Bed bugs found in dorms as recently as summer

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What are small, parasitic animals that creep around at night to feed on human blood? They are called bed bugs — and Cal Poly had them.

As recently as this summer, there have been multiple occurrences of bed bugs in the on-campus dorms and apartments at Cal Poly. So far, there have been at least three incidents, said Associate Director of University Housing Alan Pepe.

"The bed bug incidents began during winter break last year," Pepe said. "Santa Lucia, Poly Canyon and Cerro Vista had them, but they have all been treated."

For the students who were not around campus this summer, a large, circus-like tent covered Santa Lucia Hall. "It was completely tented to make sure we eradicated the problem," Pepe said.

Testing and professional treat-

When students do a lot of traveling, we tend to get them in the dorms. It always happens after break.

— Alan Pepe
Associate Director of University Housing

Rally aims to ‘stop the dirty energy prop’

A rally was held yesterday to try and stop Proposition 23, a.k.a. the “Dirty Energy Prop,” from passing in November. The rally was organized by The California Public Interest Research Group and was held in the University Union.

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Cal Poly students held a kick-off party in the University Union (UU) yesterday evening to encourage students to say no to Proposition 23. The proposition intends to roll back Assembly Bill (AB) 32, which reduces pollution by holding polluters accountable for their actions.

Proposition 23 would stop any regulations on global warming until unemployment rates reach 5.5 percent.

The kick-off party was intended to get students excited about the "say no to Proposition 23 campaign," run by the California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG).

At the rally’s start, a few volunteers and the CALPIRG interns introduced themselves and gave their perspectives on why Proposition 23 is a bad idea.

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Everything you ever needed to know about studying abroad

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The Study Abroad Fair, held on Oct. 7, featured booths for all of the study abroad options available to students, such as studying in London or Peru during the summer, Thailand during the spring or Australia during the winter.

Commercial engineering junior Riley Elliott studied abroad in Cuzco, Peru this past summer.

At first, Elliott “experienced a little bit of culture-shock,” but it only lasted a few days.

“It was a completely different world,” Elliott said.

Depending on the location, students have the option of staying with a host family or in campus housing, which may be a dormitory or apartment.

In each of these locations, a student has the ability to earn transferable Cal Poly credit for general education courses taught by Cal Poly professors.

All of the faculty-led programs also
Job Fair attires — the do’s and don’ts to get the job

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If you want the job, you’ve got to dress the part. And to dress the part, just follow these easy tips:

Guys:

Do not, repeat do not, wear your mom’s favorite owls, unless you’re wanting to be either a personal trainer or an athlete, and then you could at least spring for new ones before your interview. Try to keep your attire simple, a button down shirt with a nice jacket is always good. Dress shoes are a plus, but not required, as long as you aren’t going to wear grumpy tennis shoes that have seen better days.

Girls:

The inclination for women hunting for a job may be to wear your “cute” clothes, (i.e. that new forever 21 miniskirt that makes your legs look like Heidi Klum’s) but often these clothes just don’t convey the message you think they do. You may like that the tube top you’re wearing shows off your shoulders and makes you look blonder and some cute heels. Keep your hair simple and neat and stay away from crazy make-up.

Resumes: The good, the bad and the ugly

The Good

Brandon Souza, 2008 agricultural business graduate with a minor in agricultural communications, former Associate Students Inc. president: “Live it up in every single day that you look back now and really regret some of those days/nights where you just stayed home and watched TV or bumbled around — there’s so much to do in SLO and you’ll never have a concentration of so many friends and people your age in one place; it truly is the time of your life.”

Dana Melani, 2008 business administration graduate: “Take every opportunity that presents itself whether or not you want the position long term.

Chances are it will grow into something you enjoy or will help you find which direction you want (or do not want) to go. Remember nothing is permanent. Do not ever allow yourself to become comfortable in a position; you should always be challenged and should always be learning.

