Some clubs too risky for charter renewal

Jessica Barba

Several members of clubs on campus are worried their charters will not be renewed because Cal Poly Student Life and Leadership have labeled them "high risk."

Of the 250 clubs on campus, 16 club charters remain in question because they were considered too dangerous because they involve open bodies of water, horses or mortgaged vehicles, said Stephan Lamb, associate director of Student Life and Leadership.

"This is all about student safety and not about the value of the activity," Lamb said.

Student Life and Leadership director Everett Brooks said the risk and safety evaluations began in 2006 after the clubs were handed over from Associated Students Inc. to Student Life and Leadership for oversight.

The motion came in response to the California State University (CSU) Chancellor's Office releasing Executive Order 969 in 2006. The order was a set of outlined policies and procedures to be enforced by clubs on CSU campuses. Included in the rules was a review of all club activities, advisers and goals to be conducted by Student Life and Leadership.

The clubs began to evaluate whether they were under the advisement of the most qualified person, Brooks said. Some clubs were put in the category of Instructionally Related Activities (IRA), which mean they were given to specific college departments to manage, and others were asked to obtain insurance.

He added that often the adviser's expertise overrides insurance coverage, and as an advocate for students, he wants to make sure the students remain safe.

"Management of the activity and the skill level of the people involved supersede the insurance. The insurance is if you do everything right and you choose to cover your bases," Brooks said.

Penguins Motorcycle Club, established in 1947, and Poly Gears, created in 1966, are two of the clubs waiting for their charters to be approved.

"Since being notified in fall 2009 that Cal Poly did not want to be liable for any accidents, Penguins' vice president Alan Cook said that, like other clubs, the Penguins received insurance and have filled out the necessary paperwork to have their charter renewed. Now, after almost seven months of waiting, he said "I was like I was cut in half," said the 24-year-old Cal Poly business administration student.

UC Berkeley doubles admission offers to out-of-state students

Lisa M. Krieger
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

For the first time, University of California, Berkeley (UCB) has doubled the number of admission offers to out-of-state students with a 51 percent increase from 11,184 for the current school year to 9,459 for next fall's freshman class, according to data released Wednesday by UCB.

"These students do not take space from a California student," said San Wilbur, director of undergraduate admissions for the University of California.

I do think it is frustration for California kids today to find out it just got even harder to get in.

—Winston Thomas
California resident

The number of in-state offers is up, from 5.7 to 8.3 percent.

"They are bringing more money to the university, which enables us to teach our California students at the same high quality level that they are used to," California students still make up the majority of the UCB student body. But out-of-state students will comprise 18.5 percent of next year's freshman class, up from 8 percent last year.

The percentage of international student acceptance is also up, from 4.3 to 4.8 percent.

"This is a way to bring in more revenue at a time when the state budget has cut back," said Walter Robinson, assistant vice chancellor and director of undergraduate admissions.

"The additional nonresident funds will help UC Berkeley maintain academic excellence for all students," he said.

Robinson noted that nonresident students bring much more with them than dollars. "These students come from various corners of the country and the world," he said. "They are all outstanding students and their diversity of experiences and perspectives will further enrich the university experience for the entire student population."

The trend is less pronounced at other UC campuses, because they get fewer applications from outside the state, said Wilbur. At UC Berkeley, 14 percent of accepted students come from out of the state or country, up from 12 percent last year.

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Doctors diagnosed her disease by process of elimination, says Fin-

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ance has a $250,000 deductible per incident when a college ac-

cepts a club into its portfolio, the college assumes responsibility for a potential lawsuit. When clubs host activities off campus, a special $50 deductible is taken out for the even.

"We are trying to minimize our vulnerability because of the bud-

get. We aren't even that big," Lamb said.

Books said he was unsure of

when a decision would be made about the Poly Goats and Pen-

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University weekend, April 15 to 18, is when they recruit most of their new members.

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Cal Poly faculty are dabbling with instrumental insemination of queen bees, an evolving technology that could help with honey bee research to save commercial hives.

The European honey bee (apis mellifera) came to the settlement of Jamestown in the early 1600s and has been spreading on its own ever since. With farming came the utilization of bee colonies for pollination. The nation now has over 2 million commercial bee hives with colonies including anywhere from 50,000-80,000 individuals. California has seen huge losses in billions of bees and over a quarter of the nation’s bee hives in the last four years, attributed to Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). This is a phenomenon where worker bees abruptly disappear. The causes are debated, but more signs point to the accumulation of new pesticides, viruses and parasites. Populations suffered a drop in numbers due to varroa mite infestations in the late 1990’s. Now, in the managed settings, new genetic lines of bees are decreasing the necessity for miticides and other chemical treatments.

Dr. David Jeffreys, a horticulture and crop science professor at Cal Poly, specializing in entomology, says a big segment of our economy has to be pollinated by bees. This includes about one third of food crops produced such as almonds, apples, pears, alfalfa and much more. Almonds are most at stake from CCD, with California making up half the world’s almond production. On top of that, commercial bee colonies produce about 200 million pounds of honey a year. With the loss of bees not only do honey prices rise, but on the wider scale, the price of food crops pollinated by the bees goes up as well.

There are two categories of bees as Jeffreys explains. One includes fed bees, which have been fed and their homes in stumps and abandoned structures, and then there are managed bees. The bees in the managed settings are genetically selected for traits such as docile behavior and honey production. These are the ones facing huge losses.

