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The investigation is centering around whether the formal was an official club-sponsored or a private party, with no connection to Cal Poly. According to the Cal Poly Club Handbook, "Cal Poly Student Clubs shall not discriminate either in the context of bylaws or in practice against any person by reason of... sexual orientation." If the controversial event is determined to be affiliated with the Dairy Club, the club could lose its charter.

**Cal Poly club places fifth in model airplane competition**

Cal Poly's Design Build Fly club traveled to Wichita, Kan. to face some stiff competition and came home with fifth place out of 69 teams.

The competition started in 1996 and invites teams from schools worldwide to fly model planes they design and build. The competition ranks the teams on three criteria: a design and build board. So the fact they did so well is really impressive.

Bradley Schub, the team's pilot and aerospace engineering freshman, said he wasn't nervous at all for the flight competition since he has been flying remote-controlled airplanes since he was nine years old and in competitions since he was 12.

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concrete that are placed in the mold for the canoe. The boat from last year weighted 80-90 pounds and was 20 feet long.

Marshall said this year he hopes the new canoe will weigh 80-90 pounds less by race time to increase the speed.

Mix-design captain and civil engineering senior Stefanie Gilles said they picked an Amazonian theme for the vibrant colors and for the name.

“Amazonia” is the Spanish word for “destroyer of boats,” Gilles said. The materials (which include water from rain collected during the last few storms), design, author, etc., presentation and race events are all used to determine the winner of the nationals, Marshall said.

The ASC competition brings 25 universities together to race the canoes built from start to finish by engineering students across the country. The society sets the rules for the contest and specifications for the canoes. Stone said they received an eight-page rule book in September that includes the basic dimensions for the canoe.

The event brings students together through the university chapter to use skills they’ve learned. Welling said.

Last June, Cal Poly S.C.E. placed third at the competition held at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. This year is the first time Cal Poly will host the competition.

Marshall said they want to use that as an advantage.

“We’re excited to defend the house on home turf,” he said.

The Cal Poly team has made the top five at nationals for the past four years, the only school to do so. The biggest competitors the team is looking at this year are University of California, Berkeley and University of Florida. Stone said. Berkeley beat Cal Poly in Alabama last year, taking first place. Schools quality for the competition by winning regional events, and the Cal Poly team has qualified for a science.

The student chapter has placed first in 14 of the past 16 years at regional competitions, including at the ASC Pacific Southwest Regional Conference on April 10 and 11 at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The Pacific Southwest Regional Conference pits Cal Poly against schools like the University of California, Los Angeles, Cal Poly Pomona, the University of Arizona, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the University of Hawaii.

The national races will include a presentation of each team’s design and building process. The races held include a 500-meter straightaway, men’s and women’s endurance slalom and several sprints, Welling said.

“Most exciting is the top five race when you can’t tell who is where because that’s close,” Welling said.

A slideshow of the canoes being built is posted online at mustangdaily.net.

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they do on the show; the answer to the puzzle was “Go Mustangs.”

“There were mostly older people there,” Berger said. “There was another audition in SLO the day before which I couldn’t make, so I was one of the only Cal Poly students there.”

She was called back to the final audition. The final part of the audition was a mock Wheel of Fortune game. Berger spun the wheel, chose letters and had to solve the puzzle.

They didn’t tell her at the final audition if she would be picked for the show or not. Instead, the show’s producers said if she would come back next year, Shot. Berger waited all day for the e-mail, she said. It was not good timing.

“At the time Berger auditioned to the show, she said.

Berger wasn’t able to see or talk to anyone in the audience, not even her friends. “I had nightmares before the show.” Berger said.

“It was really hard than playing at home; you really feel rushed,” Berger said.

“Taping took about 25 minutes.”

“Since there is so much more involved in the show than just tapping, like choosing our contestants and picking our themes for certain episodes, we tape six episodes in a single day,” Amirkhanian said.

Before the show and during the commercial breaks, producers on the show gave Berger hints about when and how to clap and how to act on camera, Berger said.

“A lawyer told me that I couldn’t say ‘Hi’ to anyone in the audience while I was taping,” Berger said.

“My parents said I looked like I was going to puke during the show.” Berger said.

“Berger wasn’t able to see or talk to her brother, roommate, boyfriend or parents, who all came to watch the taping, until after the show, she said.”

“It was funny to see her up there,” Walsh said. “She seemed really nervous, and I could see all of her quirks come out. She did great, though, I don’t know how she solved some of those puzzles so fast.”

Berger had to sign a confidentiality agreement not to share any information with the media concerning how she did on the show or about any winnings.

During the credits, Berger touched Pat Sajak. They talked about pizza.

“The episode will air on KSBY at 7:30 p.m.” Berger said.

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mission, and Brian actually called me while I was on the plane (to kneel) to tell me ‘we got it’. ”

The missions this year were to load up the plane with softballs and “bats” which were actually PVC pipes weighted to simulate the weight of a bat. Cal Poly’s team name played off the softball theme; “Swings Both Ways” and followed the tradition of inappropriate team names, Boers said.

“Every year, we come up with the most craziest and inappropriate team name that fits the theme,” he said citing “24 Inch Wood,” a previous year’s entry.

The name differentiates them from their competitors, who have names like OSU (Oklahoma State University) Black or TFL Velox, and also reflects the attitudes of the team.

“We have characters,” Boers said. “A lot of schools take this (competition) as a class. We do this on our own. The sense of camaraderie and friendship that you gain from the club is what keeps me going working for hours on end.”