Once you have outgrown the position move on, never lose the desire to achieve more and challenge yourself. “

Susie Penner, 1998, social sciences:

“Well open to learning in general and letting your mind change as you try new things. Networking is important in any career, so I encourage students to start now while they are still in school. Try and find people with careers you are interested in and create those relationships for mentoring and guidance. Mentors have helped me throughout my entire education and career and they can help you identify your strengths, weaknesses, transferable skills, interviewing tips and future goals. I also encourage students to go after internships and other activities outside of your course load.”

Words of advice from alumni
Elliott stayed with a Peruvian family in what is known as a homestay — the option of living and dining with a native host family.

On one of his excursions, Elliott ventured to the Amazon rainforest in Peru and stayed in an "eco-lodge," or a 100 percent sustainable lodge that was run by the local tribe. Elliott saw wild monkeys and caught a piranha during his trip. He fed it a leaf to watch its teeth in action, but he ultimately let it go.

Besides the cultural excursions students go on during their study abroad experience, many of the general education courses offered often incorporate the culture and history of the location abroad.

English professor Dustin Stegner taught a Shakespeare course in London, so he took his Shakespeare class to the Shakespeare-associated Globe Theatre, he said.

All excursions are included in the faculty-led program packages, unless it is an optional trip. Program fees vary depending on the location of choice. The London Study and Australia Study programs tend to be the highest costing and the Peru Study program tends to be the cheapest. All programs charge Cal Poly registration fees.

International Programs (IP)

With the IP program through the California State University (CSU) system, architecture senior Adriana Servin was able to experience historical architecture firsthand in Florence, Italy.

Studying architecture history in Florence added another dimension to Servin's studies, since the Italian city is significant in the architecture world.

"It was really cool being able to see everything in person," Servin said. Servin immersed herself in Italian architecture for an entire year in 2009. Students have the option of staying in an IP program for a term or the whole year. Servin said she benefited from the option of a year-long program.

Servin has friends who have studied abroad as well; yet, some of them chose to only study abroad for a semester. They didn't have the same chance to learn the language as well or even travel as much she did, she said.

Like the faculty-led programs, the IP programs allow CSU students to gain transferable general education and major courses. Servin was able to stay on track to graduate while in Florence.

IP programs can take students anywhere in the world — Asia, Europe, South America or Australia — for almost the same amount it costs to attend a CSU. Factors like the current exchange rate may affect the total estimated cost, though.

National Student Exchange (NSE) and Cal Poly International Exchange Program (IEP)

For those students who are unsure of whether or not they could handle living in a different country for an academic term, the option of studying "abroad" at a different university in the United States or Canada territory is possible through the NSE program.

Kristi Sabo, a recruitment management senior at Ferris State University, Michigan, is currently staying at Cal Poly through the NSE program for the year.

Sabo recommends both studying abroad overseas and at a different university with the NSE program.

"I would recommend NSE as a stepping stone to studying abroad (in a different country)," Sabo said.

As most of the university exchanges offer the same tuition and fees as the home university, "it is an inexpensive way to experience a different culture," Sabo said.

Similar to the NSE program, except with exchanges of students in many different countries, Cal Poly's International Exchange Program (IEP) allows students to pay at Cal Poly fees and receive financial aid as an exchange student in a foreign country.

Many colleges and departments have exchange agreements with universities all over the world, including some in Brazil, Germany, India or Finland.

Affiliated programs

There are options to travel to over 30 countries with affiliated programs. An affiliated program may offer courses that complement or expand a student's major or minor.

For example, the University Studies Abroad Consortium, has major programs in less demanded places, such as Puntarenas, Costa Rica, or Pau, France.

Affiliated programs still allow students to retain their federal financial aid, but students have to pay the affiliated program's fees instead of Cal Poly fees.

To study abroad with an affiliated program, a student must have at least a 2.5 GPA (but some academic programs may require a higher GPA) and must have at least a sophomore standing.