An evolving technology soon to be practiced at Cal Poly could give commercial bees the genetic edge they need to bounce back. This is the use of instrumental insemination, a form of controlled mating in bees. This method of selective breeding is used to create stronger, more durable bees. Scientists can home in on desired traits such as mite and disease resistance.

"It’s not too wildly different from breeding cattle or horses or dogs to maintain blood lines, breed quality and vitality,” Jeffreid said in an e-mail. "We like crossing a Labrador retriever and a poodle to create the perfect dog — the labradoodle.

Through a semi-complicated process, bee breeding in the wild simply starts with the queen mating with multiple drones, which are always on the fly. Once inseminated, the queen can store the sperm for the course of her egg-laying lifetime, and from then on her job is solely to reproduce. What the artificial insemination does is take selected sperm and inserting it into the Queen bee in a controlled laboratory setting. It’s used to ensure queens are crossed with specific drones to isolate and replicate certain characteristics.

Attempts to instrumentally inseminate queen bees, a microscopic procedure, began in the early 1800’s with Francois Huber, a Swiss naturalist who was entirely blind. This evolving technology is now in the hands of experts like Dr. Susan Cohick, bee breeder-geneticist at UC Davis. Considering the go-to-gal in the bee society, she’s taught researchers and beekeepers from all over the world. By using instrumental insemination for honey bee queens, researchers can get a better understanding of bee genetics and land on new opportunities in bee breeding.

With DNA sequencing, they are able to identify certain genes that can be selected for to help control diseases and parasites. This technology made possible the varroa-mite resistant strain alone to keep populations in the late 1960’s. Nathan Longcier, fruit science senior, participated in the beekeeping enterprise for two quarters in his sophomore and junior year. He would check almonds at a previous job and said he learned how important bees were to the industry.

"Without bees, it wouldn’t be what it is today,” Longcier said. During the enterprise, students maintain hive health, rear queens, extract honey and sell honey. Students should be able to assist with instrumental insemination this spring.

"It can really help us take the queen that we like to keep hives that are healthier and stronger," Longcier said.

Scott Jeffreys, a lecturer in the horticulture and crop science department teaches the beekeeping class as well as running the beekeeping enterprise at Cal Poly. He took the class in 1979 and says when he began teaching it, he had to put up fliers just to get people to join. This spring, he has 70 students, three lab sections and over 100 European honey bee hives on campus.

Jeffreys is heading to U C Davis this week to take a class with Cohick on using the technology. Cal Poly just purchased the equipment for instrumental insemination, making it one of the few labs in California and part of only a handful of universities to host the technology.

“We are in the process of making this happen,” Jeffreys said. “Since it’s microscopic, it’s really difficult and complicated process.”

The process is similar to artificial insemination in livestock, but "we’ve got smaller gloves," he said jokingly.

The hardest part is extracting the semen from the drone.

"Impregnating the queen is easy,” Jeffreys said.

Jeffreys discussed the threat of the newly introduced Africanized honey bee (apis mellifera scutellata), which reached U.S. borders in 1990 after hybridizing with the European honey bee. These drones are first out of the hive and most successful at mating. The only problem is in the managed setting they are aggressive and much more difficult to handle. Artificial insemination is a way to guarantee pure lines of European honey bees.

"The African bee is coming in hard and strong," Jeffreys said. "Our first line of defense is to keep as many European bees swarmed.”

With the managed bees in a controlled setting, Jeffreys argues, the Africanized bees will probably become the dominant feral bee, since they do a better job of fighting pathogens. In recent media, the hype has been speculation about what will happen if the bees disappear. Jeffreys’s argues that’s that a new species will take over.

"I think the bees will outlast the humans,” Jeffreys said.
State
SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT) — The deaths of the Polish president and his wife in the weekend plane crash in Russia have reverberated in Paso Robles, where the board of a classical music festival has developed close ties with the Polish government.

Killed were Poland's President Lech Kaczynski and his wife, Maria Kaczynska. They were among 96 people who died Saturday in a plane crash in western Russia. Investigators are pointing to human error as the cause.

A Toast To Paderewski concert is scheduled for 6 p.m. April 24 at Pear Valley Winery, 4900 Union Road, Paso Robles. Proceeds will help fund a musician exchange program between the Paso Robles Paderewski Festival and Poland.

LOS ANGELES (MCT) — Lancaster, Calif., residents have voted overwhelmingly to continue the city's policy of allowing clergy from different faiths to deliver an invocation at council meetings without restricting references to specific religious figures, including Jesus Christ.

The controversial policy, included on the ballot in Tuesday's municipal elections, passed with about 75 percent of the vote, according to results published by the city.

National
NEW YORK (MCT) — Despite e-filing, 24-hour tax prep centers, easy-to-use computer programs and the lure of refunds, the IRS expects hundreds of thousands of people to file their tax returns barely before Thursday's deadline.

The reason: Americans find the annual ritual only slightly more bearable than attending a funeral, a new survey shows.

WASHINGTON (MCT) — Wednesday marked the 10th day that hundreds of thousands of jobless people couldn't get benefit checks because of congressional gridlock, an impasse rooted in politics, and perhaps one with political consequences in November.

Democrats say that the legislation—which also would fund temporary increases in Medicare payments to doctors—is a response to true emergencies. Republicans agree, but insist that the cost should be offset by cutting federal spending elsewhere.

The allegations, by skeptics of climate change, were based on e-mails hacked from the University of East Anglia in eastern England.

