Medical marijuana complicates dorm life

Will Taylor

More than 200,000 people in California have medical marijuana cards, and that number includes some students living in University Housing.

Medical marijuana has been a hotly-debated topic between the California and federal government since the inception of Proposition 215 in 1996, which legalized mari­juana for medical recommenda­tion in California.

California universities have had to deal with the conflict between campus codes and state law, espe­cially for students living on campus.

It is against University Housing policy to smoke, be in possession of marijuana smoking paraphernalia, however, students with medical cards comp­licate those rules. Technically, the students have a right to have med­icine recommended by their doctors.

For instance, if the University Police Department (UPD) catches a student with a medical card and in possession of marijuana they cannot cite them by state law. Of­ficers must follow state law before federal law. By federal law, mari­juana use, even for medical purposes, is illegal.

“We're not going to cite (stu­dents) if they have a medical mari­juana card,” UPD Commander Lori Hashim said.

A criminal defense lawyer in the San Luis Obispo area agreed. “As far as I know, (police) are honoring medical marijuana cards,” Bill McLennan said.

University Housing is an entity independent of Cal Poly and has its own set of rules, further com­plicating the matter. As of now, University Housing does not have a specific policy towards medical marijuana use but takes each inci­dent on a case-by-case basis. “You get into a situation there where this entity is trying to prescribe punishment for something that is legal,” McLennan said.

One of these cases involved CJ Michael’s (not his real name), then a freshman living at Sierra Madre. Michaels was in a friend’s room on the third floor of the Sierra Madre residence hall when resident advis­ers (RAs) knocked on the door, he said. The RA said that it smelled like marijuana in the room and asked to set any paraphernalia on the floor in the middle of the room and that they had called the UPD. He said Michaels said that he cooperated.

“When [UPD] saw that I had a medical marijuana card they said, ‘C'mon keep it out of the dorms,'” Michaels said.

Michaels talked to housing ad­viser, who said that because he had a medical marijuana card, he would get to remain in the dorm. A week later, Michaels received a call from saying he was to be kicked out of housing.

Michaels appealed. He wrote essays, had friends write recom­mendation letters, “did hundreds of hours of research” and had his parents come down for a meeting with John Wood, the community standards program coordinator for residential life and education, Mich­aels said.

As a result of his efforts, Mich­aels was moved to the North Mountain residence hall.

“He was one of two or three kids that haven't been kicked out fully,” uprightness,” he said.

Although he was allowed to stay in on-campus housing, there were stipulations. “I wasn’t allowed to return to Sierra Madre for the rest of the year or go anywhere in the area, the volleyball courts, nothing which really sucked because I had just made a bunch of friends,” Mich­aels said.

University Housing said that

Cal Poly to conduct largest on-campus health study

Katie Koschalk

Set to be the largest health study ever conducted on a college campus, Science through Transla­tional Research in Diet and Exer­cise (STRIDE), a research project initiated in 2007 by the Cal Poly kinesiology department, will ex­amine the physical health of col­lege students and their awareness about their personal health.

Slated to begin next week, the project, called FLASH, will eval­uate about 3,700 freshmen from the 2013 class, measuring various as­pects of students' physical health including body mass index, rest­ing heart rate and blood pressure, as well as analyzing how students perceive their personal health.

Dr. Ann McDermott, the direc­tor of STRIDE, hopes that this research project will shed light on how and why a college student's health varies over their college ca­reer.

“Statistics show that 37 percent of high school students are over­weight or obese and that 65 per­cent of adults are overweight or obese. We want to find out what is happening in that four year period of time that is creating that big of a difference,” McDermott said.

One reason that might account for the 30 percent jump in obesity rates is that college students have a skewed view of their physical health, McDermott said.

Kyla Tom, a graduate student of kinesiology and student leader of FLASH, agreed that many col­lege-aged people do not have an accurate understanding of what it means to be healthy.