The design and building process begins in the fall after the rules for the competition are announced in August; Boers said. The team discusses their plan for about five hours every week from fall to April, not including the build weekends, which Boers said happened every other week.

With almost all the team coming back next year, Schub said he is excited to see how well they can do.

“There was definitely a learning curve for a lot of people,” he said.

“The hardest thing was teaching other people how to do things without coming off too hard. We will have a lot more experience next year.”
Professor raises questions about science fiction becoming a reality

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"It's a personal debate that strikes at the heart of what it means to be human," Dr. Patrick Lin said in the middle of his presentation last night. The controversy is around emerging technologies "pushing us beyond nature's limits — turning science fiction into reality."

Lin, a philosophy professor at Cal Poly, presented on "Accelerating Evolution: The Ethics of Human Enhancement" at Kennedy Library from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Brought to the second floor by the Science Cafe, Lin spoke to a packed cafe with an audience of 135 individuals. He is part of the Ethics + Emerging Sciences Group at Cal Poly, a non-partisan group that Lin said "lays out a debate to move it forward," trying to avoid taking a side.

"This is the single most important debate this century in science and technology," Lin said to start off the evening. He began with relevant and tangible topics which spur much of the controversy in this area, such as pharmaceuticals like steroids in sports. He strayed from more outrage concepts such as the creation of a space elevator.

One of the first examples he brought up was the use of Ritalin by students. He questioned whether this obvious advantage enhancing a student's ability to focus is necessary and wrong.

"It's basically like taking a large shot of caffeine," Lin said. He also talked about a study done in Florida where the senior citizen community saw a spike in STD's due in part to Viagra and in part to growing up in a generation not as well educated in safe sex practices.

Lin then went on to discuss what human enhancement really is. He explained that in the broad sense, it's anything that improves our lives from physical to cognitive performance.

In this sense "this chair is human enhancement... Those cookies in the back could be considered a form of human enhancement," Lin said. He explains the distinction made between "therapy" and "human enhancement" for the sake of the debate. "Therapy" is about treatments that keep one's level of functioning at a species-typical or "normal" level whereas "human enhancement" is a change in the structure and function of the body.

"Some people argue there's no distinction between enhancement and therapy," Lin said. The main reason for this, he said, was a lack of an arbitrary line. A vaccine might be an enhancement for the immune system, but the environment in which it's given could make it considered a therapy.

"Lin tied this concept to enhancements versus tool. A laptop could be considered a tool but if we shrunk down into a chip embedded in the head or clothing via nanochip technology, it would be considered an enhancement.

"One is outside the body and the other is in," Lin said. The point he was trying to make is not to abandon the enhancement-therapy distinction, even though there may not necessarily be a specific line between the two.

The same idea goes for alcohol, he said. It's a mood enhancer and relaxer, but the next day could mean a horrible hang-over.

"Is it enhancement or poison?" he asked.

Lin then went over possible scenarios in mental performance, physical performance and other unusual human enhancements. Mental improvements included things such as happiness from Prozac and information processing from Ritalin. Physical improvements included enhancements such as attractiveness through cosmetic surgery and soldier survivability, creating soldiers who don't need sleep. The latter, Lin explained, is needed around studies on whales and dolphins, two species that never fully sleep.

"They would drown if they did," said Lin.

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Lin concluded the presentation with the question, "Why worry?" He listed many of the ways we overhype technology: robot maids, flying cars, meat-in-a-pill, but proposed the idea that backlash is a possibility like that toward genetically-engineered foods.

"Let's at least proactively address and anticipate some of these issues," Lin said.

Lin was swarmed with questions after the presentation on topics such as counteracting natural selection and the definition of normality. He answered a question about evolution and the suggestion that these enhancements are all part of that process.

"Two hundred years ago, the life expectancy was 40 or 50," Lin said. "We would be super-humans compared to them... What's normal? It depends on where you find yourself in time."

Thomas Dvornik, computer science graduate student, came to Lin's presentation as part of his ethics and software class. He said the most interesting part was hearing about the difference between therapy and enhancement. Even with the moral questions proposed, Dvornik said he's still a big proponent of future advancements in technology.

"I'm all for technology... I don't really see the difference," Dvornik said. "If we are going to utilize technology, we might as well utilize it all we can."

An anonymous retired 76-year-old woman and San Luis Obispo local attended. She said she was old-school and not a proponent of these emerging technologies.

"How far can we go against nature?" she asked.

She said she does her own research in holistic medicine and health, and after teaching English as a second language in foreign countries she finds solace in the holistic approach.

"I call pharmaceuticals 'harmaceuticals,'" she said. "We think of where we are, not mother nature and the earth as whole."

Gregoire Robida, architecture senior and one-year exchange student from France, attended out of interest and said he was impressed with how well explained and organized the information was.

"We should carefully look at everything we do," Robida said afterward.
Obama backs peace talks with Taliban to end nine-year conflict

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are days that we are happy; there are
days that we are not so happy.

— Hamid Karzai
Afghan President

The president added an important
caveat. To maximize leverage in such
negotiations, the coalition needs more
success in routing the Taliban, he
said. “One of the things I emphasized
to President Karzai, however, is, that
the incentives for the Taliban to lay
down arms, and make
peace with the Afghan government in part
depends on our effectiveness in
breaking their momentum militarily,”
Obama said.

