolished last year. The army is officially under the president's command, not the prime minister.

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PANAMA CITY (AP) — Conservative supermarket magnate Ricardo Martinelli won Panama's presidential elections in a landslide Sunday, taking office as the Central American nation carries out an ambitious project to expand the Panama Canal.

Martinelli, of the opposition Alliance for Change, had 61 percent of the votes against 37 percent for ruling party candidate Balbina Hererra. Panama's Electoral Tribunal reported with 63 percent of the votes counted.

Google Earth unveils Old Japanese maps and secrets

Jay Alabaster

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When Google Earth added historical maps of Japan to its online collection last year, the search giant didn't expect a backlash. The finely detailed woodblock prints have been around for centuries, they were already posted on another Web site, and a historical map of Tokyo put up in 2006 hadn't caused any problems.

But Google failed to judge how

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and a strict caste system was in place. At the bottom of the hierarchy were a class called the "burakumin," ethi-
cally identical to other Japanese but forced to live in isolation because they did jobs associated with death, such as working with leather, butchering animals, and digging graves.

Castes have long since been abol-
nished, and the old buraku villages have largely faded away or been swallowed by Japan's sprawling me-
tropoles. Today, rights groups say
the descendants of burakumin make
up about 3 million of the country's 127 million people.

But they still face prejudice,
based almost entirely on where they
live or their ancestors lived. Moving
is little help, because employers or
parents of potential spouses can hire
agents to check for buraku ancestry
through Japan's elaborate family
records, which can span back over a
hundred years.

An employee at a large, well-
known Japanese company, who
works in personnel and has direct
knowledge of its hiring practices,
said the company actively screens
burakumin job seekers.

"If we suspect that an applicant is
a burakumin, we always do a back-
ground check to find out," she said. She agreed to discuss the practice only on condition that neither she nor her company be identified.

Lists of "dirty" addresses circu-
late on Internet bulletin boards. Some surveys have shown that
such neighborhoods have lower prop-
erty values than surrounding areas,
and residents have been the target
of racial taunts and graffiti. But the
modern locations of the old villages are largely unknown to the general
public, and many burakumin prefer
it that way.

Google Earth's maps pinpointed
several such areas. One village in To-
kyo was clearly labeled "eta," a now
strongly derogatory word for bura-
kumin that literally means "filthy
mass." A single click showed the
streets and buildings that are cur-
rently in the same area.

Google posted the maps as one of
many "layers" available via its
mapping software, and the distinction is not
immediately clear.

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In this computer screen image taken from the Google Earth software, a feudal map of a village in central Japan from hundreds of years ago, superimposed on a modern street map, is shown.

On March 17, the company released a statement that "we deeply care
about human rights and have no in-
tention to violate them." Google spokesman Yoshito Fun-
bash points out that the company
doesn't own the maps in question, it
simply provides them to users. Crit-
ics argue they come packaged in its
software, and the distinction is not
immediately clear.

The company provided no explanation or histori-
cal context, as is common practice
in Japan. Its basic stance is that its
actions are acceptable because they
are legal, one that has angered bura-
kumin leaders.

"If there is an incident because
of these maps, and Google is just going
to say 'it's not our fault' or 'it's down
to the user', then we have no choice
but to conclude that Google's sys-
tem itself is a form of prejudice," said
Toru Matsukawa, a member of Japan's
upper house of parliament.

Asked about its stance on the is-
 sue, Google responded with a for-
mal statement that "we deeply care
about human rights and have no in-
tention to violate them."

But it is an area where publish-
ers and museums tread carefully, as
the burakumin leadership is highly
organized and has offices through-
out the country. Public showings or
publications are nearly always ac-
companied by a historical explana-
tion, a step Google failed to take.

Matsukawa, whose Osaka office
borders one of the areas shown, also
serves as secretary general of the
Buraku Liberation League, Japan's
largest such group. After discover-
ing the maps last month, he raised
the issue to Justice Minister Eisuke
Mori at a public legal affairs meet-
ing on March 17.

