CENG dean elected to National Engineering Deans Council Board

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Cal Poly's College of Engineering dean Mohammad Noori was selected to serve on the Engineering Deans Council (EDC) Executive Board of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE).

The EDC is an organization of individuals and institutions nationwide, which works to improve and promote engineering education. Noori has served on the EDC Engineering Deans Council for several years, and was chosen by his council peers to serve as a board member. He was chosen based on his participation in council activities and his dedication to the organization’s goals.

Noori has served as the dean of Cal Poly's College of Engineering since 2005. He also served on the faculty of Worcester Polytechnic University in Massachusetts, where he held the R.J. Reynolds Professorship for excellence in engineering education.

The EDC represents engineering deans from more than 400 schools of engineering at universities across the country. Appointment to the executive board is the most prestigious recognition a member can receive from his or her peers. Noori said he is humbled and honored to represent the EDC.

The EDC works to improve engineering education by campaigning for new government funding and cooperating with federal agencies and corporations. Noori has been a liaison between the EDC and institutions such as these for many years.

“Dean Noori actively participates in groups such as the EDC Public Policy Committee, which is concerned with policies and legislation in Washington that impact engineering education,” EDC chair Ken Galloway said in an e-mail. “He has also participated in the EDC Engineering Deans Institute, which examines a host of issues affecting academic engineering from diversity to research support.”

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Cal Poly alumna honored by governor for AmeriCorps service

Megan Mastache (middle) was awarded the first-ever California AmeriCorps Member of the Year service award by Governor Schwarzenegger and First Lady Maria Shriver for her work with the national service organization in San Luis Obispo.

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AmeriCorps is a national service organization, considered the domestic version of Peace Corps. It is comprised of divisions of volunteers who assist non-profit and public service agencies nationwide. Mastache was honored May 6 for her impressive volunteer work over the past two years.

San Luis Obispo County's division of AmeriCorps is the Central Coast Volunteer Corps (CCVC) and was established in 2007. There are currently 35 CCVC members in the San Luis Obispo area, serving 28 nonprofit organizations.

The AmeriCorps award given to Mastache by Schwarzenegger and Shriver is the first of its kind, and singled Mastache out among the roughly 8,000 AmeriCorps members currently 35 CCVC members in the San Luis Obispo area, serving 28 nonprofit organizations.

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Factory owner asks Clinton documents

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WASHINGTON — The Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday set June 28 as the starting date for hearings on Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan, and asked the Clinton presidential library to turn over voluminous documents related to Kagan's time as a top presidential assistant in the 1990s.

But Terri Garner, director of the William J. Clinton Presidential Library and Museum, said in an interview Wednesday that it would be "very difficult" for her facility to meet the June 28 deadline. She said the records request is overly broad and "too general in scope" and that, under the Presidential Record Act, attorneys for both Clinton and President Barack Obama have the right to read and review each document before it is released to the committee.

"There are just too many things here," she said. "These are legal documents and they are presidential records, and they have to be read by an archivist and vetted for any legal restrictions. And they have to be read line by line."


Documents determined by the Clinton or Obama lawyers to be privileged because they deal with lawyer-client matters would not be released to the committee. Those that are not released are to be logged by date, author, recipient, title and subject matter and the reason that they are not being released.

Garner said she hoped the Clinton and Obama lawyers would come to the library in Little Rock, Ark., to read and review the records. "That would definitely save some time," she said.

But Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., the ranking Republican on the judiciary panel, warned that Republicans may find the attorney review process unproductive.

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Noori said he is eager to share his concerns about the future of engineering education with the other executive board members during his two-year term.

"I hope to be able to work with my colleagues to educate our policymakers about legislation that would benefit engineering education across the country," Noori said. "I believe that promoting engineering education among K-12 students and women is very important as well."

Noori's appointment to the EDC Executive Board will be enthusiastically welcomed by his colleagues at the ASE, EDC vice chair Nicholas Alteiro said.

"I know Dean Noori very well, as I have worked with him in the past on panels that address current issues in engineering education and research. I know that he will bring many new ideas to our board, and I am looking forward to his joining in June," Alteiro said in an e-mail.

Noori's work in promoting engineering education has also gone beyond the ASE. In 2002, he and representatives from six universities formed the National Institute of Aerospace (NIA), an organization that involves faculty and graduate students in conducting innovative research in areas such as aerospace, mechanical and electrical engineering, all sponsored by NASA.

"Dr. Noori was crucial in developing our graduate student program. His vision has made significant inroads in how science and engineering are taught," Betts said. "He has been a remarkable leader and I know he will be a great addition to our board."

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Megan Mastache, a 2007 alumna of the Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) program, said that the nomination for a judge position is an opportunity for her to make a difference in engineering education.

"I am looking forward to his joining the board of directors," Noori said. "It sounds cliché, but it really gives you a warm fuzzy feeling to help other people. I always leave someplace I've volunteered at with so much energy, and I can't help being proud of making a difference."

Graduate school is somewhere in her future — she strives to get a master's degree in public policy or social work. But for now, she is content with working at the SARP Center, which she said is one of the most rewarding places she has worked.