A senior Obama administration
official later elaborated. “The meetings
the last couple days have enabled us
to reach a good understanding of how
the reconciliation process will proceed
and we are fully supportive of Karzai’s
efforts going forward,” said the official,
speaking on condition of anonymity.

When he returns home, Karzai can
tell Afghans he scored diplomatic vic­
tories.

The White House acceded to a key
Afghan demand by pledging to hand
over control of U.S. military prisons
in Afghanistan on an accelerated time­
frame. The military has pledged to turn
over the U.S.-run prison at Bagram
Air Force base by early next year. But
Administration officials had privately
expressed doubts about the plan, in
large measure because some officials
hope to use the Bagram prison to hold
terrorism detainees, outside of the reach
of U.S. law.

Several military officials opposed
such a plan, arguing it is critical to the
teamwork of the Afghan government
to take control of its prisons.

In a joint statement released
Wednesday, Obama said it was his
“strong desire” to have Afghan security
forces conduct all searches, arrests and
detention operations.

In the news conference, Karzai said
the agreement to form a team of ad­
visers that will come up with a new
timeline for handing over the prison
was a “major point of progress.”

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State

SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT) — County public health officials have confirmed four cases of whooping cough and are advising anyone with symptoms to seek medical attention immediately.

State health officials have seen a rise of whooping cough cases in California and recently put out an alert urging people to be vaccinated to prevent more vulnerable people, including infants, from getting the highly contagious disease.

There were 219 cases of whooping cough reported in the first three months of this year in California compared with 118 during the same period last year, she said.

LOS ANGELES (MCT) — The Los Angeles City Council, protesting Arizona’s crackdown on illegal immigration, voted to ban most city travel to Arizona and future contracts with companies in that state.

During a morning-long debate on the resolution, council members compared Arizona’s action to Nazi Germany and the beginning of the Holocaust, as well as the internment and deportation of Japanese Americans during World War II. A new Arizona law, which will take effect July 23, requires police to check the immigration papers of the dogs, and to have no contact with any dog.

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National

NEW YORK (MCT) — A British man arrested at a compound near Sunny, Wash., last month after he was seen on film sexually abusing large-breed dogs pleaded guilty to first-degree animal abuse Tuesday.

Whatcom County Superior Court Judge Charles Snyder sentenced Stephen Clarke, 51, to 30 days in jail, which he is almost done serving.

Snyder also ordered him to pay $1,000 to the Whatcom Humane Society, which has taken custody of the dogs, and to have no contact with any dog.

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**Crews ready containment dome in Gulf of Mexico oil leak**

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WASHINGTON — As crews lowered a second dome into the Gulf of Mexico in BP's latest bid to stop the underwater oil leak on Wednesday, lawmakers on Capitol Hill and a federal investigative panel in Louisiana continued a second day of hearings that shed more light on the events — and potential oversights — leading to the explosion and sinking of the Deepwater Horizon offshore drilling rig.

U.S. Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said his committee's investigative inquiry into the Gulf oil spill revealed that a key safety device, the blowout preventer, had a leak in a crucial hydraulic system. The Associated Press reported.

Waxman said in a hearing Wednesday that the investigation also discovered the well had failed a negative pressure test just hours before the April 20 explosion.

Waxman cited BP documents received by the Energy and Commerce Committee that showed there was a breach in the well integrity that allowed methane gas and possibly other hydrocarbons to enter the well.

The revelation follows Tuesday's testimony in which investigators homed in on an uncommon sequence of events involving a decision to remove heavy drilling lubricants early from a pipeline. It was unclear if those events triggered the sudden upwelling of gas that led to the April 20 explosion.

The explosion and fire left 11 dead and mangled the deepwater well that continues to spew 210,000 gallons of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico daily.

As the inquiries continued, the White House asked Congress to take a $118 million oil spill response package, which includes a proposal to lift the current $75 million cap on liability for responsible parties — in this case, BP.

Senior Obama administration officials said they would negotiate with Congress over the new liability limit, said Jeff Lieberman, acting deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The White House emphasized it intends to hold BP to a pledge made during Tuesday's Senate hearing by Lamar McKay, the president of the company's U.S. operations.

Said McKay: "We're really clear: liability, blame, fault, put it over here — we are the ones responsible party."

Meanwhile, two Obama Cabinet secretaries charged with overseeing the oil spill in the Gulf met with officials in BP America's headquarters in Houston Wednesday as the government and industry experts continued to look for remedies to stop the massive escape of oil from 5,000 feet below the surface.

"We are confident and resolute that we will stop this problem and we are confident and resolute that we will continue to push up to the responsible party here and make sure at the end of the day this problem is effectively dealt with," said Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, who flew to Houston along with Energy Secretary Steven Chu for the early-morning meetings.

The two secretaries also recruited a team of high-level experts to inspect what Chu described as outside "insufficient firepower" into the mission. Chu said the scientists, some of whom come from prestigious universities, will assist BP and government officials in looking for solutions and trying to correct future failures.

While the administration emissaries said they believe the problem will ultimately be solved, they offered no guarantees that an immediate solution is in sight.

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**Another option to stop the leak**

An injection tube may be used to staunch the Gulf's flow in addition or instead of the top hat containment dome.

**Insertion tube**

- Bicore Riser Pipe
- That can be inserted into leaking section

**Oil flow**

- 5,000 BPD
- (1,500 m³)
- above ocean floor

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Supreme court nominee starts meetings with key senators

David Lightman

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan encountered skeptical Senate Republicans and enthusiastic Democrats Wednesday as she spent the day making private visits to key senators who will vote on her confirmation.