International
MEXICO (MCT) — In the second stop on her first solo international tour, first lady Michelle Obama Wednesday met her Mexican counterpart and touched on the sensitive topic of drug treatment in a nation reeling from a war against narcotics cartels.

Mexican first lady Margarita Zavala received Obama at Los Pinos, the Mexican presidential compound near the Chapultepec Park in the heart of the capital. The two spoke for 45 minutes about "drug addiction treatment and early prevention programs" and care for migrant children, a White House statement said.

“Will Ferrell: "Natalie Portman, I think she has a dynamic range of personality and she was born in Israel.""

“Nick Taylor, recreation, parks and tourism freshman: "Liam Neeson, because he is tall and sexy.""

“John Wall, environmental engineering freshman: "Vince Vaughn or Woody Harrelson, because they are both extremely talented actors."

“Dean De Smet, construction management junior: "Cuba Gooding Jr. Came on, "Green Dogs" and "Men of Honor.""

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Arizona passes strict illegal immigration act

Nicholas Riccardi

LOS ANGELES TIMES

DENVER — Arizona lawmakers on Tuesday approved what foes and supporters agree is the toughest measure in the country against illegal immigrants, directing local police to determine whether people are in the country legally.

The bill, long sought by opponents of illegal immigration, passed 35-21 in the state House of Representatives.

The state Senate passed a similar measure earlier this year, and Republican Gov. Jan Brewer is expected to sign the bill.

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4 killed in Chicago home and 12-year-old escapes

Liam Ford, Cynthia Dizikes and QADIR Z. DURMISHI

CHICAGO — A woman and three children were found shot to death Wednesday morning in the bed­room of a Chicago bungalow, part of a crime scene police described as "incomprehensible." Two other people were found shot to death in a suspect's residence as in custody.

The children were Jihad, the 12-year-old daughter of the alleged gunman, his 3-year-old niece, Ke­leasha Larry, and his 16-year-old niece, Keisha Fields, who a friend said was four months pregnant. Keleasha and Kelaasha were found shot to death in the same bed.

The fourth victim was a 19-year­old woman identified by family members as the alleged gunman's wife, Twanda Thompson, who he married just weeks ago and who was expecting their second child. She and Jihad were found in bed in a separate bedroom with gunshot wounds to their heads, police said.

The two wounded were identi­fied by family members as the al­leged gunman's sister and brother, Leon Larry, and his 13-year-old nephew, Desmond Larry. They both suffered gunshot wounds to the leg and were in critical condition to Advocate Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, a fire department spokesman said.

The suspect was arrested several miles away in his truck and at a gas station, authorities said.

A law enforcement source, citing preliminary information, said the man told police he had heard voice­s that told him to bring his family to the home to kill them. He did not have enough ammunition, the source said.

The suspect had been arrested last fall for allegedly beating Thompson, according to records. Last week, Thompson called police for a domestic dispute against the suspect, records show.

And in recent days, Thompson said the suspect had been flirty because he wanted her to dress in Muslim garb, but she refused, ac­cording to Twanda Thompson, the older sister of Twanda Thompson.

The suspect had become a Mus­lim while in federal prison on a gun­charge, relatives said. Recently, he had been acting strangely, talking about "going to Allah," Thompson said.

Twanda had been with the suspect two years, but they had been married for the last two to three weeks, said her sister Shirma Thompson. Twanda was pregnant with a girl she was going to name Khadijah, she said.

On Tuesday, the suspect had come down from Madison, Wis., with his wife and son and mother to visit his sister, Keisha Larry, ac­cording to the suspect's brothers. Le­Tasha Larry, 30, "he strapped out and killed them," Larry said. "He was saying some Muslim stuff.

Larry, who also lives in Madison, said her brother had been a "little weird" lately.

"He was like just saying little weird little stuff about how he was an angel and we were demons, there's demons in the house," Larry said.

The suspect carried around the Quran, and about a week ago he started telling his family that some­thing in the book told him to kill someone, Le-Tasha Larry said.

She wasn't aware of her brother having any diagnosed mental prob­lems, and she said she thinks he should be brought to justice.

"How you going to shoot your mom and then your wife and kids? That's just crazy," Le-Tasha Larry said. "Your niece and nephew. Why would you do something like that? You were just a killer.

Thompson and her mother Ver­onica said they were told by police that the suspect opened fire unpro­voked, first shooting his wife in the neck and wounding the others in the head. When he saw that his wife was still alive, he shot her in the head, Thompson said.

Police were alerted around 6:25 a.m. Wednesday after a 12-year-old girl ran out of the house and down the street, sources said.

The gunman chased her and fired a shot but missed, a source said. The girl made it to a gas station and was asking someone to call police when a squad car approached and the girl told officers about the shooting, the source said.

Gas station attendants said a young girl burst through the door in her pajamas a little after 4 a.m. They said she was crying and asked one of the attendants to call her mom and the police.

Police put out an alert for a 32-year­old relative from Madison, Wis., who they said had a beard and glasses and was wearing dark clothing.

In the meantime, the suspect left the house, ditching a 9mm hand­gun along the way, a law enforce­ment source said. A squad car spot­ted him at about 5:49 a.m. and he was arrested without incident.

A handgun was recovered, but Chicago Lawn District Cmdr. John Kupczyk said police were still trying to determine whether it was used in the murders.

"This is a really bad crime scene," Kupczyk said. "Something like this is pretty incomprehensible." The suspect's sister — who is the mother of two of the dead children — said she was not at the house at the time but got a call from her 12-year-old daughter who had es­caped.