Two weeks later, after the public
comments and at least one reporter
contacted Google, the old Japanese
maps were suddenly changed, wiped
clean of any references to the buraku
villages. There was no note made of
the changes, and they were seen by
some as an attempt to quietly dodge
the issue.

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WORD ON THE STREET
“How has your normal routine or spending habits changed with the recession?”

“I don’t go home as often as I used to. I just check my account more often than I used to to see how much money I’m wasting.”

—Cesar Grimaldo
mechanical engineering freshman

“One thing is the restaurant I worked at went out of business. So that changed my routine. I take the bus now, too, so that also changed it.”

—Brandon Lewis
business senior

“I don’t go home as often as I used to. I just check my account more often than I used to to see how much money I’m wasting.”

—Cesar Grimaldo
mechanical engineering freshman

“I have really bad spending habits. I saved up a lot of money with my internship over the summer and since the economy’s gone down, prices have also gone down. So I’ve been kind of taking advantage of that and spending more than I should.”

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Groups celebrate Asian cultures

Chi Delta Theta and Omega Xi Delta hosted the 15th annual Lantern Festival Saturday. The event featured dances and demonstrations from several campus groups and represented many Asian cultures.

Carol Ann Duffy chosen as UK poet laureate

Writer and poet Carol Ann Duffy poses for photographs at John Rylands Library in Manchester, England, Friday, after being named as Britain's poet laureate — the first woman to hold a post that has been filled by William Wordsworth, Alfred Lord Tennyson and Ted Hughes.

Jill Lawless

LONDON (AP) — Britain on Friday awarded the role of national poet laureate to Carol Ann Duffy — the first woman to hold a post that has been filled by William Wordsworth, Alfred Lord Tennyson and Ted Hughes.

Duffy, who once said "no self-respecting poet" should have to write verses about the wedding of Queen Elizabeth II's youngest son, will be expected to produce poems for not only weddings, funerals and other state occasions.

A witty and popular writer whose work is widely taught in British schools, Duffy is also the first openly gay laureate.

Duffy, 53, said she had thought "long and hard" before accepting the high-profile job, which has a 10-year term. She said she'd given the final decision to her 13-year-old daughter.

"She said, 'Yes mummy, there's never been a woman,'" Duffy said.

The laureate is officially appointed by the queen on the advice of the government. Prime Minister Gordon Brown called Duffy "a truly brilliant modern poet who has stretched our imaginations by putting the whole range of human experiences into lines that capture the emotions perfectly."

Duffy has published more than 20 books — plays and children's stories as well as poems that mix accessible modern language with traditional forms such as the sonnet. Her work often displays a sly, feminist take on history and contains a strong vein of social commentary.

Her collections include "The World's Wife," verses that adopt the voices of female historical figures and of the wives of famous men. It includes the poems "Mrs. Darwin," "April 1852—West to the Zoo" and "St. Something about that chimpianze over there reminds me of you."

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Every Monday, cut out this fridge for the weeks happenings

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**Please Enjoy Responsibly**
Dante Basco adds Filipino Flavor to this month’s Another Type of Groove

Jennifer Titconib

You may remember him by his character Rufio, king of the lost boys in “Hook.” Or maybe his smooth moves as Ramon in “Take the Lead.” Or his guest appearances on the television shows “Encore,” “Moosey,” and “The Wonder Years.”

But, Dante Basco is not just an actor. Poet, voice actor, director, producer, rapper and musician can all be added to his impressive résumé.

However, it’s his poetry that brings him to Cal Poly.

Basco is the featured poet at the Multicultural Center’s monthly poetry slam Another Type of Groove. In honor of May being Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage month, Filipino-American Basco will take the stage on the Wednesday.

“Just the fact that he is a Filipino and doing it big out there is kind of inspiring,” biological sciences junior Jan Serrano said.

He didn’t know much about Basco’s poetry career before but spoke highly of Basco’s performance in the Filipino film “The Debut.” Serrano got a preview of Basco’s poetry online and was impressed. “His material is pretty funny and also pretty serious. He is a really good stand up open mic person.”