“I think that a lot of college stu­dents look at themselves physically and judge their health by if they look fit or not. In reality though, a lot of risk factors for disease don’t depend on how low your body weight is,” Tom said. “College stu­dents might just not be aware.”

Acquiring the participation of such a large volunteer group poses a challenge.

“Getting freshman really inter­ested in the study will be the hard­est part. We’ve really been pushing social marketing and have been talking to the RAs to try to hype up the study,” Tom said.

Some forms of social market­ing, STRIDE will use includes a video explaining the study, which will most likely be posted online, and flyers in the freshmen dorms, Tom said.

Lauren Ferrigno, a parks and recreation administration sopho­more, thinks that promoting the study is key in getting freshmen involved.

“I would have been interested in doing it as a freshman if I had enough information about it and knew a lot about why they were doing it,” she said.

McDermott feels that there will be plenty of students interested in learning about their health in depth.

“I think students will want to get involved because how many college freshmen can say they have an accurate understanding of their body composition? I think many students overestimate their health,” McDermott said.

Nutrition freshman Jocelyn Fry, who considers herself a healthy in­dividual, expressed interest in par­ticipating in the study this fall.

“I’d like to see how my body changes over the course of my time in college,” Fry said.

Jenny Griser, a liberal studies senior, however, would not have wanted to participate in the study.

“I think the study itself would be very beneficial and if they can get volunteers, then that’s great. I personally wouldn’t want to do the study because I feel like it’s pri­vate information that I’d be giving out,” she said.

Kelli DeAngelis, a kinesiology freshman, said that data obtained in California might be different from elsewhere in the country, but thought that it would reveal inter­esting information regardless.

“I feel like people at Cal Poly are generally pretty active. There is a lot of options for ways to stay active like the outdoors. And it’s free,” DeAngelis said.

The study will provide crucial information about Cal Poly stu­dents' health that is currently mis­sing for college-aged individuals.

“Basically, we have informa­tion for high school students and we have it for adults. There’s a gap in between those two age groups where we are missing the data for college-aged people,” Tom said.

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they scrutinize each medical mari­
juna cases individually. We do practice due process. We talk to the student and get
their side of the story and make sure that they are aware of all pol-
icy," Preston Allen, executive di-
rector of University Housing, said. "It helps us understand where we have mis-communicated with you about what you were doing."

Housing is taking its time mak-
ing across-the-board decisions about medical marijuana.

"We do accept all treating physicians requests, but we cannot
supercede the law," Allen said. "There's still some time that needs
to pass before [medical marijuana] becomes more recognized and ac-
cepted."

Unlike Cal Poly, University of California (UC) Berkeley and UC
Davis would not kick a student out of
housing if they had a medical marijuana card and were smok-
ing on campus somewhere 25 feet away from the residence halls. Cal

Poly requires students to be 20 feet away from buildings when smok-
ing tobacco.

"Just because they're a student, if they violate policy outside of our
buildings it wouldn't impact their housing contract," Emily Galindo,
director of Student Housing at UC
Davis said. "If they get suspended from school or can't go to classes in
another situation, by definition, would affect their housing."

The UC system is also having an evolving discussion, according to
representatives from the UC system.

"We do reasonable accommo-
dation on what happens on a case
by case basis," Martin Takamoto,
director of marketing for residen-
tial and student services at UC
Berkeley, said.

The debate over medical mari-
juna in the CSU and UC systems
will continue as more cases arise, Takamoto said.

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In order to fill in the missing
data representing college stu-
dents, the freshman volunteers
will take place spring quarter. Including both a ques-
tionnaire component and an
objective measurement com-
ponent makes this study poten-
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Questions surround
female naval service

Christine Clarridge
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BANGOR, Wash. — Amy Au-
gustine knows there are many
wives and girlfriends who despise
the idea of women serving at sea
alongside their men in cramped
submarines for months at a time,
but she isn't among them.