Peace Corps and AISEC

For people who'd rather volunteer instead of study abroad, the Peace Corps offers programs in over 77 countries.

The programs last 27 months and volunteers live with a particular community. Each program provides "technical assistance in six program areas: education, youth and community development, health, business and information and communications technology, agriculture, cultural and environment," according to the Peace Corps website.

Peace Corps volunteers usually have a decent combination of job experience and education, but a four-year college degree isn't required for each program. Volunteers also receive an allowance during their term.

Although a prospective Peace Corps volunteer may choose their ideal destination, their country of choice isn't guaranteed.

Besides volunteering and studying abroad, the option of internships abroad is also available for students who want to become involved in the fields of management, technology, education or development.

AISEC is a student-run organization that allows students to become involved in international leadership by providing internships in over 100 countries.

No matter the activity, whether it be taking classes, volunteering or interning, Cal Poly students have the opportunity to have a global experience during their stay.

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Careers, circa 1950

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WTF?

Sound fun? Not likely. Nobody likes "working" and nobody likes "jobs." As a result, once people became more mobile and more opportunities arose, a lot more career transience became trendy. Get bored and move on. But do you really want to go your whole life working at a job, even if you are moving to a new one every few years to spice it up?

There is another option, one that has the ability to be incredibly fulfilling, profitable, heart-breaking, bankrupting, exciting, pleasurable and terrifying all at the same time. It's called entrepreneurship and believe it or not, it drives this world. Why then do some institutions seem to ignore this hidden path to success? Why do we have career fairs and not entrepreneurship fairs? Why can only Stanford grads start billion-dollar tech firms? What resources are already available but not promoted as well as the career center is promoted?

Why this column?

I am a Cal Poly alumnus and I started my own business. Over the next year, I will profile fellow Cal Poly alumni who have also gone on to start successful businesses as well as key alumni, faculty and resources that promote entrepreneurship among students. Through this column I will showcase entrepreneurship from an alumni perspective and inspire students to seek out this hidden path and never look back. Hopefully I can save one poor student from a fate of boredom and that will be well worth it.

Upcoming events

If you are interested, check out the Cal Poly Entrepreneurship Forum on Thursday, Oct. 21 at 5 p.m. You can get more details and register at Cal-PolyEntrepreneurship.com.

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Cal Poly alumnus tips for success

You know those companies that are at the career fair? Started by entrepreneurs. You know that deli you frequent at lunch time? Started by entrepreneurs. Bulls, Black Sheep, DTB (now SLO Brewing Co.), and whatever Marti's is now called? Started by entrepreneurs. You know that letterages open-source technology to provide Web design, development and materials/warehousing.

every business you experience, every product you buy and every movie you see has roots formed by a person just like you: educated in some way or another, motivated for their own success and willing to take a risk and get a reward. Why then do some institutions seem to ignore this hidden path to success? Why do we have career fairs and not entrepreneurship fairs? Why can only Stanford grads start billion-dollar tech firms? What resources are already available but not promoted as well as the career center is promoted?

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Like many college-aged students, Diana Stanton wasn’t sure what type of career she wanted to pursue in her early 20s. A competitive gymnast early on, Stanton didn’t know that her brush with modern dance at a community college was her ticket to eventual success in the academic world.

“It was the first time I had ever taken, ever auditioned for or ever been in a modern piece,” Stanton, who is the present day director of Cal Poly’s dance company Orchesis and full-time professor, said, “That meant I had to take modern dance — and I had an epiphany. I thought, this is right. This feels really good.”

Stanton’s early epiphany brought her to two conclusions: she wanted to choreograph and she wanted to teach in the college setting. So, she headed to University of California, Irvine to get her Bachelor of Fine Arts and later to the University of Colorado at Boulder for her Master of Fine Arts.

“UC Irvine was very classical — lots of ballet. And Boulder was very alternative,” Stanton said. “I was climbing on rock walls and doing contact improv, throwing people around, writing all these deeply philosophical articles. (It was) technical discipline and creative explosion put together. I really feel lucky that I got such a diverse education.”