Organizer and architectural engineering senior Josee Urrutia hopes that Basco’s celebrity reputation will bring more people to the event.

“We want to expose as many people as we can to poetry. Some people are definitely not going to like it but others will,” he said.

Basco and three others founded IVY Poetry Lounge in Los Angeles. The lounge is open to artists wanting to showcase their talents on stage and is held at Greenway Court Theater every Tuesday night.

He has also published a book of poetry titled “Dante’s Poetry Lounge.”

Basco’s acting skills might add a little extra to the show, said Urrutia. “A lot of poets who have an acting background like SteveConnell or Selena, their poems are really interesting, really colorful. If he does incorporate his talents I think it will make for a great show.”

Urrutia said he is most looking forward to seeing what Basco has to say. “It’s just exciting to see what he is going to come up with, how he is going to throw down, his style, his ideas, his topics.” But that is not the only reason why Urrutia is excited about the performance. “A lot of it is just to see a celebrity up close,” he said.

As part of tradition, the show will have an open mic session for those students or community members who want to share their feelings through poetry.

“I think it’s a great avenue to write poetry and express yourself and go up on stage. It just frees you getting your feelings out there. Just being out in the audience and seeing how people are dealing with life, or seeing how people see things,” Urrutia said.

Many of the participants are returning but there are always new people, he said.

“We’re always hoping a lot of people show up,” he said. “It’s exciting for all of us, one of the main goals of just having this event. A venue for having people go up on stage and make poetry on an open mic is probably one of the best things about doing this.”

Another Type of Groove will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Theater room 12K on Wednesday May 6. The event is free to the public and open to students or community members.

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Last year, when the issue of youth knife crime was in the news, an exam board removed Duffy’s poems “Education for Leisure” from an anthology for high school students. Poets and many teachers condemned the removal of the poems, which is written from the point of view of a disturbed individual and begins “Today I am going to kill something. Anything! I have had enough of being ignored.”

Britain’s first official poet laureate was John Dryden, appointed in 1668, although the tradition is centuries older than that. Until 1999, laureates were appointed for life.

Duffy succeeds Andrew Motion, who was widely praised for expanding the laureate’s role to become a national champion for poetry. His eight official poems were less well-received, however. His rap-style poem marking Prince William’s 21st birthday in 2003, which opened “Better stand back! Here’s an age attack,” met with derision.

Duffy said she would take the royal aspect of the job seriously, but would not feel compelled to write a poem for every occasion.

“If I felt, in the event of a royal wedding, inspired to write about people coming together in marriage or civil partnership, I would just be grateful to have an idea for the poem,” she told the BBC. “And if I didn’t, I’d ignore it.”

Duffy said she would give the annual salary of just over £3,700 pounds (88,500) to the Poetry Society to fund a prize for the best collection published every year.

The laureate traditionally also receives a “butt of sack,” about 600 bottles’ worth of sherry, donated by the Sherry Institute of Spain.

“Andrew hasn’t had his yet so I’ve asked for mine up front,” Duffy said.

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It's well-known that some of history's greatest artists and writers never lived to see their talent recognized. Van Gogh, Dickens, Eliot, and Bach all died before their work gained worldwide success. More than a century after Van Gogh's death, however, a more nuanced appreciation of artistic achievement has come along, aided by the Internet. Now, rather than not recognizing artistic talent as it comes along, we do — and then we steal it and help distribute millions of copies of it.

You know, what I'm talking about: music, movies, photos and news are all available for free, at your fingertips if you only search hard enough. Even as the Napster era ended, BitTorrent sites like The Pirate Bay sprung up to allow users to freely and easily share media files amongst each other.

During the past decade, online piracy has become rampant and a blatant disregard for artistic copyright socially acceptable. A 2004 study commissioned by the Gospel Music Association found that only 8 percent of American teens moral expresses ownership to music piracy. Of the teens surveyed, 55 percent said they didn't believe in 'a whatsoever documentation regarding music acquisition, either believing that music piracy is a non-issue or that CD burning and downloading are not equally immoral.