"I have no problem with that," said Augustine, 25, who is married
to a submariner assigned to the
Trident-class USS Oho. "I trust
my husband." Her friend Trina Lopez, the wife of a Navy corpm an,
guarantees. "Women should have every oppor-
nunity men have," said Lopez, 33, whose husband is not assigned
to a submarine."But everybody needs
to be an adult, and the Navy should
have them sign a waiver admitting
that the guys are rude and crude
and you're not going to call harass-
ment."

Submarine service, long among
the last of the Navy's male-only hos-
tons, could soon be in for a drastic
change after Adm. Mike Mullen,
chairman of the Joint Chiefs of
Staff, said he would like to see the
Navy change its rule barring wom-

en from submarine service.

In response, Adm. Gary Roughead, the chief of naval oper-
ations, issued a statement in which
he said he is "very comfortable ad-
dressing integrating women" into
the Navy, but added that "as we work
through some particular issues ... we must work
through.

The idea of women serving on
submarines is old news in and
around Bangor, where Naval Base
Kitsap-Bangor is home to eight of
the nation's 14 SSBN-class subma-
rones and two of its four SSGNs.

The issue has been kicked around
for years, say former and current
sailors.

"We have to remember, this was
out on the table in the '90s," said
Eric Barnes, of Bremerton, Wash.,
who spent most of his 20 years in
the Navy as a missile technician on
toast-attack and Trident-class subs,
mast recently the USS Georgia.

The official arguments against
women serving in the "silent ser-
vice" often focused on the crew's
lengthy deployments, the basic crampquarters and the difficulty
creating gender-separated sleeping
and toilet facilities in the confined
space.

Conflicting arguments against in-
tegration, which will appear in Web
discussions on the topic, include
the potential for romantic entan-
glements, pregnancies, plumbing
problems and the outcry of some
Navy wives.

"Just about every Navy wife I
talked to did not like the idea one
bit," Barnes said. "They felt secure
that when their husbands went to
sea, they didn't have to worry
about them."

Lt. Cmdr. John Daniels, a Navy
spokesman at the Pentagon, said
that female officers could begin
training as early as next year and re-
port to ballistic-missile and cruise-
missile submarines by 2011. Many
of those women could be sent to
Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor.

The conversion to mixed-gen-
der crews would begin with the
Trident submarines because they're
much larger than fast-attack subs
and "appear to require less modifi-
cation," Daniels said. "It would al-
low us to move out more quickly
as we implement women into the
submarine corps."

On fast-attack submarines, ap-
proximately 150 personnel live in
space the size of a three-bedroom
house. Officers sleep in three-
person staterooms, each the size of
a small closet, and all 15 of them
share a single shower, sink and toi-
llet.

For female officers to live in the
submarines, some three-person
bunks would be reserved for them
and they would share the bathroom
— known as a "head" — with men
time-sharing arrangement.

The submarines would have to be
modified to provide adequate pri-
vacy for enlisted women and men,
senior officers said.

Some local sailors, though, don't
welcome the idea.

"We feel like we won't be able
to walk around or talk a certain
way," said a young submariner who
was at the Horse and Cow, a Kitsap
County bar popular with subma-

riners.

"Plus, don't a lot of women have
more swing? I'm pretty sure they
are more emotional than men and
they could crack under stress," said
the sailor, who didn't want to give
his name or his billet.

He went on to say, however,
that he believes the first women
who served on submarines would be
well-qualified, professional and "super high up."
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NEW YORK (MCT) — District Attorney Jeffery Skilling, who rose to infamy in one of the biggest corporate scandals in U.S. history while maintaining his innocence, has won his day before the Supreme Court after battling through the appeal process in the face of a 24-year sentence.