After dancing with local companies and doing her own choreography as well as teaching at College Community College and the Pacific Conservatory of Performing Arts of Allan Hancock College, Stanton landed a position as a part-time professor at Cal Poly 11 years ago and was appointed to a full-time teaching position three years ago.

“It took me 20 years to get this job,” Stanton said. “I started dancing in my early twenties, and when I figured out what I wanted to do, it took me 20 years, but I feel so lucky because it’s exactly what I wanted to do.”

Contrary to chasing a professional dance career, Stanton never aspired to be on Broadway. This, she said, is a tough career path to follow, especially at an older age.

“I really wanted to teach,” she said. “And I knew that I had to go to grad school and I knew that I had to have some professional experience to do that. And that’s really what I wanted to do. To become a professional dancer as a performer is very difficult. And by the time people reach college age, they should already be there.”

Today, Stanton is busy juggling her position as director of Orchesis, co-director of Variable Velocity — a local non-profit, modern dance company which Stanton cofounded with friend Jude Warish — as well as all the accoutrements of being a full-time professor. Stanton said the administrative work sometimes interferes with her original passion to create work.

“It’s really hard to find time to make sure I stay an artist as well,” Stanton said. “Just trying to maintain

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Celebrate October with Oaktoberfest

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The sixth annual Oaktoberfest, hosted by Firestone Walker Brewing Co., is being held at the Avila Beach Golf Resort this Saturday, Oct. 16, to raise money for Hospice of San Luis Obispo.

Oaktoberfest is a mimetic celebration of Munich, Germany’s famous cultural festival, Oktoberfest. The event started in 1810 as a celebration for the King’s wedding and became a tradition. In Germany, the event is held for a period of 16 days and is one of the world’s largest fairs.

Modeling the Germans’ annual festivity, Oaktoberfest is designed to provide people with the Bavarian experience, centering on the customary Bavarian attire, German food and most notably, the beer. Following tradition, Firestone Walker Brewing Co. is supplying the beer and is aiming to live up to the festival’s customs.

Firestone brews their own Oktoberfest beer every year. They’re trying to make it (the most) authentic German Oktoberfest (as possible)," Evan Dyre, Firestone Walker Brewing Co. events coordinator, said.

Not only is Firestone Walker providing the beer, they are also partnering up with Hospice of San Luis Obispo, a volunteer-based facility dedicated to helping the community by providing free counseling and emotional support to anyone dealing with grievances. A portion of the proceeds will go to Hospice.

"Firestone wanted a signature event and partnered with Hospice. Since (Oaktoberfest) started, it has been a charity event," said Katie Manley, event coordinator for Avila Beach Golf Resort. "There is no set goal (to how much we can raise). We always try to raise as much as we can, it is based on ticket sales."

The charity event will mimic Oktoberfest as close to the German original as possible, featuring various games and contests.

"We try to keep (Oaktoberfest) pretty traditional; we are definitely mocking the Oktoberfest festival," Manley said. "We’re having the beer olympics, which includes events such as a log toss, barrel roll and the stein race. There will also be a costume competition (for participants) who are best dressed in lederhosen or dirndl."

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Participants at last year’s Oaktoberfest adhered to the theme in German attire.

Orchesis, for three years.

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"While having a lot of success, especially in this university, is people dancing, they do Orchesis and then go to a job and never dance again," Stanton said, "So unless they learn how to create dance — unless they learn what goes into it — they won’t be able to do it for themselves."

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that balance is a little bit tricky.”

Appointed to the position of Director of Orchesis three years ago, Stanton is putting her stamp on the company both technically and philosophically.

Understanding that choreography takes work and a creative process and its not just handed to you in a box that Stanton does a good job of letting dancers know they’re not just in high school anymore.

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This saying has for years locked the perennial apple into the closet of everyday and boring. Although the apple has been locked in the closet of everyday, it is apparently in almost every American home — the apple is among the top four fruits purchased by the United States population.