Kagan's meetings came as senators began to sharpen their perceptions of the 50-year-old solicitor general, whom President Barack Obama nominated Monday to succeed retiring Justice John Paul Stevens.

While her path to confirmation by midsummer still appears smooth, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky set the GOP tone early, going to the Senate floor before his meeting and questioning her independence.

"She's never had to develop the judicial habit of saying no to an administration, and we can't simply assume that she would," McConnell said.

Kagan has never been a judge. She's been the dean of Harvard Law School and an adviser to former President Bill Clinton, and she helped Vice President Joe Biden, who was then the Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, in 1993 in his confirmation hearing for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She's also been a private corporate attorney and an adviser to former President Bill Clinton.

Kagan got warm support Wednesday from Democrat, "She left me confident that she is the right choice," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

This is the first Senate trial that freshly minted nominees must follow. No one expects senators or the nominee to emerge from such court calls and say anything controversial — at least not right away — and there were few indications that much of substance came up.

"It's political theater," said Steven Green, an associate professor of political science at North Carolina State University.

Kagan was asked to discuss her decision, as Harvard Law School dean, to bar military recruiters from campus in protest of the Pentagon's "don't ask, don't tell" policy toward gays.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., thought that stance wouldn't be a problem, though Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, the committee's top Republican, left his meeting wanting to know more about her views on the issue.

The visits are significant because they provide the first clues as to how Kagan will be accepted by the senators who will decide her fate, and the talks — usually in senators' private offices — can出入境 most conversations.

"You can't shout at somebody quite as loud if you've got a cup of coffee with them," said Russell Wheeler, a visiting fellow in governance studies at the Brookings Institution, a center-left policy research center.

Sometimes appointees don't pass the private-visit test. Harriet Miers, President George W. Bush's 2005 nominee, withdrew 24 days after being named and visiting senators, when conservatives questioned her credentials and her philosophy.

Kagan's visits, which started Wednesday with Senate leaders and Judiciary Committee members, will continue all week as she aims to meet with all 100 senators.

Republicans suggested that Kagan will have to pass the "stature test," since she would join the court as its current justice without previous judicial experience and with scant courtroom experience.

However, said Wheeler, an expert on the federal judiciary, "I suspect being dean of the Harvard Law School will counter any thought she doesn't have the gravitas." After meeting with Kagan, Leahy declared she was "at the top of the legal profession."

Kagan was the Harvard Law dean from 2003 through 2009, before she became the solicitor general, the administration's top trial attorney.

So far, there appear to be few major obstacles to her confirmation.

"They're going through this Kucinich dance now. There will be opposition, but at the end of the day, she'll get confirmed," said Susan Low Bloch, a professor at Georgetown University Law School.

Once the visits are over, the confirmation process will enter its next phase: the investigation by Judiciary Committee staff, as well as scrutiny by the news media. It's not uncommon for new questions to arise during this period, which is expected to last a month or two.

Judiciary Committee confirmation hearings are expected to begin in summer, and Kagan probably will spend about a week testifying. The Senate hopes for a final vote by Aug. 6, when it's scheduled to begin a five-week recess.
Dear beer drinkers, brewers and appreciators,

Similar to many beer drinkers before me, the first time I had a sip of beer I spit it out and said, "This tastes like crap!" But I "struggled" through and am now very glad I did. From that first sip of Silver Bullet, I’ve enjoyed a vast array of interesting and shocking beers.

One of my favorite types of beer is the India Pale Ale, or IPA. The name stems from the British occupation of India in the 18th century. On the long voyage from Britain to India, many of the normal beers British people drank would spoil because of wild yeast and bacteria that crept through the pores of the wooden barrels. To make a beer that would survive the long journey across the unforgiving ocean, brewers found the preservative and antibacterial qualities of adding a significant amount of hops to their ales.

From that beginning, Americans have taken the reins and have reinvented the style to encompass many glorious subcategories such as the floral and citrusy West Coast IPA, the aggressive Imperial IPA, and the new American experiment that is the Cascadian Dark Ale (Black IPA).

Oh glorious hops! If you have ever rubbed a few fresh flowers in your hand or grabbed a pint of freshly hopped IPA only to thrust your nose into the wonderful floral, herbal, sometimes spicy and citrusy aromas, you will excuse my excitement.

Hops are green, cone-shaped flowers that grow from the climbing humulus lupulus plant (the only sibling of marijuana in the cannabis family). Hops contain two substances that are important to the brewer and beer drinker. The first are wonderfully bitter resin compounds that dissolve into the beer at higher temperatures when boiled. Second is a variety of aromatic oils that contribute their magic to the nose of the ale. The level of resins and oils are what separate the light spicy bitterness of the German noble hops from the resinous candy-light character of the English hops from the intense floral citrus qualities of our American hops.

Hops are mainly added to the boiling stage of the brewing process. The breakdown of the hop resins (isomerization) and oils occurs in a very distinct progression. When hops are added to the beginning of the boil (60+ minutes left) they will impart mostly bitterness. When hops are added to the middle of the boil (10 to 20 minutes left) they add mostly flavor. When hops are added late or at the end of the boil (0 to 5 minutes left) they will impart mostly aroma. Also, adding hops to the finished beer (dry hopping) can give an extremely fresh
Cheech and Chong to light up Avila Beach Resort Friday

Patrick Leiva

Comedy duo of Cheech and Chong will bring their comedy act to the Central Coast for their “Get it Legal Tour,” on Friday, May 14 at the Avila Beach Resort.