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After all, sports nothing more lethal than her trademark sleeveless dresses and emaciated biceps. Lay died in 2006 about three days after being found guilty of accounting fraud and orchestrating a scheme to defraud shareholders. Prosecutors said Lay and Jeffrey Skilling, laid off from one of the world's richest oil companies, were using a "paper partnership" that led to one of the largest corporate frauds in U.S. history while maintaining his innocence, has won his day before the Supreme Court after battling through the appeal process in the face of a 24-year sentence.

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WASHINGTON — The Senate Finance Committee voted 14-9 on Tuesday to back a sweeping overhaul of the nation’s health care system, clearing the way for a historic congressional showdown this fall over how Americans receive and pay for their medical care.

Thirteen Democrats and one Republican, Maine’s Olympia Snowe, voted to approve the measure. It would require nearly everyone to obtain coverage, bar insurers from denying coverage because of pre-existing conditions, and make insurance plans easier to afford by providing lower-income consumers with financial help. It would cost an estimated $829 billion over 10 years and be paid for by taxes, fees and reductions in Medicare costs.

Democrats hailed the vote as an important milestone, the first time in memory that such a comprehensive health care revision has gone this far in Congress.

“This is our opportunity to make history,” said Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont.

But a lot of disagreements remain, and Democrats said that Tuesday’s vote, which triggers intense negotiations over the contents of final legislation, was only a step forward, though an encouraging one.

“I think in spite of a lot of problems that I have with it, I think the dialogue is now for real,” said Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va.

Republicans saw the vote as an ominous sign that they’re barely being heard. Talks this summer between three Finance Committee Democrats and three Republicans to craft a compromise broke down last month.

“What could have been a strong bipartisan vote ... is now ending on another divided vote,” said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

About the only suspense Tuesday involved Snowe, the moderate Republican who said she backed the measure “with reservations.” She liked it better for lower-income consumers, expansion of coverage and features that should make it easier for small businesses and consumers to shop for policies.

But, Snowe warned, the legislative process is far from over, and things can change. “My vote today is my vote today. It doesn’t forecast what my vote will be tomorrow,” she said.

Senate leaders and the White House will now merge the Finance Committee measure with another version of the legislation approved this summer by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pension Committee. The merged bill could be ready for debate before the full Senate later this month.

The Finance Committee measure, which the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates would reduce the federal deficit $81 billion over the next 10 years differs in one major way from the health committee bill: It lacks a government-run health insurance plan, or “public option” available to private insurance, which President Obama and Democratic congressional leaders want.

Three committees in the House of Representatives have approved legislation that includes a public option. Those bills are being combined into one, and the full House is expected to debate the legislation later this month. Prospects for approval there look good.

“We don’t intend to go to the floor without a public option in our bill,” House Speak- er Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has said.

The Senate, though, is torn. Three Finance Committee Democrats voted against the public option when the panel considered it last month, and Sen. Kent Conrad,
EPA releases finding on greenhouse gases suppressed by Bush administration

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MCALLEN, TEXAS

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday released a copy of a long-suppressed report by officials in the George W. Bush administration concluding that, based on science, the government should begin regulating greenhouse gas emissions because global warming posed serious risks to the country.

The report, technically known as an "endangerment finding," was prepared in 2007, but the Bush White House refused to make it public because the administration opposed new government efforts to regulate the gases most scientists see as the major cause of global warming.

The existence of the finding — and the refusal of the Bush White House to make it public — were previously known. But no copy of the document had been released until Tuesday.

The document "demonstrates that in 2007 the science was as clear as it is today," said Adora Andy, an EPA spokeswoman. "The conclusions reached then by EPA scientists should have been made public and should have been considered."

The Bush EPA draft was released in response to a public records request under the Freedom of Information Act.

A finding that greenhouse gases and global warming pose serious risks to the nation is a necessary step in the process of instituting government regulation. President Barack Obama and congressional Democrats are pushing for major climate legislation, but if Congress fails to act, the administration has raised the possibility that it would use an EPA finding to move toward regulation on its own.