So, if this many people seem to buy apples year-round I think it is my duty to inform the Cal Poly student population that this pomaceous fruit, a member of the Rose family, is in the peak of its season.

Yes, it is a perennial fruit, but one can pick the sweetest, juiciest and most flavorful apples between the months of September and November. Now wonder the apple pie is such a notorious sweet guilt at the end of home-cooked Thanksgiving dinners.

We are right in the prime of this apple season's peak, so why not unlock the closet chains of everyday and bring a new light to this fruit, as it can be found just around the corner in its most delicious form.

Before we get to cooking and tasting this yummy fruit, why not take a gander at its benefits that we all too often take for granted.

As with many fruits, the skin of the apple is very nutrient-rich. This is something to keep in mind when a recipe calls for peeled apples — why not get a bigger health benefit and just leave the skin on for a little extra texture and lots of added nutrients!

Furthermore, an apple's appeal is more than skin deep — beyond its skin, the apple flesh still has many benefits to boast.

Apples have a unique ability to help regulate blood sugar through flavonoids. These flavonoids inhibit enzymes that breakdown complex carbohydrates; thus, with less broken-down complex carbohydrates, there are less simple sugars that the blood has to deal with.

Apples have also been linked to lowering cancer risks. The anti-inflammatory and antioxidant components they contain are most readily connected to lowering the risk of colon, prostate and lung cancer.

If all these health benefits still don't move apples from the category of everyday boring to extraordinary, then perhaps knowing there are more than 7,500 known cultivars (different types of fruit deliberately bred for desirable qualities such as flavor, size and disease resistance) will bring it up a notch.

Even if you choose to eat an apple a day, if you truly take advantage of the variety offered, I can't imagine that your taste buds and senses will remain bored.

The trip to get the apple can keep you just as far from boredom as well. If you have a free morning why not bike to Avila Valley Barn and pick your own apples as a part of their U-Pick fun! The marvelous thing about picking your own apple is not only that you can't get any closer to picking the perfectly ripe fruit, but you can also learn that the same apple tree can bear multiple different cultivars.

When you pick an apple from the tree, or even from the market, be sure to keep the stem attached, as it aids in keeping the fruit fresh longer. As with most fruits, look for an apple clear of bruises — don't even grab the apple sitting next to the bruised one; the bruised apple releases ethylene gas and enhances the spoilage of surrounding apples.

Apples will store quite nicely in a cool dry place and for up to three months in the fridge. But be honest, I am writing here on foods that are in season — don't buy it in reason and wait to cut it until it is out of season. For the best taste of the season, eat the fruit within a reasonable time after purchasing or picking it.

The last thing to send you away with before you run off and bite into a delectable apple treat is the fact that there is a difference between apples for cooking and apples for quick snacks. Sure all apples are good for eating, but not all apples are quite as good for cooking. When cooking with apples, stick to varieties such as Rome Beauty, Gala and Granny Smiths. These varieties are high in malic acid, which allows them to breakdown while still retaining much of the valued texture and flavor.

Now that you have bitten into the forbidden fruit and tasted its wonder, I challenge you to figure out next week's divine featured food.

CLUE: In 1948 Marilyn Monroe was crowned the first Queen.

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Upside Down Apple Pancakes

Ingredients
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp sugar
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter, melted
- 1/4 tsp ground cloves
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 2 tbsp unsalted butter
- 3 tbsp sugar
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1 large cooking apple, cored and sliced

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 425°F
2. In a blender, mix first 10 ingredients on medium speed until well blended. Let stand for 15 minutes.
4. Evenly spread apple mixture over the skillet and pour prepared batter over.
5. Bake for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 375°F and bake 10 more minutes. Top with honey, syrup or jam. Enjoy!

Heather Rockwood is a food sciences junior.

Oaktoberfest

Nevertheless, the festival will include some differences compared to previous years.