It seems that people have two basic rationalizations for why they pirate music, movies, and other digital media: a) "I want to" and b) "because I can." Even given the entitlement mentality fast breeding in America, wanting something obviously doesn't make it yours to have. I would love a new sports car, for instance, but accept the fact that I'll have to pay for it if I want it. Nor does the fact that music is easy to download make it ethical to take advantage of the ends. Music and films may be intangibles, but they're also unethical, if not downright illegal. If you walk into a car, for instance, but accept the fact that I'll have to pay for it if I want it. Nor does the fact that music is easy to download make it ethical to take advantage of the works under copyright didn't exist until the previous year. Even though digital sales did increase by 16.5 percent, that still leaves a 19 percent decrease in sales overall.

Online piracy isn't just theft; it's theft of the artistic talent we claim to value the most. The art, music, and films a society consumes are the hallmarks of its values. Yet by a twist of irony and with the help of the Internet, those very talents are now being stolen, usage-like, by the very people who think of themselves as sophisticated music lovers and movie buffs.

When Metallica filed suit against Napster back in 2000, band frontman and drummer Lars Ulrich spoke out fiercely against music piracy. "With each project, we go through a grueling creative process to achieve music that we feel is representative of Metallica at that very moment in our lives," Ulrich said in a press release, reported in Wired magazine. "We take our craft — whether it be the music, the lyrics, or the photos and artwork — very seriously, as do most artists. It is ridiculous to seek to know that our art is being traded like a commodity rather than the art that it is. From a business standpoint, this is about propriety — i.e. taking something that doesn't belong to you, and that is morally and legally wrong. The trading of such information — whether it's music, videos, photos, or whatever — is, in effect, trafficking in stolen goods," he continued.

Copyright and other intellectual property laws exist because they protect the inventors and other creators. Once that protection is lost — and anyone is freely able to reproduce what was originally their creation — little incentive remains to continue innovating. It's a simple concept, but an important one.

Yet in recent years, alongside the generally compliant public stance towards piracy, a number of anti-copyright movements have sprung up that actually oppose the whole concept of copyright protection. The Pirate Bay encourages an anti-copyright culture amongst its members and has been linked with The League of Noble Peers, an anti-copyright organization. Others, like independent film director Jim Jarmusch, has been outspoken about lawsuits aimed at enforcing copyright, believing that because they can't come up with original ideas themselves, they should leach of the ideas of others. "Authenticity is invaluable; originality is nonexistent," Jarmusch told MovieMaker magazine in a 2004 interview.

The Recording Industry Association of America launched a notoriously tough anti-piracy campaign a few years ago that started to go after individuals who illegally downloaded music files, and received an enormous amount of public backlash for it. Apparently people don't like it when the big corporates actually start going after the "little guys" stealing their stuff. But why shouldn't they? Perhaps most famously, the association started threatening legal action against college students who engage in file sharing, threatening some with potential fines of $750 to $50,000 for every illegally downloaded song. In reaction to the legal threats, organizations like Students for Free Culture sprung up on college campuses around the country, advocating for broader copyright laws and arguing that filesharing technology makes it impossible for the recording industry to enforce copyrights anyway. These organizations believe that copyright holds "hundreds of knowledge" — but fail to admit that the works in question are being shared only until their creators invented them. No musician or other artist is obligated to create anything merely for the altruistic purposes of sharing their talents. For most, their music is a livelihood and they expect to earn a living from it. Similarly, their record labels are in the entertainment business, and have a duty to the artists that represent them protect from those who steal and distribute their works. It does not do to allow this to continue.

Marlize van Romburgh is a journalist senior with an economics minor and the Mustang Daily editor in chief.

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3. Lion's hair
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5. Before, in a G.P.S.
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Los Angeles guard Kobe Bryant, shown above, is not expected to miss any time when the Lakers begin the conference semifinals on Monday.