In April, the administration released its own proposal for an endangerment finding. The newly released document from the Bush EPA shows that much of the Obama document embodied the earlier, suppressed finding word for word.

"Both reach the same conclusion — that the public is endangered and regulation is required," said Jason Barnett, a former associate deputy administrator who re­signed in March 2008 amid frustration over the Bush admin­istration's inaction on climate change.

The 2007 draft offers an un­equivocal endorsement of the prevailing views among climate scientists. It includes a declaration that the "U.S. and the rest of the world are experiencing the effects of climate change now" and warns that in the United States, those ef­fects could lead to drought, more frequent hurricanes and other ex­treme weather events, increased re­spiratory disease and a rise in heat­related deaths.

The Obama version of the find­ing has gone through a required process of hearings and public com­ments. Now, the EPA is working on a final version of the finding, which is expected to be released in the near future.

A current EPA official, speak­ing on condition of anonymity, was not authorized to discuss the issue publicly, said the sparse descriptions of the 2007 ver­sion suggest that the EPA officials who signed off on the finding had been worried about how the White House would react.

"They hied it down to the es­sential language to explain an en­dangerment finding," said the official. "It said: 'In 2009, those constraints are removed... You don't see those same linguistic gymnastics.'"

Bills to lift Cuba travel ban gain support in Congress

WASHINGTON — A powerful campaign to allow all Americans to travel to Cuba isrumbling through Congress, with both back­ers and opponents predicting eventual victory and a Cuban-American senator predicting a key vote against the effort.

Approval of the measure would have had a profound impact on U.S.-Cuba relations, unleashing an esti­mated one million Americans to visit the island and under­mining White House control of policy toward Havana.

"There would be an explosion of contacts between Americans and Cubans that would almost over­shadow what the two governments are doing," said Phil Peters, a Cuba expert at the Lexington Institute. Administration think tank in suburban Wash­ington.

Cuban officials have told recent U.S. visitors that while President Barack Obama's policy changes so far have been too timid to require Cuba Daily Havana repo, ending the U.S. travel ban would be significant enough to require some sort of Havana con­cession.

Many Cuba-watchers on Cap­itol Hill say the effort is likely to fail. But even opponents of the free-travel bill in the House and Senate, about the campaign for ap­proval is powerful. "I have never seen a stronger effort," said Mun­ecito Clavet-Carone of the U.S.-Cuba Democracy political action committee.

Sacking the change has been the U.S. travel industry — Orbitz says it has 100,000 signatures on a peti­tion and dozens of newspaper editorials, large agricultural com­panies, former Secretary of State George Shultz, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson and groups that traditionally oppose U.S. sanctions on the island have endorsed the measure.

Our goals should be to get rid of the travel ban in the next six months," Richardson said Friday during a speech to the National Democratic Network in Wash­ington. "This is a step in the right direction," Shultz declared last month. Polls show 65-70 percent of all Americans favor lifting the travel restrictions, and one House bill championed by Rep. Bill Delahunt, D-Mass., has gathered 180 spon­sors — 36 short of the 218 votes required for passage.

Obama ended all restrictions on Cuban-Americans' travel to the is­land on Sept. 3. But other U.S. citi­zens and residents can travel only under special permits for groups such as chambers, academics, and

business — not for tourism. That was allowed, however, from 1977 to 1982 under former President Jimmy Carter's efforts to normalize relations with Cuba.

Most of the public attention has been focused on the House bill backed by Delahunt and Rep. Sam Farr, D-Calif., Farr, noting that U.S. agricul­tural sales to Cuba are al­lowed but not tourism, has repeat­ed several variations of the line "We can send American potatoes to Cuba, but not American people."

But a lesser-known version has a better chance of passing because it also eases restrictions on U.S. agri­cultural sales to Cuba, in hopes of gaining support from those lobbies, said Sen. Republican leader John Cornyn of Texas.

"We can send American potatoes to Cuba, but not American people."