Their comedy, focused heavily on marijuana, has led to nine comedy albums and eight movies, including their first movie in 1978 entitled “Up in Smoke,” which earned more than $100 million at the box office.

Yvette Shearer, who serves as the personal publicist for Cheech Marin and Tommy Chong, said it is great to introduce Cheech and Chong to new and younger audiences who have not experienced their comedy.

“Funny is timeless and when something is really done right it doesn’t matter whether you pick it up 30 years later, it’s still going to be funny,” Shearer said. “Marijuana is still funny to a lot of people, so it just makes sense and it’s a common subject matter that still resonates with a lot of age frames years later.”

The show will focus on the legalization of marijuana, which coincides with the name of the tour. Shearer said the performance will include new and old material from their stand-up comedy routines over the years, some of their musical talents, a stand-up by Chong’s wife Shelby performing some of her own stand-up comedy and Cheech’s son Joey will serve as the disc jockey for the night.

Shearer said the tour has around 40 dates planned throughout the year and continues to add more stops. The tour has taken the duo throughout the United States and included stops in Canada as well. Shearer said they wanted to come to San Luis Obispo because they heard it was a great spot and a beautiful place for a concert.

“I think they’ve had a couple of outdoor shows that seemed pretty much up the Cheech and Chong alley so we thought it would be a cool and fun place to go kick-off a nice day out,” Shearer said.

Joe Graziano, who has served as Cheech and Chong’s tour manager for almost a year now, said they have enjoyed great support from people along the tour. Graziano said it is a privilege to work with Cheech and Chong because they care about their fans and their comedy still impacts people today.

“We’ve had sold-out shows everywhere and whenever you are touring with a couple of comedy legends like Cheech and Chong, it’s an honor and a crack up every night,” Graziano said.

He said Cheech and Chong still have die-hard fans throughout the country that have been around for years, the comedy team enjoys meeting all those people and the opportunity to put smiles on their faces.

“That’s really what we get out of the whole thing is just the enjoyment of the crowd,” Graziano said. “The passion that the crowd has come through every night and the guys feed off of it in their performances.”

Shearer said their audiences tend to span many different generations from younger, college-aged kids to the baby boomers who grew up with Cheech and Chong. She said both men continue to enjoy touring and will provide a quality two-hour performance for attendants.

“I think it’s just the thrill of performing for different audiences that keeps them going and they’re never stopped being creative,” Shearer said. “When you’re fueled by constantly putting out product and you want to do it, people enjoy it even better.”

With summer approaching, the concert season is beginning to pick-up in Avila. Bruce Howard, founder of Otter Productions Inc., helps plan and set-up concerts all over the Central Coast. He said his company jumped on the opportunity to bring Cheech and Chong to San Luis Obispo County for the first time. Howard has been doing shows in Avila for more than 20 years and said the Cheech and Chong performance popped up in the past two months. He said Cheech and Chong are iconic comedians.

“They are arguably one of the... see Cheech, page 10

ENDLESS SUMMER FUN JULY 21-AUGUST 1

COURTESY PHOTO Cheech (right) and Chong (left) will bring their comedy act to Avila Beach Resort. The duo is best known for their 1978 movie “Up in Smoke.”
Howard said that he is a big believer in the ability for people to recreate and have a good time and believes that entertainment is part of life. He said there is no big social implication for this show, but it is going to provide entertainment for the people who choose to attend the show.

"I believe that there's something to be said for pure having fun," Howard said. "Do I have any great commentary about it? No. I mean it's Cheech and Chong. They're going to be talking about smoking dope and getting high."

Howard said the show will help commerce in Avila by attracting people to come into town. He said their company tries to provide entertainment for a variety of different age groups and demographics. In the next couple of weeks, MGM will be performing in Avila and they will be followed by the 17th annual Avila Beach Blues Festival.

"If you're 20 we want to have something for you, and if you're 60 we want to have something for you as well," Howard said.

There are still tickets available for the show, including both general admission and reserved seats. Howard said tickets can be found as low as $25 by going to www.valiffs.com and entering the password "smoke." The most expensive tickets are $60. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The show begins at 7 p.m.

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(All Grain):

- 10 lbs American 2 Row
- For extract brewers this equates to 7 lbs of liquid malt extract or 6 lbs of dry malt extract
- 1.0 lbs Caramel Malt 20L
- 1.0 lbs Victory Malt

Hops:

- 0.5 oz Simcoe (60 min)
- 1.0 oz Citra (20 min)
- 0.5 oz Simcoe (10 min)
- 1.0 oz Citra (5 min)
- 1.0 oz Simcoe (60 min)
- 1.0 oz Citra (dry hop in secondary fermenter)

Other:

- Whirlfloc Clarifier (20 min)
- SaLa California Ale (DCL Yeast #5-95)

Brewing Instructions:

Heat water and mash grains at 154°F. Bring wort to rolling boil and add first hops. Boil for 60 minutes, adding hops according to above times. Recipe is designed for a 6 gallon batch at 70 percent brewing efficiency. Original gravity should be 1.074 and final should be 1.012.

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Letterman's experience and "self-deprecation" make him No. 1

Chris Riemensneider

NEW YORK — Taking the stage for the pre-show warm-up, he cut a real-life不像 a champion fighter with surprising speed and grace. And then he leaned over in anguish, feigning lower back pain.