"Going from the Children's Museum to the SARP Center this year was a big change, but I really enjoy working with the survivors of sexual assault," Mastache said. "AmeriCorps has allowed me to work in many areas that I want to be involved in. It's the perfect step between college and a career in social work."

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acceptable. "Developments may occur during the course of such a review that simply require additional time," he said. Sessions suggested that a hearing schedule after the July 4 holiday might be better.

Chairman Leahy, D-Vt., said that the June 28 date would not be postponed.

He noted that when John Paul Stevens announced April 9 that he was retiring, the longtime associate justice said "it would be in the best interests" of the court to have a successor in place "well in advance of the commencement of the court's next term" in October.

"This is a reasonable schedule," Leahy said. "There is no reason to unduly delay consideration of this nomination."

Leahy said the library had 86 million documents, and only 3 percent of them had been made public at this point. But under federal law, she said, after a president had been out of office for 12 years, the documents were to be released in a much speedier fashion.

The committee is asking Garver to provide a wide range of materials from Kagan's time in the Clinton administration, when she most notably worked on policy matters dealing with firearms, tobacco and campaign finance and often enjoyed an open-door access to the president.

They want records that she produced as a senior member of the Clinton staff, along with those related to other White House operations. They want her staff files and any records that she generated that were sent to other White House offices.

Further, they want records related to her nomination for a judgeship on the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., all e-mails sent by her or that she received and all documents from other White House staffers that she reviewed.

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Graduate students prepare for stem cell research via new program at Cal Poly

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Graduate students are preparing to embark on intensive stem cell research internships as part of a new program at Cal Poly.

Cal Poly received a $1.4 million Bridges to Stem Cell Research Award along with 10 other CSUs last March from the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM). The money was used to create a specialization program for master's students in stem cell research.

The Bridges Award was a way for the agency to distribute almost $3 billion in bond funding to research. The ultimate goal is to cure the incurable, diseases or injuries such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, spinal cord injuries, heart disease, HIV/AIDS, blindness, diabetes, cancer and multiple sclerosis. The funding allows Cal Poly students to be a part of that goal.

The CIRM supports the largest amount of human embryonic and multi-potent stem cell research in the country. The agency was created via the passage of Proposition 71, the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Act in 2004. Offered to 10 students each year, the CIRM program has three main components: coursework; a nine-month research internship and a thesis project.

Trevor Cardinal, assistant professor in the biomedical engineering department, said it's an opportunity to use the laboratory to innovate and create at Cal Poly as well as the research infrastructure of other departments, through the internship.

"It really harnesses the expertise of both institutions involved," Cardinal said.

Cal Poly's stem cell research partners include Stanford, the Salk Institute, Scripps Research Institute, UC San Diego and Novocell (now called ViaCyte), a company that manufactures insulin-producing cells for diabetic patients. The students indicate their top choices for the internship based on where they want to go with their career goals and thesis projects.

The coursework ranges from tissue engineering to biomedical imaging. In tissue engineering, the students learn techniques, tissue slicing and as well as preparing a tissue-engineered blood vessel, among other things. In introduction to biomedical imaging, which the students are taking currently, they learn the construction of microscopes and later design their own experiment.

"It's putting them through a series of courses to give them the skills to do high-level stem cell research," Cardinal said.

Cardinal teaches bioethics in cell transplantation, a course designed to train students in working with animal models, specifically with peripheral artery disease. They talk about acquired genetic and autoimmune diseases such as atherosclerotic disease (reduced blood supply to the heart); muscular dystrophy (weak muscle tissue) and diabetes respectively.

"They get a flavor of some of the broad classes of pathology," Cardinal said. "The students performed amazingly well."

Aubrey Smith, biomedical engineering graduate student, is part of the four plus one MS in biomedical engineering, in which students receive a bachelor's and master's concurrently. She was accepted by the CIRM program last year.

Smith explains that one of the difficulties with this research is much of it turns out as two-dimensional, with just one element which goes in vivo to an animal. The lab experience at Cal Poly is a medium between the two.

"It is an arena to bridge the gap," Smith said. "We just want to mimic the environment that's inside your body the best we can."

Smith is currently testing intervascular devices in the imaging class. She wanted to be able to put two cell types on the blood vessel mimic. She created it in tissue engineering, endodermal cells and smooth muscle cells, since it's difficult to sell the cells apart. She is using cell tracker to culture the cells separately. By putting two different color dyes, she can apply both cells on the same spot in the tissues and overlay the images to see how they differentiate.

Smith is currently working on her thesis in which she is trying to create a biological scaffold (a natural living biological matrix) from decellularized porcine (pig) arteries. First, she figured out how to remove the cells from the structural part of the animal tissue, leaving her with the collagen, protein and a perfect scaffold. Then tested the chemical properties, and is now trying to replace human cells (fibroblasts, smooth muscle cells and endodermal cells) back on to the scaffold.