The main Senate version of the measure, with 25 co-sponsors from both parties at last count — is being championed by Sena­tors Chuck Dodd, D-Conn., Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.; Michael Enzi, R-Wyo.; and Richard Lugar, R-Ind.

But backers of passage say the bills have not moved forward through the congressional maze because they lack support from the Obama admin­istration and the Democratic leader­ship in both chambers.
Local bands take to the Mother's stage

Erin Hurley

Mother's Tavern is hosting two of San Luis Obispo's musical groups, AVANTI and the Damon Castillo Band, tonight at 9 p.m.

AVANTI, which began in spring 2009, is made up of musicians from all over the Central Coast, including a few Cal Poly graduates. The band has performed in several California cities, including Santa Barbara and Galway.

"San Luis Obispo is a very cool community," said AVANTI's lead vocalist, guitarist and songwriter Mike Annuzzi, who graduated from Cal Poly in June with a degree in music. "Cal Poly students love hearing new music, and we feel very supported and encouraged by the school and the city. We're currently booking more shows around the state on weekends and school breaks." Each member of AVANTI has their own style and makes a unique contribution to the band's music. "We try to play music that is appealing to diverse audiences. After working in the business end of the music industry for the past few years, it feels great to be on this side of the microphone," Annuzzi said.

AVANTI plans on releasing their debut album this winter, including live tracks that will be recorded at tonight's show. "Connecting with the audience is the most important thing — we feel that by playing a variety of music, we're building a real relationship," guitarist Jason Gallo said. "You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll dance!" In addition to performing in local bands

Mother's stage

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To add to the laundry list of successful businesses founded by Cal Poly graduates, the Cal Poly Entrepreneurship Club, which serves students from different colleges, plans on creating new products for either academic or commercial uses and education from guest speakers this fall. "Some of the topics officers and guest speakers will cover include how to create an idea, start a business and network. The club will also be working in connection with the Ray Sherr Venture Challenge, allowing members to compete for prize money by developing and presenting new products and services.

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Drummer Nolan Robinson (left) and vocalist Mike Annuzzi are two members of AVANTI, a San Luis Obispo band performing at Mother's Tavern tonight.

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Piecing together the “Catch-22” puzzle

Reading Between the Lines

Melinda Truelsen

Joseph Heller’s “Catch-22” was published in 1961 but focuses on the tumultuous wartime era of the 1940s. Named after a now popular phrase, “Catch-22” is the epitome of a “damned if you do, damned if you don’t” situation.

The story follows Yossarian, a bombardier on the flight crews stationed on the coast of Italy, as he discovers the evils of war. One of the driving contradictions in this novel that makes it unique is the main character, Yossarian, often going to his superiors in an attempt to get sent home, yet his superiors tell him that the only way that he can be discharged is if he is insane; the only way he can be deemed insane is if he denounces personal safety and continues flying missions. Yossarian’s attempts at claiming insanity are only denied because he can’t possibly be insane if he is recognizing the danger he is in and asking to be grounded. Essentially, he’s been driven into this situation to remain in his post as a bombardier, because he can’t prove that he is crazy — but his position there is literally slowly driving him into insanity. Either way, he’s stuck in a bad situation.

It sounds like a ridiculous situation and it is, but when you read the book, it makes sense. After a few chapters, you begin to understand Yossarian’s way of speaking and can follow along with what he is doing. It is almost as if, by following his spiral into insanity, you lose focus on the things that would normally be required to understand a book and simply follow him in his confusion.

To compliment the idea that Yossarian is spiraling deeper and deeper into insanity, the book itself is written in a very sporadic fashion, mirroring this inner chaos of the characters. The chapters skip around in chronologically and many stories are left hanging. This can sometimes be a deterrent to liking a book, but in this case, I find that the confused structure of the book adds depth to the novel as a whole. Heller writes about the inner workings of a World War II soldier as he witnesses the nonsensical paradoxes of war. The main character is far from neat and orderly himself, so don’t expect the format of the book to be either.