"It used to be held in Paso Robles at River Oaks," Dyer said. "We moved it because Paso is usually around 100 degrees this time of year. Also, Avila Beach Golf Resort is nicer weather, better scenery and near the beach."

Not only has the location changed, but ticket prices have been reduced from $45 to $15.

"Last year, we included lunch in the ticket price," Manley said. "This year, that will not be available. The ticket price covers admission into the event, free shuttle service, a half liter beer stein and your first beer."

This event has already attracted the community, especially students at Cal Poly. For some it will be their first time attending the event, while others, like mechanical engineering senior Toni Vi, are excited to relive the festival.

"Last year was my first year going and it was exciting to experience the celebration of a different culture," Vi said. "It was fun to see some of the games, especially the keg toss. I'm definitely going back (this year) to experience it again."

Tickets are available online at www.oaktoberfest.com for $15 per person in advance or $20 per person on the day of the event. Attendees must be at least 21 to attend.

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Politics is more than Liberals and Conservatives

Political discussions in modern America are almost always divided between liberalism and conservatism. The meanings of these terms have drifted and changed over the years and they are difficult to precisely define, but they are clean and safe and provide the minimum elements necessary to perpetuate the conflict between “Us” and “Them.”

Growing up with a liberal/conservative dichotomy was very comfortable for me. It provided a convenient identity that tied together every aspect of life into an instantly recognizable package. Every question, every conflict fit neatly into this two-category filing system like a perfectly-engineered machine. And why shouldn’t it? These two perspectives were comprehensive and adequate. If an issue did not fit, it was merely because it was not correctly understood. There were no other serious political positions and if there were other positions, they were held by harmless radicals with too much time on their hands. Even if I could wave a wand and third-party systems, some even libertarianism attempts to answer. It is an important question, but one that is not as simple as it seems.

I was a good boy. I was extra careful not to rock the boat. There was no harm in the world of all its faults, it was merely a sufficiently clever method of forcing people to change. Libertarianism largely rejects it. Just because something ought to be a certain way doesn’t mean that we have the right to force it to happen.

And then people I knew started asking strange questions, objecting to the answers I automatically expected. I discovered that I was forced to reexamine the way things should be. It was not so bad. My journey has been much more interesting since then. If an issue did not fit, it was merely because it was not correctly understood. There were no other serious political positions and if there were other positions, they were held by harmless radicals with too much time on their hands. Even if I could wave a wand and third-party systems, some even libertarianism attempts to answer. It is an important question, but one that is not as simple as it seems.

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Media should not choose sides in First Amendment fight

If the cliched legal admonition that hard cases make bad law is true, then no matter how the U.S. Supreme Court decides Snyder v. Phelps, the result will be wrenching.

The Phelps in this instance are Fred Phelps and two of his daughters, both members of the Topka, Kan.-based Westboro Baptist Church, who fathered founded and still directs. It is a tiny, vedly cultish congregation consisting almost entirely of the der Phelps' extended family and es-pousing vitriolic hatred of gays and lesbians, Catholics, Jews, the U.S. government... and Swedes. In recent years, Westboro members have gone about the country picketing the funerals of service men and women killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. They hold up signs proclaiming that God hates homosexuals and, because the military endorses "don't ask, don't tell," God punishes U.S. troops.

The other litigant is Albert Snyder, whose son, Matthew—a Marine, was corporal—was killed in Iraq. When his family buried him in Maryland, Phelps and his two daughters traveled from Kansas to picket the funeral, holding up signs that read "God hates you" and "You're going to hell," as well as anti-gay and anti-Catholic slogans. (The Snyder family is Roman Catholic.) Later, on one of its many websites, the Westboro church posted an essay that assailed Snyder and his wife for raising their son a Catholic, alleging privacy and to have inflicted distress. The jury awarded the family $10 million in damages, subsequently reduced by half. Two years ago, the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the verdict, ruling that both the Phelps' speech and their picketing were protected by the First Amendment.