"She called me screaming," Keisha Larry said. "She said, 'He killed everyone.' She told me my brother chased her down the street."

Larry said her mother, Leon­a Larry, is on a ventilator at the hos­pital and her son, Desmond, was undergoing surgery for a gunshot wound to the face.

The suspect, her brother, had an arrest record dating back to 1995 for battery, drug possession, resis­ting arrest and escape. He was sen­tenced in January of this year for a misdemeanor battery conviction, according to records. His most re­cent address is a halfway house for parolees in Janesville, Wis., though most of his arrests were in the Mad­ison, Wis., area.

Elia Smith, a relative of the fam­ily, said her sister-in-law called her this morning screaming and cry­ing.

"She said her brother killed her kids," said Smith. "She said her daughter managed to escape and she chased her down the street shoot­ing."

But the real danger to her health would come from a lack of access to clean drinking water. If she found her home really in her situation is dehydration," God­dall said. "The body can convert water to energy for more than six hours. But fluid is another story. The heart must have a sufficient return to be able to circulate the blood."

Goddall said Nadia was likely suffering from dehydration and an energy source for survival. However she would have used the heat in had to protect her vital organs, so she could be suffering from poor cir­culations.

Nadia's arrival at the hospital attracted more than the media. The story, which has received na­tional attention, gripped the commu­nity.

Jesse Courtemanche, 45, drove from his home in Dobson, Fla., to the hospital for a chance to see Nadia. It was just excited. Goose­bumps all over, she said. "It's absolutely wonderful that they found her."

Authorities hailed King for finding Nadia.

"God directed me to do this," he said. adding he and his family had prayed before her for her sake.

After emerging from the woods with Nadia and rescue crews, au­thorities quickly dehribe and with him and questioned him about how he was able to find the girl.

King said he snuck checked her and background.

"Mr. King is a hero right now," said Winter Springs Police Chief Kevin Brunelle.

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The 7.1 earthquake in China leaves 400 dead

MS

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a "number of 100 different things."
Not satisfied, she kept searching until a friend recommended a doc-
tor in Chengdu who was using state-of-the-art technology — Magnetic Resonance Imaging.
"When I saw the scan, it looked like someone had taken a shotgun and unloaded it right into my brain," Fron-
fork said. "I went home and cried for about three hours, then talked with a friend who was here. You can either lay down and die, or you get on with your life. Well, I got on with it the way I am." Fronfork suffers from Primary-
Progressive MS, the second of four types, which include Relapsing-Re-
mitting MS, Secondary-Progressive MS and Progressive-Relapsing MS. All four types share one character-
istic: a slow deterioration of neuro-
logical function.
It is a complex disease and diffi-
cult to detect.
What makes the disease so elusive to doctors is its early symp-
tomscare temporary. And, ac-
cording to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Web site, there is no definitive test for MS, only a series of neurological tests known as The Revised McDonald Criteria — which includes MRI, Visual Evoked Potential (VEP) and spinal fluid analysis.
With all this uncertainty looming in the scientific realm, living with MS is an unrelenting battle between mind and body. For Thiesen, it's been about daily treatments and shaving off between disability service providers to find a path forward. By federal and state law pertaining to confi-
dentiality in mental health as spe-
cifically stated in the American Disability Act, which prohibits dis-
losure of doctor-patient medical history to a third party. As a result, there is neither graduation rate nor an exact outcome showing how many Cal Poly students actually have MS.
And because symptoms are temperary and not all noticeable, MS is a tricky disease, which can leave sufferers with little or no ex-
ternal signs of plights for years. For Thiesen, appearing normal has its challenges, especially at Cal Poly.
"I missed so much school because I always had physical therapy, or doctor's appointments," Thiesen said. "Like, one time I went to a test home — I didn't cheat or any-
things — but I thought it was nice of my teacher to trust me. Another time though, I e-mailed a teacher and never got a reply. I am thank-
ful I look normal, yeah, but there are times when I felt teachers thought I was making it up. I don't even know why I'd make it up."
Instructors are considered "third parties," and, thus, are left in the dark when it comes to really knowing the medical conditions of their students, often having to make judgments of rather than autoimmune diseases." Thiesen said. "Sometimes I wish I didn't look normal. I feel since I look normal, people have no idea what I go through."

Schob said the first step in ne-
gotiating "reasonable accommodations" for students with health challenges starts with a doctor's verification of said impairment. The second is an interactive forum in which a specialist develops a plan based on an individual's needs. And once the accommodations are set, it is the responsibility of the student or service provider to meet them.

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— Adriane Thiesen
Cal Poly graduate

Barbola Dempier
The Mustang Daily

BEIJING — Chinese authorities raced against time, distance and wind in a remote corner of the Tibetan plateau yesterday to rescue victims from a 7.1 magnitude earthquake that killed at least 400 people and injured more than 1,000 students.

"At least in a telephone interview.

"When I went back home to check, I found my house too had collapsed and my mother was killed.
It is very difficult to save people with our bare hands," Shi huaihu told the Chinese television station.

"As night fell, many of the Tibe-
tians had fled the town and retreated to tents in the mountains, returning to a nomadic lifestyle they had given up years before.

"People are sleeping in the moun-
tains. They don't want to go back to their houses which are made of mud," said a 24-year-old student from Yushu, reached by telephone in Xining.

"The student, who did not wish her name to be used, said most of the victims were Tibetans, many of them older people who were still at home, sleeping when the earthquake hit.