I am reminded of a quote by a classical literary scholar, Longinus: “Disorder contains a certain element of order” (“The Sublime” part six, chapter 20). This seems fitting because, although the book contains no clear sense of order, the movement and the jumping becomes clear after a while. Once you connect with the main character, Yossarian, you are willing to follow him through his disordered thoughts and confused ramblings. These ramblings are not without a purpose — even something as simple as a trip to the infirmary often has a deeper subtext hidden within. This book challenges the reader to look beyond the obvious and discover what the meaning of this confusing rambling actually is.

So, I’ll admit it — I’ve actually read this book at least three times, and there are still new things that I notice Novel, page 8

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Soules best tip for student entrepreneurs: “Pick a business you care about and are really passionate about, not the one you think will make the most money. You'll enjoy it a whole lot more.”

The club is in the process of creating a Web page, but does have an e-mail address: entreprenuers@calpoly.edu.

On their latest album, “Laurel Lane,” the Damon Castillo Band performed with veterans who have worked with bands like the Wallflowers, Supertramp, and John Mayer. The band has also produced several very popular music videos. They have performed at multiple Cal Poly events in the past, including a performance with the San Luis Obispo Symphony. Tonight’s performance at Mother’s Tavern is just one stop on their 2009 national tour.

“There’s a lot of great music in San Luis Obispo and so many great venues to play at. A real band feeds off of the energy of the crowd, and we’re gonna play our hearts out and get the party started,” Castillo said.

Tickets to the show are $10 at the door, $9 in advance and $7 for students. They are available at Mother’s Tavern, Boo Boo Records or the Top Brass Productions Web site at http://topbrassprod.com/tickets.htm.
Everyone should be equal under the law:

_In America, there shouldn't be exceptions_

Last Sunday, thousands of gay activists exercised their right to free speech during a march from the White House to the Capitol, demanding that President Obama keep his word. Obama has promised to "end discrimination" against gays and allow them to serve openly in the military.

At the National Equality March last weekend, activists claimed, "If somebody doesn't have equal rights, then none of us are free." In a certain sense, these activists are right. Although it is impossible to create equality in every level of society, we as a nation must work to ensure the equality of opportunity guaranteed by our democratic principles. Take for example Bill Gates and my friend Mike. They were both born here in America into upper-middle-class families. At birth, both had an equal opportunity for success. Mr. Gates' decisions (or luck) may have granted him an empire, but he is especially protected under the law. Mr. Gates' decisions (or luck) may have granted him an empire, but he is especially protected under the law.

Consider this clarification given by Texas Rep. Louie Gohmert: "It could include urination (sexual arousal associated with urine), voyeurism. You see someone spying on you changing clothes and you hit them — they've committed a misdemeanor; you've committed a federal felony under this bill." That sounds extreme, but even the amendment offered by Rep. Steve King, D-Iowa, to exclude pedophilia was rejected.

Moreover, simply speaking out against any one of these protected categories could make you a felon. If your words influence someone who acts against a protected group, you could be tried in federal court. In short, these protected groups would receive elevated protections under the law, before children, seniors, veterans and churches. If the hate crimes bill passes in the Senate, it will certainly mean the subversion of equality.

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How hard is it to send an e-mail?

_Professors don't go out of their way to correct students_

On a rainy Tuesday, I left home for an 8 a.m. class with a warm coat and umbrella in tow. I joined the crowds of hooded and self-protected students shuffling from one-hour-long to covered halfway on the journey from the parking structure to my communication class in the Erhart Agriculture building.

On Monday, the same class had been promptly canceled, and several students were saying the class had not been canceled. I called the department's office to ask whether the professor was coming or not. When this had been any other day, I would have probably just let it go, grabbed an iced coffee and read the Mustang Daily as usual. The break would have been duly welcomed. But as I walked away from the Erhart Agriculture building in the rain without a single thing to do until my next class at 11:15, I got angry.