Los Angeles — Kobe Bryant missed practice Sunday because of a sore throat, which raised few worries among the Los Angeles Lakers.

If anything, it might just mean a little less trash talk between Bryant and Ron Artest when the Lakers host the Houston Rockets in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals on Monday night.

"We know when it's game time he's going to come out and be ready to play no matter what's going on," teammate Shannon Brown said. "It's definitely going to take more than a sore throat. He's got to be missing some limbs for him not to come out there and be ready to play the game."

The top-seeded Lakers were off a week after eliminating the Utah Jazz in five games and waiting for the fifth-seeded Rockets to finish off Portland in six games. Houston advanced to the second round for the first time since 1997.

The most intriguing matchup, of course, will be Bryant, the reigning league MVP, against Artest and Shane Battier.

Bryant and Artest showed and jaded their way through a 102-96 Lakers victory at Houston on March 11.

"It wasn't much of a battle," Bryant said after scoring 37 points that night. "I kicked his (butt) tonight."

Los Angeles won the season series 4-0, dominating the fourth quarter of each game. Bryant averaged 28.3 points.

"I can see us playing better. The first time we played them T-Mac was hurt," Artest said, referring to Tracy McGrady. "One time we played them at home I didn't play. The next time we played them in L.A. we just got rid of Ruler (Alston), a new team. The last time we played them in L.A. that was a good game. We finally had our team, but they still got us in the fourth quarter."

The Rockets were all but written off when McGrady had season-ending knee surgery in February.

"I think we'll do it now," Artest said. "It wasn't only the Lakers, it was also Memphis and Minnesota, Dallas, Chicago where we didn't expect to this report."

Spoils of the NBA playoffs have come in this series, with all four games decided by five points or less.

Rockets guard Shane Battier certainly was excited about it and "we hope that he stays under control and remembers his principles about defense and rebounding, and the offense will just come."

Yao's pumped, too. Asked if he likes the Rockets being big underdogs, he asked, "What is an underdog?" When told it meant people expect them to lose, Yao said: "I'm used to that. Don't worry about it. I'm used to it."

— AP Sport Writer Kriste Riekai in Houston contributed to this report.

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Late rally pushes Mustangs past USF

Junior second baseman Adam Buschini approached the plate. Taking the three previous unproductive plate appearances behind him, he connected with the first pitch sending it into the wall in left field for an RBI double.

After a pitching change, sophomore designated hitter D.J. Gentile hit his eleventh sacrifice fly of the season for the game-winning RBI. Gentile set a Cal Poly Division I record for sac-flies in a single season.

“I didn’t know about (the record), but that’s awesome,” Gentile said. “Although, I wish I could get a hit some of those situations.”

Inching closer to the win, Mustangs’ junior left fielder Luke Yoder hit a ground ball to shortstop and finally reached second base on a throwing error that scored Buschini and took second earlier in the year when he hit three with a triple in the sixth.

“We don’t swing it well early and this time we let it go a little longer than usual,” head coach Larry Lee said. “But, we did enough in that eighth inning to be the difference maker.”

It was a well-played game defensively by both teams as there was only one error committed during Sunday’s contest, a stark contrast to the combined seven errors in the previous two games.

The Mustangs played especially tight, however, playing errorless ball, turning a savvy double play in the seventh and preventing a run from scoring on a pickoff rundown in the eighth.

Junior right-hander Mark DeVincenzi (5-1) earned the win on the mound for the Mustangs, working 1 2/3 innings of relief for Radeke, who lasted 7 1/3 innings, giving up four runs on eight hits.

“It started with Radeke setting the tone on the mound,” Lee said of his pitcher. “He went deep into the count and set the stage in the first inning.”

“I was just a matter of time,” Radeke said.

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Cal Poly junior first baseman Krystyn Cary bats during the Mustangs’ 6-3 win over Pacific on Sunday at Bob Janssen Field.

Cal Poly’s Adam Melker squares to bunt during the Mustangs’ 7-4 comeback victory over San Francisco on Sunday afternoon at Baggett Stadium.

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