Smith will be heading to UC San Diego for her internship, where she will continue a tweaked version of her research at Cal Poly. She said it is clinically applicable. According to Smith, the lab in San Diego has preliminary data that the stem cells can repair damaged arteries. Cardiomyocytes, the cells composing cardiac muscle, are hard to isolate and are hard to grow. The stem cells would be a good source and can be grown all naturally, she said. After they culture these cells they make them into a gel and inject it through a catheter into an infarcted heart (a heart that's had a heart attack). They can then inject the polymer, the cells and the decellularized material so it will form around the heart and create a functional patch. Smith explained.

"If someone is having a heart attack... you could just inject this in and it would sit there and polymerize and become a little shell around the outside of your heart," Smith said.

Smith will be a part of carrying out this pioneering research.

"There's not really anyone out there that's doing it in this method," Smith said.

Smith explained there are huge numbers of therapies in pre-clinical settings, but in order to bring those to the clinical setting they need to commercialise the technologies and create a clinically-trained workforce.

"These graduate students can play a strong role in starting to fill out the industry for stem cells," Cardinal said.

KATIE O. GRADY MUSTANG DAILY

Using Fluorescence microscopy, graduate student Anna McCann (left) and Aubrey Smith (right) stain fibroblasts (skin) cells red and green to create an overlay image. This technology determines how certain cell types differentiate.

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Burnout

State

SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT) — The San Luis Obispo City Council cautioned the Downtown Association on Tuesday that it might lose its contract with the city if an agreement isn't reached soon with the Farmers' Market Association.

The two entities have been negotiating over control of the Thursday night Farmers' Market produce section without consensus for three months, following a rift that became public in February.

City Manager Katie Lichtig and City Attorney Christine Dietrick will meet with representatives from both groups this week to try to reach an agreement.

LOS ANGELES (MCT) — Two men have been charged with robbing and killing a 29-year-old barber last June, police said Wednesday.

Darnell Sullivan, 35, of San Francisco, and Randall Jackson, 27, who has residences in Oakland and Pittsburg, were charged with the June 6, 2009, slaying of Jamal Beals, whom the suspects acquitted with.

Beals was shot multiple times at 107th Avenue and Pippin Street, where he had been taken by the suspects, police said. The amount of money taken from him was not disclosed. Besides the murder and robbery counts, the suspects also are charged with being felons in possession of firearms.

National

FLORIDA (MCT) — After blasting through a stop sign and pushing a car into a canal, polo magnate John B. Goodman left the victim to drown, according to investigators.

Instead of calling 911, Goodman walked away from his Bentley GTI convertible, deputies said.

About an hour later, he called his girlfriend from a nearby house, then asked a witness there if he seemed drunk before calling 911, according to his arrest affidavit.

Months after the Feb. 12 Wellington crash, Goodman, founder of the International Polo Club, was arrested and booked into Palm Beach County Jail on Wednesday.

He was ordered held on $100,000 bail on charges of vehicular homicide and DUl manslaughter.

MIAMI (MCT) — A Florida drywall distributor knew four years ago that it had supplied problematic wallboard to home-builders, according to a major Chinese drywall manufacturer.

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Suppliers never said anything about the complaints to the government or to customers who didn't complain.

International

AFGHANISTAN (MCT) — With back-to-back strikes at symbols of American power in Afghanistan, the Taliban movement appears determined to show strength and build prestige in advance of an expected confrontation on its home turf of Kandahar province.

Two high-profile attacks in a span of 24 hours — a rare frontal assault Wednesday on sprawling U.S.-run Bagram Airfield, and a suicide strike a day earlier on one of the ubiquitous American military convoys that traverse the capital, Kabul — appeared calculated to demonstrate the insurgents' ability to strike at will beyond their traditional bastions in the country's south and east.

PAKISTAN (MCT) — It was a Facebook campaign meant to make a stand for free speech. But in Pakistan, a contest encouraging users of the social networking site to submit caricatures of the prophet Muhammad has been viewed as blasphemous, prompting a court-ordered nationwide ban on the website Wednesday.

A court in Lahore, Pakistan's second-largest city, ordered the government to ensure that the country's Internet service providers were blocking access to Facebook, the world's most popular social networking website. In the capital, Islamabad, the site was shut down as of early Wednesday evening.

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Afghan security deal could boost President Karzai's half-brother

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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Afghan President Hamid Karzai is weighing approval of an expansion of a security company near his southwestern province, a deal that could give his controversial half-brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai, control of the lucrative security business that protects supply convoys for U.S.-led forces in Afghanistan.

Although the Interior Ministry has decided to work with Ahmed Wali Karzai instead of trying to sideline the Kandahar kingpin, who's been accused of profiting off the drug trade, pushing illegal real estate deals and taking a piece of the security company business.

Kandahar security companies already are facing scrutiny from congressional investigators looking into whether U.S. money for the war is being used to prop up destabilizing militia leaders or pay Taliban insurgents for not attacking NATO supply convoys.

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Karzai personally lobbied U.S. politicians. He said the contractor could subcontracts and subcontractors make it difficult to determine who is getting money to protect NATO convoys.

Karzai's critics view the security company business as subverts the formal institutions and requirements for the success of the U.S.-led counterinsurgency operation.

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The paper would allow the new Kandahar Security Co. to hire only 500 people immediately, it would still put Ruhullah in charge of a significant armed force in Kandahar.