Snyder appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which heard arguments in the case Wednesday.

The court's willingness to accept Snyder's appeal alarmed First Amendment advocates, who fear the conservative majority may find that the Phelps' right to privacy and to be sheltered from hate speech trumps the Phelps' right to free expression. Others worry that a decision for the Simpsons might impose burdensome new restrictions on Internet bloggers, who frequently direct comments at people who are not public figures.

As a consequence, the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press and 21 news organizations—includ-ing the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal and the Tribune Co.—have joined in a friend-of-the-court brief supporting Westboro.

"Most reasonable people would consider the funeral protests conducted by members of the Westboro Baptist Church to be inexplicable and hateful," the news organizations argue. "But to silence a fringe messenger because of the distastefulness of the message is antithetical to the First Amendment's most basic precepts. ... This case tests the mettle of even the most ardent free speech advocates because the underlying speech is so repugnant. However, the particular facts of this case should not be used to fashion a 1st Amendment exemption for offensive speech. No less a principle is at stake than the central tenet of the First Amendment that the government must remain neutral in the marketplace of ideas."

It's the sound argument but a bloodless one—and to be morally and socially responsible, as well as constitutionally correct, it requires that those advancing it recognize that although government must be neutral, the news media must not be indifferent to the implications of the Snyder family's claims. Do we really want a society that makes no private place for grief? Albert Snyder and his wife are private people dragged into this for no reason other than that their son's sacrifice in the execution of a public duty made them the target of lunatics.

If we're going to argue that they must endure this for the common good, then the news media ought to do the decent and the rational thing and ignore Westboro's future protests. As the Anti-Defamation League pointed out in its analysis of this hate church, its tiny congregation seems to live for little but publicity.

If Albert Snyder and his family must forbear to protect the First Amendment, the American media owes it to them to restrain their vulgar impulse toward the bizarre and the sensational.

Timothy Batten is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

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Leland Yee is a San Francisco politici-er who has received tens of thou-sands of dollars from civil servants' unions throughout his political life.

Knowing the state is facing ma-sive deficits, Yee attempted to pay-back his union backers by trying to gain access to foundation monies so they could be distributed to union employees such as those found at every level of Cal Poly and related organizations.

Thankfully Yee's attempt was thwarted. Perhaps now he'll focus on the real reason for the deficits which are the pensions and benefits paid to their employees.

I love women squirting, it gets me so turned on.

— Peter

In response to "The secret life of squirting"

I too left the meeting more discour-aged than before.

When I first visited Cal Poly and met the journalism faculty and staff, I was heartened by how invested they seemed in the students and our work, and over that year I have gradually become more disheartened by what is happening to this department. To be honest, I feel cheated, and worry about how well this department can function (especially the somewhat-shuffled FR track) with these ongoing issues.

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— Anonymous

In response to "Cal Poly journalism department: facing more change than past problems"

I love women squirting, it gets me so hard and ready.

— Timothy Rutton

Los Angeles Times columnist

I consider myself very fortunate to be someone whose professional life was shaped in many positive ways because I have an undergraduate degree in journalism from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

I interviewed with faculty mem-bers like Jim Hayes and the late Ed Zuchelli, and university administra-tors such as Cal Poly president Dr. Robert E. Kennedy. Later in my pro-fessional life when I became a univer-sity professor, I always remembered how genuine and real Dr. Kennedy was with me when I was reporting the Cal Poly news on KCPR and writing local Cal Poly stories for publication in Mustang Daily. That influenced how I behaved and how I treated my students.

I also chose to emulate behaviors that faculty members Hayes and Zuchelli demonstrated to me worked well in guiding someone's professional career like they guided mine. I expect that I am not alone as a member of the Cal Poly alumni when I express my sadness and dismay at how the journalism department turned out in the 21st century, especially after such a strong and promising start. It is also easy for me to understand why any current journalism major might be considering a transfer elsewhere if it looks like the mess won't be getting cleaned up soon.