He coolly grabbed the microphone like a rapper about to spout off the depest lyrics. And then he lifted his dorky penny loafers up on one of the monitors.

He revved up the crowd with a fun riff on allergies but hit a pot-hole postulating their scientific origins. And that's when it became very funny.

"You're probably thinking you came to the wrong program," he deadpan tied.

Nope. We all knew exactly what to expect when we went through the hassle of getting into the Ed Sullivan Theater last Monday.

Landing a ticket to "The Late Show with David Letterman" — I stood the call list that morning, akin to winning a radio contest — was the perfect wrap on a much better gig. I paid a guy a wad of cash to get into the taping of Leno live.

I witnessed the mother of all Leno shows, too, his Battle of Midway. It was the one with Hugh Grant after his bust with a hooker in 1995, which famously turned the lead guest, making up for her cancellation just two weeks earlier, the one where Dave turned into a total softie, which I attribute to his Midwestern roots.

Leno's stature among women took a big hit this April and has only gotten worse since he weaseled into the White House Correspondents Dinner. Even Dave's pre-show bit on allergies was probably something he's working on for a future monologue. One gets the feeling that Leno tests his material only in front of NBC affiliate presidents, if at all.

Leno is back on top, though, so who gets the last laugh? His ratings aren't what they were before he weaseled Conan out of a job, but Jay can still boast of once again being the most popular late-night TV host in America. My reaction to that is the same as seeing all the tourists eating at Applebee's and other chain restaurants down the street from the Ed Sullivan Theater near Times Square.

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I love the lead-up to elections. Despite the campaign screams, scrambling for votes and the lies and all of the dirty realities that come along with American politics, it’s a time during which we create visions of the future — often based on ideology, but visions of the future nonetheless. After these visions are presented to us, the country makes a single choice concerning the way in which we wish to proceed; it’s a choice that ultimately can’t please everyone, but it’s a clear, irrevocable path we face together, nevertheless.

As a California community, we are now in this precipice, yet exhilarating time of revisions and visions. The primary election, largely dominated by Meg Whitman (R), Steve Poizner (R), and Jerry Brown (D), will be June 8 — in only three weeks. I can’t vote for a Republican in the Primary June 8, but the Republican race seems to me to be the most politically intriguing. When I first looked at the candidates for governor of California, Meg Whitman seemed to be the most interesting candidate. She held an executive position at eBay and several other executive positions at popular companies — Walt Disney, for example. She also seems reasonable when she speaks, and many of her ideas are, in fact, just that: reasonable. One of the more important things that I see in choosing a candidate, however, is their position on taxes and spending — especially considering the tamuwe the next governor will face due to our dysfunctional legislature, which suffers from painful ideological enmity. One distraction from Whitman’s platform, on this point, is the fact that she does not support a repeal of the 2/3 vote needed to pass a budget. For the past two years, this has been the major obstacle in passing budgets. Whitman’s campaign website states, “We simply cannot afford a big, across-the-board tax cut that would irresponsibly grow the state’s oversized debt level and drop our bond rating to junk status.” She’s correct in that simply cutting taxes will increase the debt level. It’s simple logic. Cutting taxes decreases state revenue, and as long as spending remains the same, the debt level will rise.

But my problem with Whitman’s proposed spending cuts is not so much that I disagree with what she believes the state legislature should cut; rather, it is the ambiguity in her plan that leaves so much to question. She doesn’t clarify what she believes can be cut from the budget on her campaign website to my satisfaction. In “Her “Cut Spending” section, she states that she wants to reduce the state workforce by introducing a hiring freeze. This idea will not help our unemployment problem, and I don’t think it would do much to cut spending. California’s unemployment remains the same, the debt level increasing. Please servo.

The Sacramento Bee reports that Whitman “was a personal banking client of Goldman and engaged in ‘spinning’ a non-banned practice in which the investment bank gave information about the stock of companies going public. When the shares became widely available — and their prices soared — the stock was sold for a quick profit.” The newspaper reports that she made $1.78 million from spinning. In her defense, the practice was legal when she made her money. But the simple association with Goldman Sachs is enough to turn a candidate, because the company is under such heavy investigation for wrongdoing.

The sad part of this story is that Steve Poizner joined with the Democratic labor organizations to serve his own interests and released his own campaign commercial against Whitman. Not the type of stand-up guy I would want in office. Jerry Brown, the Democratic candidate, has run a clean campaign so far, and to the extent of my research has not released a campaign ad with this information.

The reason the Democratic labor organizations targeted Whitman is simply that she is the bigger threat to their November hopes of taking back the governor’s mansion. Perhaps one could argue that she showed bad judgment in “spinning,” but it’s not an interesting claim to make as a foundation for why she should not be governor. Frankly, a race between Whitman and Brown is the kind I want to see in November. Jerry Brown has extensive experience and knowledge concerning the position of governor, having successfully served as governor of California from 1975 to 1983. Meg Whitman is a relatively reasonable conservative, and I imagine she will more fully develop her plan for California in the coming months.

The race would be challenging for both sides and, I think, would really cultivate an interesting political discussion in California. If after the dust settles June 8, Meg Whitman is still standing, I say, “May the best man win.”

Stephanie England is an English major and Mustang Daily political columnist.
As a bisexual woman, I definitely feel that it is more accepted for women to be gay (even encouraged by some men, hah). However, I agree with the fact that it is difficult for someone neither gay nor straight to become accepted by others. I only tell close friends of my feelings, and even then, some of my lesbian friends have condemned me for either being too scared to come out of the closet or being what one person called a "celebrity bisexual," or a person who would only go gay for a celebrity or someone exceptionally attractive.