"It was a very destructive earth-
quake," the student said. "We have
never had such a strong one in Yushu."

People's Liberation Army troops garrisoned in Yushu secured banks, oil depots and caches of weapons and explosives shortly after the quake, CCTV reported, but there were no reports of looting or ethnic tension.

As with the Shehuo earthquake, the Chinese military looks likely to take a major role in the rescue work. The Air Force had ordered 1,500 air-
borne troops and 100 parachutists to assist in the quake zone.

Lewis dictates what service a health-
impair ed student receives. It doesn't, however, provide answers.

"Thiesen said on a typical day she wakes up and takes a shot of Copaxone — a steroid that treats relapsing-remitting symptoms of MS — then swallows vitamins and anti-
depressants. She also takes Ariset, a pill that improves memory tasks. These daily treatments attempt to thwart the disease's plan to degrade the body.

Thiesen remembers when her brother, Ryan, helped cut and style her hair when MS had fatigued her body.

"He's my little sis, man, and I felt helpless," she said. "After I found out, I wanted to know everything I could about MS. My fear was that she wouldn't be able to walk someday. One of the hardest things was when the doctor told her she wouldn't be able to play sports any more because I know how much she loved being out there."

"I don't want to play sports anymore because I know how much she loved being out there."
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Swap-o-Rama-Rama aims to reduce carbon footprint

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UpcycleSLO will be hosting Swap-o-Rama-Rama, an interactive event including a clothing swap and do-it-yourself workshops and demonstrations, at Laguna Middle School this Saturday. The event promotes the reusing of clothes to create original pieces.

Jennifer Alexander, pioneer of UpcycleSLO and San Diego State University alumni, founded the creative collective group with friend Sara McGraith in November 2009. The group's purpose derives from the term coined 'up-cycling,' which is the process of converting unwanted materials into new, creative items without leaving a carbon footprint.

"Instead of recycling, which takes a lot of energy and resources, upcycling doesn't. You just take something and recreate it," Alexander said.

With her new club in its grassroots stage and new ideas surfacing, Alexander came across Swap-o-Rama-Rama in a friend's book titled "Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things." After contacting Wendy Iremayne, creator of Swap-o-Rama-Rama, Alexander signed on and became San Luis Obispo's first Swap-o-Rama-Rama coordinator.

"I wanted this event to be here because I wanted to go to this event," Alexander said. "And, I thought, if I want to go to this event, then I'll have to do it!"

Iremayne started Swap-o-Rama-Rama in 2004 in New York City after taking time off work and re-considering her place as a consumer. After having a few clothing swaps at friends' houses that soon included sewing machine and crafts, she saw innovation start to blossom both in creativity and sustainability. So, she decided to take the swap to a larger scale.

"I was considering the concept of value and looking at commodifying culture and wondering about the issues around consumerism," Iremayne said. "The maker is what we're losing — what we've lost. This event is bringing people back to an experience to remind people that they're makers."

After deciding to get a Creative Commons license for the event, Iremayne was able to essentially "give away" her idea to all who wanted to host a Swap-o-Rama-Rama, both for profit and nonprofit.

Attendees for San Luis Obispo's event must bring a pile of unwanted clothes and/or textiles, such as bed sheets and pillowcases. They are also encouraged to bring extra sewing supplies. All other supplies, such as crafts and sewing tools, are being donated from local craft stores and consignment shops such as Curio in San Luis Obispo and the Cotton Ball in Morro Bay. "I have an owner of the Cotton Ball, is excited for the community to use the nine sewing machines that his company is lending out. And although the machines will be for sale, that is not his intent for supporting the Swap-o-Rama-Rama.

"So many people are doing recycling of things, and we support that," Appell said. "My goal was to not overwhelm the community, and to really be there to support the program to help out with the machines and not sell, sell, sell — that really turns my stomach."

All proceeds from San Luis Obispo's event are supporting EcoSLO, a local nonprofit organization focused on the protection and enhancement of the environment. Alexander also hopes that this event will serve as a business opportunity to help get UpcycleSLO's name out.

"We're trying to get our name out there by teaching people the joys of being creative," Alexander said.

The event will feature classroom workshops ranging from Basic Sewing and Tension to Pillowcase Possibilities, each led by an experienced local artist who will show attendees how to alter textiles to create new original pieces. Cory Anderson, who will be leading the Accessories Galore workshop, wants participants to realize the simplicity of reusing.

"We always want to go out and buy stuff. Trendy stuff you find at places like Urban Outfitters are actually really easy to make yourself," Anderson said. Experienced crafters as well as first-time creators are welcome to the event, which will also have demonstrations on knitting, crocheting, jewelry making and others. And kids are welcome, too. Cuesta College student Karen Silva will be hosting a kids' hour, when she will teach children how to make super hero costumes.

"It's really awesome to introduce kids to recycling, reusing and up-cycling," Silva said. "It's something that we need to give back to the kids in the community."
Reggae rockers kick off tour at Cal Poly

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San Diego’s Through the Roots will play a free show at Cal Poly’s Via Carta Mall, near Campus Market today before going on to tour the West. They said they plan to play songs on the tour that no one has heard.

The band’s story isn’t entirely typical of many groups today. Through the Roots formed back in 2008 when the death of a good friend of the band sparked the band’s song writing, band manager Grant Betrix said.

The first song they ever wrote was “Man Down.” “It’s about a good friend that died,” Betrix said. “The first guy to really get the band idea going was Chris.”