— Woody Gould

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Tenaya Hall, it is not concerned. "I'm not really worried about it. I wash my sheets and I don't really think it's that big of a deal," he said. For the time being, Dammers and other students living on campus should have nothing to fear. However, bed bugs can be found throughout the nation in places like dorms, apartments, movie theaters and hotels. They are not limited to one particular state, city or town - they are everywhere.

"They are nationwide pests," said the Terminix representative. "Also, they are not a reflection of cleanliness." Since bedbug infestations are a nationwide problem, Dammers isn't sure if it's a bad reflection on the university. "It's just something that happens," he said. Bed bugs are hitchhiking pests and with the mobile society that we live in today, it puts dorms at risk for the bugs.

"When students do a lot of traveling, we tend to get them in the dorms," Pepe said. "It always happens after break." Cal Poly is not the only place struggling to keep the bugs in check. In a press release on Aug. 23, Terminix named the top 15 bed bug infested cities in the nation - topping the list was New York City. In addition, Detroit, Los Angeles and Chicago were also on the list.

According to the Terminix website, bedbugs were extremely common in the United States before World War II. After that, the population of bed bugs in homes decreased immensely. As a result of an increase in international travel within the past few decades, bed bugs have regained the title of a "national pest."

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5,000 pledges, 3,000 of them in the next three days," said Lindsey Jacobson, a full-time employee at CALPIRG. Students who attended the kick-off for the campaign were also eager to help. General engineering senior Nick Hasheider said he learned about Proposition 23 from his dad and he opposes it. "By coming to this rally I was hoping to learn how to educate a few people so that they are better prepared and so they know more about what is going to be on our ballot," Hasheider said.

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Men’s soccer travels to UC Santa Barbara tonight

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It has been close to three years since the Cal Poly men’s soccer team (4-4-2, 1-1-1 Big West) has come out of a matchup against UC Santa Barbara (3-2-2, 2-1-0) victorious. In what has become maybe one of the best rivalries in Division-I men’s soccer, the Mustangs look to right their rivalry with UC Santa Barbara when they travel to Santa Barbara tonight for their first match against the Gauchos this season. Santa Barbara has dominated the record from coaching at UC Santa Cruz.

Cal Poly has registered a 1-3-3 record in the last three seasons against UC Santa Barbara with two losses by only one goal. Each of Cal Poly’s matches against UC Santa Barbara since 2007 has drawn record attendances, including five games that were in the top-17 most attended regular season games in NCAA history. Matches at UCSB drew the 12th largest crowd with 8,192 and 9th largest with 9,749. Cal Poly drew the 17th largest crowd with 7,143, the 8th largest.

Big West in recent history, finishing first in six of the last nine seasons, but recent matchups in what has been dubbed the “Blue-Green Rivalry” have posed a potential threat for the Gauchos. Cal Poly has challenged UC Santa Barbara for the throne atop the Big West in recent years.

Since 2006, Cal Poly and Santa Barbara have had the best cumulative Big West records. Only the Gauchos (31-9-6) have earned more points, produced more conference victories and suffered fewer conference defeats than Cal Poly (21-13-12). The origin of Cal Poly’s rivalry with Santa Barbara extends past its recent success. Only about 100 miles apart, the rivalry between the two highly competitive schools began in 1994 when Cal Poly first entered into NCAA Division-I play.

Cal Poly enjoyed success in the early years of the rivalry, winning six of its first eight matchups. Since then, the Gauchos have dominated the rivalry, going 14-2-0 in the last 16 games, including a 12-game winning streak which left Cal Poly without a win from 2001 to 2006.

Cal Poly has begun to turn the rivalry around after the creation of the new Alex G. Spanos Stadium and the arrival of head coach Paul Holocher, who brought a 109-24-8 .

When you’re playing and the fans are supporting you, you feel all the energy coming onto the field.

— David Zamora
Men’s soccer forward

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