Some analysts worry that Ahmed Wali Karzai could use the new force to thwart any attempt during the U.S.-backed drive in Kandahar to supplant him and the network of relatives and tribal leaders that add up to his army.

"If we're actually trying to build strong, unified security services, this is not good that we have this consolidation of private security companies, that, by appearances, is much more powerful than the government forces," said Forsberg, who recently published a well-received report on Kandahar power brokers.

Ahmed Wali Karzai played down any power he might have over the new security firm. Karzai told McClatchy that he'd play no direct role in running the business, but would help the company drum up business.

"I will pay my role and use my influence to organize them," said Karzai, who's the head of the Kandahar provincial council. "These people need some support."

Despite misgivings among some Western officials, the U.S.-led coalition has decided to work with Ahmed Wali Karzai instead of trying to sideline the Kandahar kingpin, who's been accused of profiting off the drug trade, pushing illegal real estate deals and taking a piece of the security company business.

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In an interview last week at his Kandahar compound, Ruhullah said he got his start in security after the U.S. invasion in 2001, when he started providing protection for CNN and CBS crews covering the conflict.

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Republicans get wake up call this week in Penn. Primaries

Mark Z. Barabak and Kathleen Hennessey

WASHINGTON — Republicans got a wake-up call this week.

For months, the GOP has been buoyed by the notion 2010 will be a big year, delivering control of the House and perhaps even the Senate in November. But Tuesday’s election results — arguably the best campaign day for Democrats since President Barack Obama’s victory in 2008 — suggest the climb back to a majority be steeper than Republicans thought.

Democrats nominated probably their strongest Senate contender in Pennsylvania, where Rep. Joe Sestak took on state party founder Rand Paul (although he could be underestimated in the fall the way he was in the spring.)

Probably the most significant outcome, however, was the Democratic victory in a special House race in rural Pennsylvania. The district — anti-abortion, gun-loving, wary of Washington — is precisely the sort of place Republicans need to prevail to win back the House.

But Democrat Mark Critz, running on a parochial platform of job creation, easily defeated Republican businessman Tim Burns, who sought to turn the contest into a referendum on Obama and Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California.

Republicans should have won the race hands-down. Obama lost the district in 2008 and his popularity has plummeted since; Burns admitted he hadn’t even prepared a concession speech. Instead, the defeat extended the GOP’s losing streak in special House contests to four this election cycle and 11 going back to 2008 — making it that much more difficult to capture the 40 seats the party needs to win the House in November.

“This should not have been rocket science,” said nonpartisan election handicapper Charlie Cook.

“How can you win 40 if you can’t even focus on one and get it done?”

While too much can be made of a single election — there’s an off-year, when local politics and personalities tend to matter more — the defeat in Pennsylvania could be almost on a par with Hawaii special election — but only because two Democrats will split the vote against a lone Republican. The seat will likely revert to Democrats in November, when just one party candidate faces the Republican.

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Soup and Substance talks hip-hop, Asian Pacific Islander culture

Kelly Cooper

Students gathered in the University Union for the final Soup and Substance presentation of the year on Tuesday to discuss the intersection of the hip-hop movement and Asian Pacific Islander culture. Snipping on tomato basil soup, the 30 attendees listened to biological sciences and political science sophomore Emily Hong give her take on the history of both movements and where they overlap.

A diversity advocate for the Multicultural Center, Hong began the presentation by explaining that she would use the term “Asian” to describe both Asians and Filipinos in place of repeating “Asian Pacific Islander” throughout her speech. After the clarification, Hong showed a YouTube video the University of California, Los Angeles produced for Hip-Hop Appreciation Month to introduce her first topic — the history of hip-hop.

Hong first dissected the word “hip-hop” to give a clear meaning of the term’s root. She said it is a combination of being ‘hip,’ or ‘in the know,’ ‘hop’ or ‘moving.’ She then said the hip-hop movement began as a positive outlet on the East Coast.

“It started as a 1970s African-American movement to keep kids from getting into trouble in the streets in the Bronx,” Hong said.

She went on to explain the four central pillars of hip-hop: MCing, DJing, graffiti and breakdancing.

“All of these refer to a different kind of entertainment. MCing is rapping and DJing is the rhythm and beat,” Hong said. “Graffiti is a visual representation of hip-hop. Breakdancing is break-dancing, the physical representation of hip-hop.”

Hong wanted to share this since these forms of hip-hop have recently become some of the most recognized forms of expression.

“By giving people an opportunity to speak out in a different way that isn’t necessarily formal, and it’s a way for the young people to present their ideas,” she said.

The presentation then shifted to the corresponding Asian Pacific Islander immigration movement, which occurred around the same time due to the end of the Vietnam War and the beginning of the Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia.

This, she said, created an identity crisis for the newly-immigrated minority.

As Asian Pacific Islanders began acclimating themselves throughout the 70s and 80s by exploring American culture and also establishing themselves as a strong minority, the overlap between hip-hop and Asian culture began to develop — mainly through dance, Hong said.

This immersion was the first step in the three-part intertwining of the two blossoming communities.