Chris Cru/ met up with friends Evan Hawkins, Brian Jackson and Taylor Beavers and began playing music in their room. Brady O’Rear joined the band after being found on Craigslist to play keyboards.

At the moment, the band members have a lot of things on their minds. Practicing their songs as much as possible is one of them. Hawkins, the band’s singer, said the most important thing to the band is the crowd’s response to their music.

“For us, making it is getting good feedback from people. When someone comes up to me and says they don’t really listen to our genre of music but they like us, that makes me feel great,” Hawkins said. “We take this seriously. Some money in the piggy bank would be nice but ultimately it’s for the fans.”

Don’t confuse the band with other American bands playing reggae music that have spawned over the past decade. Through the Roots likes to ignore that sort of thing. They say their biggest difference from those bands is their lack of help from a record company or big-name producer.

“The music on their new album is different from bands like Iration, who we’re touring with, and 311, who has taken on the role of godfather to this new not-so-new genre of music,” Hawkins said.

“A lot of what’s on our new album is what’s going to set us apart. We’re using a lot of reggae bass lines and heavy in-your-face songs. We also use a lot of synth which is different,” Hawkins said. “We’re mixing a lot of genres, trying to come up with the best sound.”

Through the Roots will play today at 11 a.m. before going on to play another free show at California State University, Monterey Bay. They meet up with Iration for the Time Bomb Tour on April 23 and will play shows in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Washington.

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San Diego reggae band Through the Roots will play today at Cal Poly’s Via Carta Mall near Campus Market at 11 a.m. The band was formed in 2008.

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Jay-Z changing the game of rap with Coachella appearance

Chris Lee

NEW YORK — The plan was to rock the mix, not cause an identity crisis. In 2008, when Jay-Z was named as headlining act for Britain's 15th annual Groovin' Festival — a first for any hip-hop performer, let alone one of rap's epic pop superstars — the island nation cringed in furious debate. They're giving a rap-per domain over one of rock's elite events? Critics derided the decision as "a disaster" and "tragic," souling Glas- gow's native son as "contaminated." No less an eminence than Noel Gallagher of the Brit-pop powerhouses Oasis pro­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­�...
Sarah Palin can keep religion and guns, while the rest of America keeps moving forward

Sarah Palin and I began our public political journeys at the same time. I began my journey writing columns for the Mustang Daily the same week that she made her debut debating Joe Biden during the 2008 presidential campaign. So it's interesting for me to return to Palin more than two years later to consider how far we've both come and the extent that our views have been solidified on opposite ends of the political spectrum.

When I heard Palin's speech at the Boston Tea Party on the news Wednesday, one sign especially waging proudly, which I thought was maybe the most honest and the funniest, reading, "White People are Pissed" — she said, "You can keep your change, and we'll keep our Constitution, religion and guns." As the crowd erupted into applause and cheers, it suddenly struck me that the gap between their views and my own is so vast that I'm not sure they can ever be bridged. I may never come to see Palin's views as ideas, which should travel beyond the glass window at a coffee shop or the back door of a home.

But I think that on a more useful, intellectual level, her views and her followers' views disregard the serious problems our country faced only two years ago — and that's the larger evil. Palin declared the Democrats' 'change' frequently in her speech before the substantial Tea Party gathering in Boston Wednesday, and it sounds good to say the problems our country is facing are due to President Obama's lack of action or his views regarding economic policy.

But it's simply not true. Our economic problems are due to the Republicans' lack of regulation, and the Bush administration's general failures from 2000-2008. That's why President Obama won the election by such a landslide; McCain's policies were just a continuation of the Bush administration's policies. Only two years later, it's easy for people to forget where we came from, or for conservatives to deflect this truth by reorienting that the Bush administration wasn't in office anymore, so we can't blame them for today's troubles. They're correct in that it does no good to continuously blame the previous administration for their wrongs — but we have to remember that a lack of regulation is the reason we're in this economic downturn in the first place.

In fact, much of the Obama administration's work in reforming Wall Street is just an effort to undo either the bad policies or the spirit of deregulation and corruption engendered during the Bush administration. The reason the housing market collapsed is that banks gave people loans with interest rates that rose as the years went on. With the optimistic view that as the strength of the economy increased, people's incomes would increase and their payment would also increase. The economy went under; people lost their jobs, and these banks that had dispersed bad loans found themselves under, too. The view of the Bush administration was that these banks were too big to fail. The American public, the Democrats and the Obama administration now believe differently.

The White House is now attempting to push a financial reform bill, which would prevent bailouts of large financial firms in the future, such as the $700 billion Wall Street bailout passed under the Bush administration. The prevailing view is now that no financial firm is too big to fail. Reuters reports that within the bill there is "a provision that would allow regulators to step in to dismantle large, troubled firms."

Republicans argue that this provision alludes to endless bailouts. But that's simply not true. Jen Paa-kki, White House deputy communications director said in response to the Republicans' claim, "The Senate bill explicitly mandates that a large financial firm that faces failure will be allowed to fail, and it explicitly prohibits the use of any funds to 'bail out' a failing firm. Large financial firms, not taxpayers, will be required to bear the costs."

So when Palin cries out to a cheering, sadly-misinformed crowd, "You can keep your change, and we'll keep our Constitution, religion and guns," the only response I can have is: Please keep your religion and your guns, and I'll keep my relationship with God, the change, the Constitution and my sense of reality.