—Ali
*"Beauxמכ: The illusion of choice"

You say kudos to the illegal who picked your vegetables, which I can relate to and appreciate. However, what happens when that same illegal runs medium-sized butcher shops or the family size of the scenes because he/she is uninsured, scared of deportation (which is extremely frightening, don't get me wrong), and they are stuck with a damaged car and expected to float the bill? What happens if someone in your vehicle was seriously injured in the accident? What if the illegal driver was also injured and he fled the scene? When he goes to the E.R. and cannot be refused treatment, whose tax dollars and insurance premiums do you think cover him? Yours do. The taxpaying American citizen. So you might save $4.5 a pound on lettuce, but is the cost lost elsewhere?

There is more to illegal than just cheap labor...

—Anonymous
*"Finally Some Immigration Control"

I would like to personally insult you on your level. If you were to walk through Arizona would you feel threatened of being deported? I'm sure it wouldn't even cross your mind, or the minds of others. But I, an American-born, raised in the Central Coast just like you, as I see you went to AG High, Righetti here, would, not because I am illegal but because "America" has classified people who look like me as illegal, although my grandfather, father, and myself are all happy living in the Central Coast legally.

I am sure states like Pennsylvania have their own immigration issue but the point in this one is can you really tell the difference between yourself and a Canadian? Or should my friends tell me the difference between yourself and a Mexican, Central American and so on? And also I am glad your grandfather was able to come here legally, but now it costs thousands of dollars and takes up to 10 years to legally come here. That is money and time that many people who come here do not have: they have a choice between watching their family die in poverty or go to a country illegally knowing that you will not be liked.

—Walter
*"Finally Some Immigration Control"

...the bill would only target those that were acting blatantly "suspicious." I am sorry, Ben-dan, but this is so ambiguous. This bill straight up legalizes racial profiling.

This country was founded by illegal immigrants and here we are setting up unfair international commerce laws on neighboring is-land(s) like Mexico, Central pro-stitution, drug trafficking, and pollution on our countries and il-legal immigration on our countries and selling our crops to deal with it and our people to build fences. Seriously? How old are we?

I hope that part of your "ed-ucation at one of the nation’s finest institutions" includes traveling the rural sides of Latin America.

—Jorge
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—Geoff
*"Finally Some Immigration Control"

For the first time in a long time, the California Republican Party is on fire. Fielding big-name (and less well known) candidates who actu­ally have a wide spectrum of appeal. If the GOP plays its cards right, it may soon have another Republican governor and a Republican senator.

Only one year ago, the thought of Republican senators from Cali­fornia seemed absurd. Longtime Senators Barbara Boxer (D-Calif) and Diane Feinstein (D-Calif) were seen as entirely entrenched leaders, immune to realistic chal­lenges, and the GOP knew it, rarely offering candidates able to bridge the divide and appeal to a wide swath of independent/liberal/leaning­ voters. Today, Senate Barbara Boxer is up for reelection, and the odds of her getting reelected aren’t looking good. Amazingly, even the brass at the left-leaning Los Angeles Times couldn't find the strength to hold their noses and throw luke-warm support behind Boxer or any of the Democratic candidates for the Senate.

In the May 7 edition, the LA Times made a point of "choosing not to choose" when it came time for early endorsements. The editorial made a point of criticizing can­didates not only of the conservative persuasion, but of the liberal as well. "We Californians voted our­selves into many of the problems we face today, but it’s hard to be­lieve that we deserve these dismal choices for the state’s top elected of­fices," the scathing and surprisingly neutral editorial stated. The piece did have a light at the end of the tunnel for state Insurance Commissioner and gubernatorial candidate Steve Poizner (who, the editorial notes, was endorsed by the LA Times in 2006). The editorial also notes "his brand of pragmatic conserva­tivism ... (reflecting) a Silicon Valley spirit of commerce, public service, economic responsibility and social liberalism" as promis­ing tools for a 2010 gubernatorial victory.

However, the paper temper this positive support with concern that in his desire to win over a conserva­tive base, his focus on illegal immi­gration, state employees, human service recipients, and all the rest of the right’s imagined evildoers" could cost him in politically flexible votes; "If he has latched onto them (the aforementioned "negative focus") as part of a cynical bid for political advancement, we cannot support him now." Poizner need not worry ex­cessively about whether or not the LA Times backs her campaign: she is busy enough packing up plenty of unequivocal endorsements of her own. In campaign updates to her supporters from Tuesday, May 4 through Friday, May 7, Whitman wrote proudly of her additional endorsements from The New Ma-jority California, the Republican National Hispanic Assembly of Cal­ifornia, the Associated Builders and Contractors of California and the Long Beach Press-Telegram. The chairman of the Associated Builders and Contractors of America, Chris Lang, stated that Whitman "is com­mitted to helping small businesses and she has a plan to keep our state at the forefront of economic deve­lopment.

Whitman also made history on May 4 when she raked up a first-of­its-kind endorsement. The Chair­man of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly of California, Richard Loa, informed the public that the organization was giving the first endorsement Republican Na­tional Hispanic Assembly of Cal­ifornia has "ever made in a Califor­nia governor's race."