“In the 1980s, Asians of the north West Coast began to expose a few modes of expression — and they chose to dance,” Hong said. “In Seattle, there was a huge movement of hip-hop dance amongst the Asian population in universities. This was a way for college students of that ‘model minority’ to really express themselves in a different way.”

As Asian Pacific Islanders were integrating hip-hop into their lives, America was integrating something larger — mass media.

Hong said the emergence of technology was the second step in the emergence of the movement as its own entity.

“With the beginning of a new millennium, it allowed Asians to really get into mainstream media with the advent of instant communication,” Hong said.

This led to the third step and icing on the cake of the integration process — performance. Hong said that the expanding minority quickly became the faces of Dear beer drinkers, brewers and appreciators.

Ah, Scotland, home of those kilt-wearing people with those funny accents. I will admit, however, the Scots sure do know how to make a quality beer (and lots of those brawny guys). Dating back 3,000 years, Northern European tribes such as the Celts and the Picts have created these fine brews in and around present-day Scotland. As time went on the different regions of the world began to develop their own styles of beer-making. One place in particular, Edinburgh, became one of the most noted areas around the world for the export of beer. Not only are there many local brew pubs, but the Edinburgh area is home to some major commercial breweries such as the Caledonian Brewery and the Bellhaven Brewery. Road trip (well kind-of) anyone? And as these breweries developed, so did the unique craft beer styles of Scotland — particularly the shilling categories.

The shilling categories are a style convention for Scottish Ales. These categories were based on the price per hogshead (45 imperial gallons or about 65 U.S. gallons — I have not a clue where this measurement came from) in the 19th century. Bigger-bodied and stronger beers cost more. Although the categories do not have solid boundaries, they are commonly understood as “Light” or “60 Shilling” being the lightest, usually under 3.5 percent alcohol. “Heavy” or “70 Shilling” is next up, generally between 3.5 percent and 4 percent alcohol.

Next is “Export” or “80 Shilling,” ranging from about 4 percent to 5 percent. And finally “Wet Heavy” or “90 Shilling,” usually 6 percent alcohol and above.

Here is a sample recipe for a shilling ales.

**70 Shilling Recipe (all-grain):**

- 7 lb. Maris Otter or British 2 Row (For extract brewing — 4.75 Pale and .25 Munich)
- 1 lb Caramel Crystal Malt 40L
- 5 lb Caramel Crystal Malt 80L
- 3 lb Bonlander Munich Malt
- 25 lb Caramel Crystal Malt 120L
- 2 lb Chocolate Malt
- 1 oz Fuggle Hops (First wort hop – 70 minute boil)
- 1 oz Fuggle Hops (15 minute)
- .25 lb Whirlfloc Clarifier (20 minute)
- Edinburgh Scottish Ale Yeast (Malt temp: 155°F

OG: 1.062 FG: 1.011

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**Soup and Substance**

**Whee Heavy Sack: legacy of Scottish ale**

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Biological sciences and political science sophomore Emily Hong presented about the collision of hip-hop and Pacific Island culture in the last Soup and Substance.
SILENT FILMS

SILENT FILM FESTIVAL WILL BRING CHAPLIN, LLOYD AND KEATON TO THE CHRISTOPHER COHAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER SATURDAY

JESSICA BARBA

SILENT films from the 1920s will once again grace the silver screen, presented as they originally were, this Saturday at the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center (PAC).

The three-film event titled “The Silent Kings of Comedy” will be presented by the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival (SLOIFF) and Cal Poly Arts. Live music provided by an organist and two string ensembles will accompany the movies. The program includes "The Scarecrow" starring Buster Keaton, "High and Dizzy" starring Harold Lloyd and "The Vagabond" starring Charlie Chaplin.

Chaplin, Lloyd and Keaton used mime, slapstick and other visual comedy routines to bring humor to a silent film. Many of the scenes involve outlandish stunts the actors performed themselves. This acting style has been influential to come­
dians today, said festival director Wendy Eidson. "These guys were absolutely brilliant and fearless. Harold Lloyd lost his hand in a movie-related accident and carried on with a fake hand (al­ways in a glove) from then on and still did a lot of wild stunts," Eidson said. "They were incredible athletes as well as creative geniuses.

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Flavor of SLO presents second annual food, wine and beer showcase and fundraiser at Mitchell Park Sunday

Kelly Cooper

Flavor of SLO will say, "Cheers!" to its second annual event Sunday afternoon at Mitchell Park. A showcase and tasting of different wineries, breweries and restaurants in San Luis Obispo County, the event aims to bring the community together for an afternoon among local tastes.

Last year's event proved a success, attracting 300 locals and making a profit. As a fundraiser for Alpha Pregnancy Counseling & Support and United Way the profits support local causes.

"We actually did profit a little bit, which is a pretty big deal for a first-time event," event creator and Cal Poly alumna Jessica Sisco said.

Sisco came up with the concept for the event after attending a similar function in her hometown of Chico, which featured several restaurants she hadn't known about. She said she wanted to bring a similar event to San Luis Obispo to not only promote local businesses, but to also expose the non-profits — not to mention serve as her senior project.