Stephanie England is an English sophomore and Mustang Daily columnist.
Between 1939 and 1945, six million Jews were brutally murdered in Europe. Their crime? Being Jewish. They had committed no crime, they had incited no riots, they had leveled no threats. These Jews had lived for many generations in their home countries and were law-abiding citizens who contributed great minds to culture and science. Leaders from all around Europe were only too happy to round up their Jewish citizens and send them off as only too happy to round up their Germany, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Belarus, Greece, Romania, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Estonia, Italy and Austria were rounded up with horrifying precision, and sent to the hell of concentration camps, such as the notorious Auschwitz. The Jewish populations assembled were referred to with many vile terms, including slave labor populations. While in their enforced slav— they were tortured (both physically and psychologically), starved, beaten, forced to live like animals and literally worked to death. On Monday, we marked Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. On this day, we remembered the six million Jews and the millions of other “undesirables” who were silenced by hate, and had no hero to save them. We remember those who survived the atrocities of the Holocaust, and who have since passed on. The Holocaust illustrated the worst in humanity, and its sheer magnitude of destruction is still hard to entirely comprehend. We keep a place in our hearts and minds for those silent victims, children to the elderly. We also understand that something as horrifying and destructive as the Holocaust must never be allowed to happen again. The modern state of Israel was founded for the purpose of providing one entirely safe haven for the wandering minority nation. The survivors of the Nazi-directed hell were forever marked as victims, with blackened numerical tattoos on their arms. My grand— mother was one of those brave survivors who vowed never to forget the horror of Europe, so long as she had a voice. From a young age, I was exposed to stories of the unimaginable horrors of the Holocaust. I find it incredible that there are still people out there who deny the Holocaust, or try to poo—pooh it as a distant event.

Strategic nuclear weapons are inherently useless against terrorists. So, if anything, reducing the number of strategic nuclear warheads we have to maintain means we can put more of our resources into weapon systems we can actually use. Fewer strategic warheads also means that it’s harder to steal one, if you are a terrorist attempting to do so.

The no nuclear response to chemical or biological warfare is a bit more troublesome. But, notice the condition, Iran and North Korea either 1. Never signed the non—proliferation agreement. Or 2. are actively flouting it. So, the treaty is a non—issue with regards to these countries. If anything, it might convince them to sign on to these treaties and cease atomic weapons development. Although, I will admit you are correct to point out that their leaders are not necessarily rational and probably wouldn’t make such a deal.

In response to “The Wrong Time for Playing Gandhi”

I agree that the recent nuclear treaty and strategy are an unnecessary change, however, the noise being made by Fox News is unjustifiable. My biggest point to those saying we should reduce our nuclear stock pile because nukes are ineffective against terrorists is that perhaps its another decade before that new threat will be a nuclear power like China or Russia. Just because there is no reason to have tens of thousands of weapons that don’t mean they will be irrelevant a few years from now.

In response to “The Wrong Time for Playing Gandhi”

Your representation of Reagan using our military might ended the Cold War is a bit of an exaggeration. The USSR was in its last days; regardless, Reagan probably sped the process up a bit, but probably only by a few years. To say we are in the midst of an international crisis is a bit of an over—statement. Honestly, Iran and North Korea are a concern, North Korea hasn’t proved they have any means of launching anything successfully that could reach us or that they have a successful nuke. They are rather belligerent as a country and while they talk big, don’t really have the wherewithal to be all that much of a threat to us directly, if at all. Suggesting that North Korea is strong, is nonsense. Iran is a larger concern but one can suspect that the primary reason they want nukes is Pakistan has them, as does India. The bomb isn’t really fool anymore as much as it is a strategy to try to keep others from attacking you, and even if we reduce our almost 10,000 weapon stock pile by 30 percent we will still have more weapons then almost everyone combined (excluding Russia). Thankfully, we probably only need about 10 to end the world. By reducing our stock pile and signing on, we are not showing how
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"You had Ryan Lee in the lead-off spot that set the table with a high on-base percentage, and you had (Adam) Bushini, who at times really carried the team," Lee said. "I think those guys allowed your younger guys, (like Bobby Crocker) and (Matt Jensen) and (Ross Brayton) to kind of be comfortable and not have any pressure on them."

Or maybe it's just timing. No matter what Cal Poly is going through, maybe it just needs to have that they catch teams on a losing streak.

"It's about playing the team at the right time," Lee said. "Obviously you have to take care of business, and sometimes you have to catch other teams when they're not quite at their peak."

Could the venue make a difference? Maybe the Mustangs need to get away from the comfort of playing at home, just drop everything else surrounding them. No family, no friends, no distractions — just baseball.

"I think it's good for us to be on the road," Lee said. "We enjoy being on the road — there is no distractions. We show up, we play." How about momentum? Maybe the Mustangs just need to sacrifice enough wins to get momentum under their feet again. They have lost 10 of their last 12 games.

"It's tough when you don't come up with the wins," Lee said. "You don't get that winning environment that winning feeling. It's really tough to turn it around." Whatever the case, the Mustangs are fighting an uphill battle; they are trying to get through the season wounded. Cal Poly just lost Mitch Hunter — its team leader in batting average — and have been without Ross Brayton — a transfer who hit .333 last season. Not to mention the Mustangs are without Mason Radke, arguably their best pitcher, and Luke Yoder battled an injury earlier this season.