...that it does promote racial profil­ing. Who do you think the police would have a "suspicion of being here illegally," the guy with white skin and blond hair or the guy that looks like a Mexican, Central American and so on? And also I am glad your grandfather was able to come here legally, but now it costs thousands of dollars and takes up to 10 years to legally come here. That is money and time that many people who come here do not have: they have a choice between watch­ing their family die in poverty or go to a country illegally knowing that you will not be liked.

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win was just a brief moment of celebration in a losing season thus far.

"Lately it has been a little rough; we haven't done as well as we wanted to," Aggies catcher Scott Kalush said. "Overall, we have a lot of work to do. We definitely need to keep improving, but we're taking a few steps in the right direction."

The Aggies hope those steps will help them defeat the Mustangs.

"Cal Poly is always a good team, and it's always been a tough series," said Kalush, who is hitting .295 with 21 RBIs. "We definitely are going to have to bring our game." As for Cal Poly, the key to the series is about putting together all the pieces of the puzzle at the right time.

"Anything can happen on any given day," Yoder said. "It all depends on how your pitchers are doing and how well your position players are hitting. It all comes back to the team facets. If we can put all three facets of the game together, I like our chances a lot."

First pitch is set for Friday at 2:30 p.m.

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"I will miss my team; we were so close this year. They are my second family," she said. "I will also missCoach Bream, because he has inspired me to be the best player and person that I can be. He will have a lasting impact on my life."

Senior Diane Filip, who hails from Denmark, said she will miss her teammates and thanks her family for support during her four years.

"Tennis is a part of my life, it always has been and will always have a special place in my heart, though I am certain I won't find a special group of people like my teammates," she said.

Bream said all four seniors didn't cut any corners.

"They went into their senior year with no distractions, which is hard," he said. "To carry a 3.5 or higher GPA, and at some time be the best senior class in Cal Poly history, they put everything they had into place."

Filip said balancing tennis and school was a challenge, and she learned how to manage both efficiently.

"Although it has been tough to juggle school and sport, being a part of the team and playing under Bennett has shaped her into the person she is today," Filip added.

"Coach Bream is awesome as a person and a coach. His positive and motivational way of coaching this sport has made me a happier player on the court, which showed in my game. I thank Hugh for giving me this opportunity," she said.
Baseball travels to Davis for final road series of season

Brian De Los Santos

Head coach Larry Lee challenged his team after being swept by Cal State Fullerton three weeks ago.

The Mustangs hadn't seen a weekend series win through nearly three quarters of his team's schedule, there were no playoffs in sight and they would need a miracle-like run to push their record past .500.

But then Lee stepped in. He challenged his team to win 10 of their remaining 19 games — just enough to put the ball club past the 20-win mark come May.

The task may have been daunting for the (10-26) team at that point, but it didn't show in its performance on the field. His team responded to the challenge.

Since then, the Mustangs have won five of their last seven ballgames, while scoring seven or more runs in their last eight. Now a goal that would have looked close to impossible in the middle of the year seems a little more within reach.

This weekend, the Mustangs (15-29, 6-12 Big West) hope their three-game series against conference rival UC Davis will help them inch closer to that milestone.

"Right now, we're on track to do it. We're just trying to work hard and get to that," catcher Ross Brayton said. "You obviously don't want to just shut the season. We are so far in, we still want to get the respect that we had at the beginning of the season."

The Mustangs now have the momentum and look to keep it rolling. After keeping every game against UC Irvine close this weekend, Cal Poly grabbed an 18-11 win against Loyola Marymount Tuesday afternoon.

"Now we are finding ways to win, getting those breaks we weren't getting at the beginning of the year. Just to get to 20 wins, we would prove to ourselves that 'Hey, we battled through this year. Even though it wasn't the greatest year, we still reached a goal,'" Brayton said.

The Mustangs can credit their surge to the fall season carried into the year. Since then, the Mustangs have gone 11-7 in dual matches, seniors Susan Blalock and Brittany Blalock have received invitations and will compete in the NCAA Individual Championships in Athens, Georgia over the weekend.

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Bream said the team always showed up ready to play.

"Right away, those girls trained all summer to prepare ... they went in immediately and got wins against best players in the country since the first day of practice in September to this point," he said.

The season started at the All-American Tournament Fall Invitational for the nation's best players, where junior Amy Markhoff won over top-ranked Florida State and Michigan players.

"It's just a question of 'How do we go about making the returns?'" Lee said.

"Fall is all about taking the returning players and meshing them with the new players," he said.

Bream said he has an extremely strong recruiting class, with five new players joining the team, and they have great potential to become great Division-I athletes.

"They just set a great tradition for the teams that follow of being national caliber Division-I athletes as well as excellent students at a very challenging university," he said.

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Women's tennis careers hope for season

Anthony Pannone

For head coach Hugh Bream, the close of the 2009-10 Cal Poly women's tennis season is bittersweet.

"It was one of my most satisfying years in coaching, so I'm really proud of the effort the girls put in with just tremendous attitude and enthusiasm," Bream said.

While two players will make a run at a national championship, some plan for life after tennis and start their own careers.

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The Mustangs have been memorable. Their history of recruiting great Division-I athletes is one reason why Bream took the job.

"Our program is known for producing great Division-I athletes that are also with high grades," Bream said.

The Mustangs have been memorable, but Bream also knows they have the potential to be even better.

"We've got to make sure we really focus on hitting low line drives," Bream said.

The Mustangs will lose four seniors to graduation, which in tennis, Bream said, is a big turnover.

Bream said it's a matter of time before the team develops its identity and that the fall season is an important part of player development.

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