"I think in general, people are more willing to go to an event if they know that it’s not a for-profit event," Sisco said. "Knowing that the proceeds are going to a good cause — it was just a win-win situation for everyone involved."

To fund the event, Sisco teamed up with Alpha and United Way to be the beneficiaries, with United Way covering finances and both organizations sharing the profits. Both organizations were excited to get involved. Executive director of San Luis Obispo ALPHA Jen Miller said the group was happy to support Sisco's senior project.

"We are really supportive of Cal Poly seniors and really trying to capitalize on their endeavors and dreams and goals," Miller said. "Cal Poly students have so much enthusiasm. We really like working with them, and it's a great event for us."

Employees at United Way, an organization that focuses on education, income and health, said the students help bring its name to the campus and community. Program assistant Rachel Clementia said they liked the innovation in marketing.

"I think it's something we want to be involved with because it was an idea that the students brought to use"...
America's Best Dance Crew, with Asian Pacific Islander crews winning the past three of five season crowns. She also mentioned Apl.de.ap, a member of the Black Eyed Peas who is part Filipino.

Hong included the presenta- tion with a few YouTube videos of the winning dance crews, including Queen City Crew and Piateneo, and also a video entitled, "Black White What ever." which was done by dancer Kyra Kelly Tisi. She then opened the for- um up to questions. Soup and Sus- tain student coordinator and social sciences junior Michelle Fox asked why it isn't more realized in society som­ething that widespread — yet.

"It's a lot more than what people think," said Janet Fu, a psychology sophomore. "There's a lot of misconstruing of it — there's a lot of hip-hop culture. But I never really believed the boundaries of usual school projects for Springer. She said she is excited to transfer her acquired business skills to a real-life function.

"It was not a really unique learning opportunity to actually create something that was going to happen as opposed to just writing a business plan. It's something that I can tangibly see come through then reflect back on," Springer said.

The combined efforts of the stu­dents and organizations should prove to deliver another successful event, and if anything, a relaxing day downtown. Beal said the hopes people will recognize the affordable price for such a variety.

"This event is about half the price of most of the other tasting events in the San Luis Obispo area. When you're a student, funds are limited. And if you want to get involved in the community, this is by far the best deal. We wanted it to be accessible by everyone," Beal said.

The all-ages event is held from 12 to 4 p.m., with tickets available for pre-sale on the Flavor of SLO website. Pre-sale food and wine sampler tickets are $30 for the general public and $25 for students. Pre-sale food sampler tickets are $20 for the public, $18 for students and $17 for kids. Prices in­crease at the door, with a flat rate of $35 for food and wine sampler tickets and $25 for food samples. The food and wine sampler plate is for those 21 and over.

"The special events help to bring some attention and awareness to the general public in between film festi­vals," Eidson said. "These events are fundraisers and do help to bring in a little income in a typically slow time of the year for the festival."

The "Silent Kings of Comedy" will start at 3 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Cen­ter. Tickets are $25 for the general public and $15 for students and members of SLOHFI.
Vote for Prop 14 on June 8

As I pondered over the results from last Tuesday’s primary election and read the analysis of both conservative and liberal media, I noticed they all essentially declaring the same victor. As Mark Preston wrote in his article "Open season on political incumbents" for CNN, the results of Tuesday’s primary races seemed to assert a “common thread of anti-establishment sentiment.”

It’s important to remember that in primaries, it’s often the case that people can only vote for the candidate running under the party they are affiliated with. Democrats can vote for Democratic candidates and Republicans for Republicans. People have claimed this method allows the candidate from each party who goes forward in general or run-off elections to be the candidate who most accurately represents the ideology of the party as a whole.

Though the arguments for and against open and closed primaries are vast and complicated, essentially because they rely on a certain amount of speculation on the ways voters think, the more substantial argument against the open primary, in my opinion, is that if Republicans, for example, if they were permitted to vote for the Democratic candidate to proceed in the general election, they might choose someone who they believe would be easily defeated by the opposing party, and thus render illegitimate the Democratic primary. And Democrats might do the same to the Republicans.

Prop 14, which is on the ballot for the June 8 primary election in California, could change this tradition. It proposes California change its primary election system from a closed primary to an open primary.

I join my voice with the writer of Stanford editorial “California should switch to open primary elections,” who argues, “In a political climate that is increasingly polarized by liberal media, I noticed they were all facing this country with regard to political discourse, I think that it really boils down to a lack of reverence for ‘facts.’ Indeed, there are times when I shudder into a postmodern subtextiosity and wonder whether facts really exist in the context of politics.

The conclusion I have come to is that the only way to navigate the American political culture and to participate in its discourse in any meaningful way is to disregard ideology. Ideological leaders are bound to mislead people at some point along the way, simply because there comes a point at which elections matter above all. As Jonathan Alter writes in his article “The Jackass Reduction Plan: Open Primaries are Step 1” in Newsweek, “We live in a centrists country with a polarized Congress. Bipartisanship will always be a mirage as long as politicians’ biggest fear is a primary challenge. Politicians and pundits want to keep their jobs. The way they keep their jobs is to convince the public the methods by which they are paying for the program or supporting those methods — whether Democrats or Republicans — is the only viable way to do it. If voters were able to consider both candidates, irrespective of political affiliation and who is offered on their ballots, I think it would force them to consider ideas outside of their personal ideologies. In this way, Prop 14 could have a positive impact in the process of politics and in the quality of political discourse in America.