How hard is it to send out an e-mail to let your students know that class is canceled? In my experience, just three or four words would have gotten the job done: "Class canceled Tuesday." Then phone students to throw in a pop-culture reference. "It's so simple, even a caveman could do it." There is no need to even sign the email, because the professor's e-mail address would be enough.

With the technology that we have at our fingertips, it's ridiculous that students should have to accept that some professors simply don't e-mail as a form of communication, and especially ironic coming from a communication professor. In fact, it's downright unacceptable.

To be fair, I did receive an e-mail from someone in the communications department — at 9:57 a.m., three minutes before the class in question would have let me out any way — informing us that the class we had already dispersed from was indeed canceled. Thanks so much for the after-the-fact consideration.

Let's get real, Cal Poly. With facilities furloughing days already in play, students are already paying more money for less class time. The next step might be for students to start billing professors for extra canceled classes. It's only fair if they cannot find a spare two minutes to notify their students of an unexpected absence in advance.

Next time, just get out of bed and send an e-mail. It sucks that you're sick, but it's plain common courtesy.

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one out, then was replaced at first by Victorino on a force out. After Victorino advanced to second on a defensive indifference, Street walked Uley, bringing Howard to the plate with two outs. The place Manuel has dubbed the Big Piece responded, lacing a two-run double to the rightfield corner that tied the game. Werth followed with a single to center for the go-ahead run.

"It was all the right strings, right down to the final out. For the second straight night, another Phillies rally in Game 3, for the second time striking him out and jumping all over it," Madson said, "and they took it all off!"

For the second straight night Lidge was forced into action after another Phillies rally in Game 3. Tony Tomaski represented the final out. For the second straight night, Lidge came through, this time striking him out and jumping all over it.

"Obviously, winning the World Series is the ultimate goal here and nothing is going to top that, and hopefully we can do it again," Lidge said. "But this was a lot of fun for me here."

"I know I'm doing something good when those teams approach me and say, 'Hey, man, we've been preparing for you all week.' I'm not worried about it," Rossum said. "Rossum ranked first among active players in punt return yards (3,056) and kick return yards (11,931). This season, he averaged 21.7 yards on his seven kick returns. He said he would consult his family before deciding whether to continue his career."

"In my time has come, my time has come," Rossum said. "Delanie Walker will return kickoff and Arnaud Battle will return punts."

"There are a lot of guys on this team that went through that, that under­

The next seven games will tell us everything about Tedford's future. Saturday sets it all in motion, for better or worse.

"We're going to do back then: Beat somebody other than Washington State. If we do that, then they're going to be an issue."
With a three-run home run in the 9th inning, the Phillies push past the Rockies and advance to NLCS.

David Murphy
PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS

DENVER — It is a habit now. As a veritable fraternity party rages in some major league clubhouse, with champagne spraying and beer dumping and grown men in giggles laughing and rolling and wrenching on the floor, the battle-tested skipper retreats to his office and sits in his chair and exhales the stress that tends to accumulate in a do-or-die series. Charlie Manuel doesn't feel the need to hoist and boller and dose himself in alcoholic beverages. Frankly, he'd rather just sit and think.

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Dre' Bly: “I should have been smarter”

Jon Wilner
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — A day after insisting that “Dre' is going to be Dre'” cornerback Dre' Bly was contrite. He took the podium during coach Mike Singletary's weekly news conference Monday to apologize for his antics during a 45-10 loss to the Atlanta Falcons.

“I just got caught up in the moment and how to handle the game. I was unrepentant in the postgame interview, and I felt like I had to apologize,” Bly said. “Being a veteran guy, I don't feel the need to hoot and holler and douse myself in alcoholic beverages. Frankly, he'd rather just sit and think.

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Cal on the brink of another collapse

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SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

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