"Being depleted on the mound and in the field — it just makes (winning) that much tougher," Lee said. It will be hard for the Mustangs to try to turn around their season with their team .278 batting average and their 6.64 ERA, especially when the Matadors are hitting .313 as a team — third in the Big West. But this weekend, it will be time just to get back to the basics.

"We're trying to compete," Lee said. "That's really all what you can do at this point."

Softball to host Cal State Fullerton in conference series this weekend

Starting pitcher Anna Cahn (above) threw two complete-game shutouts against UC Santa Barbara last weekend.

For the Cal Poly softball team, pitching is the key to success.

"That's the name of the game," head coach Jenny Condon said at Monday's press conference. "If you don't have pitching, you're not going to go very far."

Last weekend, the Mustangs proved that just. In their three-game series against UC Santa Barbara, the Mustangs allowed a combined two runs. Rebecca Patton started Friday and surrended two runs, and Anna Cahn started the remaining two games and didn't allow a single Gauchos to cross home plate.

The Mustangs (15-17, 4-7 Big West) rode their pitching staff to their first series sweep of the season and will look to carry that success into this weekend's three-game conference series against Cal State Fullerton (9-29, 4-2).

"It starts in the circle," Condon said. "Anna (Cahn) throw great and Rebecca Patton set the tone. She threw the first game on the weekend, and she did a great job."

Cal Poly's success in the circle came after seeing reigning their Big West Pitcher of the Year struggle against UC Riverside. For Anna Cahn, a good performance was needed. Not only did she have back with two consecutive shutouts, she was also tagged as Big West Pitcher of the Week.

"It was hands down the best weekend that she has thrown all year," Condon said.

With the sweep, it seems the Mustangs have gotten out of their mid-season blues. The Mustangs had dropped nine of their last 10 games coming into last weekend. In response to its hopes at the post season fading, Cal Poly got back to the little things this week in practice.

"We really just changed a lot of things throughout the week in practice," Condon said. "We really just tried to simplify the game — take it pitch by pitch and inning by inning. Try not to do anything too big."

To pair with its change in preparation, Cal Poly stuck to the things it can control. They focused on effort, not the win-loss column.

"We don't talk about winning or losing because you can't control that," Condon said. "So, we went back to really controlling the things that we can control and take care of the stuff that we can do. Then everything takes care of itself."

Now with momentum, the Mustangs hope to carry that into their series against Cal State Fullerton.

"Hopefully our pitchers show up and get it done and defensively we can take care of the ball and continue to bit the ball well," Condon said.

The Mustangs will square off against a team that just surrendered their first series to UC Riverside last weekend after sweeping UC Santa Barbara to open conference play, last weekend.

After posting 27 runs on 36 hits against the Gauchos, Cal State Fullerton was held to seven runs on eight hits in their series loss to UC Riverside. The Titans came into last weekend batting .289 with eight home runs in conference play, but hit .125 with no home runs last weekend.

Despite being offensive struggles, Cal State Fullerton is still batting .289 in conference play and also leads the league in runs scored (34), in home runs (8), RBIs (31), and slugging percentage (.493).

But no matter the opposition, the Mustangs will look to post a win against consecutive conference opponents — a feat that would put them closer to their goal.

"One goal is to win the conference championship," Condon said. "When you have a record below .500, you're not going anywhere unless you win the title — We're still in the hunt."
Baseball travels to Cal State Northridge for conference series

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Head coach Larry Lee took the desk at the Cal Poly athletics press conference last Monday. In front of several members of the media, he answered questions with minimal emotion. There wasn’t much to be happy about.

His team currently stands with a (0-21, 2-4 Big West) record. It is off to its worst start in 10 years, has yet to hold a winning record and has yet to win a weekend series — none of the characteristics last season’s 37-21, record-breaking team held.

Lee has never sugar-coated the truth. As the losses stack up, it’s harder to be optimistic.

When asked if it was only a matter of time for his Mustangs to get out of their current losing slump, he shook his head and simply replied, “No.”

“This year’s team really has underachieved,” Lee said. “It should be playing a lot better than it has.”

Cal Poly has fallen off the baseball map. After holding national rankings for numerous weeks just a season ago, the Mustangs have not been able to thrive in the shadow of the 2009 campaign.

“I’ve seen enough — I think throughout the course of the year, and I think it will be hard to get back on track,” Lee said.

This weekend, the Mustangs will hold another chance to turn things around with a three-game conference series against Cal State Northridge (17-14, 0-3). But if the struggles from last weekend’s series against UC Santa Barbara resurface, then the future for Cal Poly doesn’t look good.

Against the Gauchos, the Mustangs coughed up two of three games. Cal Poly was only able to scrape together one win — a 10th-inning victory Friday night, but in the other two games, the Mustangs let late-inning leads slip away en route to two losses.

“When you squander leads late in the ball game — that hurts,” Lee said. “It says you’re in the ball game, and playing better, but it says you’re just not finishing well and not taking care of business.”

What’s the problem? What is the cure to fix a disappointing season? It isn’t the effort. All the work on the field — preparing for games — is still there.

“It’s not any lack of effort,” Lee said. “Everybody goes out and they still work hard in the weight rooms. They still work hard on the field. They’re trying to get better.”

Then what else is there? Maybe it’s the fact that the Mustangs lost a couple of key components to their offensive success last season due to graduation and the MLB draft. Those were players who helped their teammates with more than just cold hard statistics — they were players who made their teammates better.

Starting pitcher Matt Leonard (above) pitched 6 2/3 innings allowed one earned run in the Mustangs only win against UC Santa Barbara last weekend.