I started my column two years ago. I really struggled with the title, ultimately resting on labeling myself a liberal only because I decided the majority of my writing would be defending my fiscal beliefs — which are liberal-learning. But when I hear things on the news, I always have to have a rationale for rejecting or affirming it. And that’s where I’m headed with my argument in support of Prop 14.

It may be a high-minded thought—a simple expansion in the candidates offered to us in primaries would expand the process by which people make decisions in voting. But there’s really no greater “anti-establishment sentiment” than to knock down the ideologies that govern our decisions and identities within the political culture.

Stephanie England is an English senior and Mustang Daily political columnist.
Since President Obama's masterful speech writer was unavailable, I have taken the liberty of extending his message to all the pending graduates of Cal Poly State University who are about to begin one of the most perilous journeys of their lives: finding their jobs.

I'll do my best to translate his notoriously elevated rhetoric to the Class of 2010.

Congratulations. I encourage you to reflect on the many generations of Americans who gradu­
aduated from our great institutions of higher learning and are about to begin one of the most perilous journeys of their lives: finding a job. Heck, they could have even voted for politicians who believed in the will of the American people. 

But they didn't.

No matter how you choose to spend the rest of your life, you have the power to change the course of the American story. When I left Chicago after graduation to become a community organizer, I had no idea that I could have such a prosperous career in breaking the banks and galvanizing the current recession (US News & World Report). Never did I think I would be given the power to truly "spread the wealth around" as the leader of this nation.

I also want to assure each of you that you have the right to take your diploma and seek the most expe­
terience course to an six-figure salary. But please remember, in a few years, you will be taxed up your eyeballs and be no better off than the guy flipping burgers at your local McDonald's.

Instead, take a look at the re­
warding opportunities that stand before you. For example, you can become an educator at a public school—that is, if you don't mind living in inner city Los Angeles. Over 22,000 teachers have been laid off in California, so all the safe places to teach are now covered already (California Teach­ers Association).

As you may realize, times like these call for some true soul search­
ing. You must constantly ask yourself the big questions facing America today, namely: How am I going to pay for my education? And how do I vote? And how do I make a difference in the world?

Cal Poly offers many ways to give back to community

During the first Days of Philanthropy event, I'm sure all of you have been asking yourselves, "How do I get in­
novated in all these cool community service events?" I bet you would be surprised at just how many Cal Poly Students have wondered the same thing and acted upon their notion.

Cal Poly has earned a yearly spot on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, since its creation in 2000. This honor roll, which only 700 colleges founded themselves on in 2009, recognizes universities that exhibit exemplary, innovative and effective community service programs.

In the 2007-2008 school year at Cal Poly, an estimated 9,500 students performed over 525,000 hours of volun­
teer work in and around San Luis Obispo. The state's official estimate for the value of one hour of volunteer work in the community is $21.97, putting Cal Poly students' 2007-08 efforts at $4.9 million.

If you are looking for ways to get involved and give back around campus and the community, Associ­
ated Students Inc.'s Student Life and Leadership (SLL) is a fantastic starting point. SLL is a host of student clubs and programs on campus, which give Cal Poly students a way to provide service to the community while devel­
opment leadership skills.

The Community Center, a part of SLL located upstairs in the University Union, houses Student Community Services, Alternative Breaks, Days of Service, Service Learning, Global Ser­
vice Learning and Volunteer SLO.

Alternative Breaks provides Cal Poly students the opportunity to serve our global community while exploring outside their positions of privilege. Days of Service are one-day opportunities for students and com­
unity members to engage in service that benefit our community. Service Learning courses involve Cal Poly stu­
dents providing direct service to local non-profit agencies. Global Service Learning aims to bridge the gap be­
 tween the classroom and global ser­
vice experiences. Volunteer SLO is a comprehensive database of volunteer opportunities in San Luis Obispo County managed by the Community Center at Cal Poly.

Students Community Services (SCS) is host to 10 student volunteer programs ranging from Best Friends to Poly Paws. Best Friends pairs a stu­
dent with a developmentally disabled adult and has the duo partake in activities throughout the year, building a friendship. Students participating in Poly Paws offer companionship to animals at a variety of local animal shelters while raising funds for animal protection efforts. The easiest way to get involved in SCS is to go to their website scs.cs. calpoly.edu and fill out the volunteer interest form.

The Week of Welcome orienta­
tion program has been doing its part by welcoming new students to phil­
anthropic and community service ef­
corts through Days of Service and St. Jude's Letter Writing Campaigns. The program works closely with SCS to participate in Days of Service. Dur­
ing these days, Cal Poly students can be found donating time and labor at charities such as the Paso Robles Boys and Girls Club, or to Pismo Beach, participating in beach cleanups.

Week of Welcome team leaders take part in a Day of Service in the winter, and leaders in training partici­
pated in one this past Sunday, May 15. During the actual Week of Wel­
come, September 15-19, there will be exciting opportunities for leaders to take their WoW participants to a Day of Service.

Participants will be asked to bring in five addresses for a St. Jude's Letter Writing Campaign. The program implemented the campaign last year and is excited about continuing it in the future.

Each year, Cal Poly gives Presi­
dent's Community Service Awards to highlight specific achievements in service. These awards are presented to students, faculty and staff for their contributions to the quality of life in San Luis Obispo and their spirit of civic engagement. The different cat­
ergories awarded are: Service Learning, Faculty, Significant Contribution, Greek Community Contribution and Outstanding Campus/Community Collaboration.

Giving is one more thing Cal Poly students do well, and Cal Poly is a place that offers many opportunities to do well. None of us on our edu­
cation outright, and our service shows off our thanks for the generosity of those who help us along the way.

Brett Edwards is an environmental management and protection freshman and a Mustang Daily guest columnist.
second baseman J.B. Brown, who currently sits third in the Big West with a .401 average, and first baseman Brian Martin, who owns a .382 average on the year. The duo ranks second and third in the Big West in hits as Brown has accumulated 79, while Martin has 78.

The Tigers’ pitching staff sits in the middle of the pack of the conference, sporting a 3.10 team ERA. They are led by junior right-hander Marcus Pointer, senior left-hander David Rowse and junior right-hander Jake Hammel. All three pitchers are tied for a team leading seven wins and senior closer Hunter Carnevale leads the team with a 2.62 ERA and four saves.

The Tigers have won eight of their last 11 games and are looking to catch second-place UC Irvine; they trail by one game.

“Hopefully they can take that as some motivation, work hard in the offseason and come back as the player they want to become.”

The books for 2010 still aren’t closed. Thompson, Gentile and the rest of the Mustangs still have chances to improve a season that began with high expectations. But they will have to do so against Pacific this weekend.

First pitch is set for Friday at 6 p.m.

— Brian De Los Santos and Patrick Leise contributed to this report.
Starting pitcher Kyle Anderson (3-4) pitched six innings, allowed three earned runs and nine hits in the Mustangs’ 9-8 win against Pepperdine Tuesday night. On the year, Anderson has an 8.79 ERA and 40 strikeouts in 11 appearances.

**Mustangs look to continue winning ways against Pacific**

Thursday, May 20, 2010

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT**

After posting their 37-21 record a season ago, the Mustangs (18-30, 8-13 Big West) had nothing but high expectations for this campaign.

But the Mustangs struggled out of the gate, dropping four of their first 10 games. After bringing their record to 500 after a sweep of Northern Illinois, the Mustangs plummeted. They lost 21 of their next 25 games, didn’t win their first weekend series until May and have yet to hold a winning record. Runs were hard to score, pitches couldn’t find the strike zone and errors were riddling the Cal Poly defense.

But then things changed. After being swept by Cal State Fullerton, RBls started lighting up the box scores, the team’s ERA started to drop and the Mustangs found ways to get on base. Now, after firing off eight wins in their last 12 games, the Mustangs can lessen the pain of falling short of the postseason.

“It’s a good feeling,” head coach Larry Lee said. “It’s a good feeling in the dugout, a lot more positive energy. It’s nice to see.”

They just hope they can keep the wheels turning when they square off against Pacific (30-18, 11-7 Big West), a team ranked third in the Big West.

“We’ve played fairly well for the last month,” Lee said. “At given times during each game or each series, we’ve done some things pretty well. Offensively, we’ve really stepped it up to a different level. It’s a good experience for a number of players.”

Coming into the weekend, the Tigers dropped a non-conference series at the hands of Cal State Bakersfield. The Mustangs pitching staff will be tested as Pacific brings in the second-best hitting attack in the Big West, with a .329 team batting average. The Mustangs will be looking to control Pacific’s duo of.

**READERSHIP SURVEY**

1. What publications do you read weekly? Circle all that apply.
   - Mustang Daily
   - The Tribune
   - NY Times
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   - New Times
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   - Thursday
   - Friday
   - Saturday
   - Sunday

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   - On campus outdoors
   - At home
   - In transit (bus, car, etc.)
   - Library
   - Online
   - Coffee Shop
   - Other

5. What do you read? Circle all that apply.
   - Opinion/Editorial
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   - Last Month
   - Last Quarter
   - Last Year
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    - Yes
    - No

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    - Restaurant
    - Restaurant/Dining
    - Auto Shop
    - Beauty (salon, barber, spa)
    - Other

12. Where specifically have you used a discount?
    - Restaurants
    - Clothing
    - Other

13. What have you done in response to an advertisement or article published in the Daily?
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    - Attended an event
    - Mentioned to a friend
    - Follow up on article
    - Brightly Colored “Free sirx» 1916” Shirts
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    - Twitter
    - Myspace
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    - Junior
    - Senior
    - Grad student
    - Faculty/Staff

19. What college are you affiliated with?
    - Education
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    - Architecture and Environmental Design
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    - Business
    - Engineering
    - Liberal Arts
    - Other

**REWARDS SURVEY**

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