Marijuana, prescriptions and textbooks

In a Mustang Daily poll, 71.7 percent of students questioned have used drugs while enrolled at Cal Poly, and more than half said it was easy to get the drugs they wanted.

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Before business administration student Lyja even rolls out of bed there is one question she and a growing number of other students will answer—To smoke marijuana before school or wait until after?

Besides that, she still wakes up, goes to school and goes to work, depending on the day. The only difference is sometimes she does it while under the influence. Although she hasn’t used much of the time, she waive until getting boost in the morning.

“I just enjoy it,” Lyja said. “It helps me relax and take a load off at the end of the day.”

If students are using drugs, in general, may not be the most conventional way to get, but students following casual use with academic success is a trend gaining popularity as Cal Poly according to a Mustang Daily poll, as of Cal Poly statistics.

In a poll sent to more than 500 Cal Poly students last month, 177 (71.7 percent) of the 250 respondents said they have used some form of illegal drugs while enrolled at the university. When marijuana is excluded, 75 (30 percent) of these students said they have still used an illegal drug.

Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities Adrienne Miller said there is a difference between the student who comes to college and uses marijuana for the first time and the student who is already the user. The general trend used to be that a student would come to college and try marijuana for the first time. Now students leave for college having already experienced marijuana and “continue their behavior pattern,” Miller said.

As a result, she said, the door is open for these students to experience with other drugs when they come to college.

“You walk into our house and you have the coffee table that is the center of our house,” Lyja said. “It’s where one being and our word are. It’s the middle of our day usually, and when we are there, we smoke marijuana and the drugs fall.

When a student chooses to use on campus, the main reason they get caught is because they are seen breaking campus policies or displaying abnormal behavior.

Miller said the university doesn’t track prescriptions, so behavior is the main reason students are caught using pharmaceutically illegally. Even then, she said there are more students using than are being caught.

“I only see the handful who are brought to my attention because of their behavior or their possessing drugs where they shouldn’t,” Miller said. “I know there is more drug use than the people I see.”

The User

Lyja is a casual user who lives off campus, and the main difference between her house and the others on the block is the address. "I buy the whole idea of wearing to feel better and am not sure how right this is, but taking drugs is something that is a misconception," Miller said.

Lyja finds the time to make the grades and work a normal job. She is an example of the student Miller spoke of who uses marijuana but doesn’t allow it to interfere with academics or get her sent to Miller’s office.

The Medical Marijuana User

Under federal law, marijuana is recognized as an illegal controlled substance with potential for abuse. Conversely, the possession of marijuana is either an infraction or a misdemeanor (in some states it can be a felony) according to the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws website. At Cal Poly, even if someone has a California Department of Public Health Medical Marijuana card, they would be still be caught.

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Feb. 1, 00:53- Police logged a narcotics code violation in Tenaya Hall. No report was completed.

Feb. 2, 18:08- A non-injury traffic collision occurred in the H-10 parking lot.

Feb. 3, 13:50- Vandalism was reported on the Sage Restaurant sign on Vista Grande.

Feb. 4, 05:38- There was an alcohol violation near Crandall Gym.

Feb. 5, 00:07- Michael John Burns was arrested for public intoxication on Orange Drive and Bond Street and was booked in the county jail. He was released on his own later that morning.

Feb. 5, 10:37- A laptop was stolen from an unlocked vehicle in the H-10 parking lot.

Feb. 6, 00:59- Police received notification of annoying phone calls occurring in Cerro Vista Housing. The source of the calling was not found.

Feb. 6, 03:56- Police arrived at Tenaya Hall after receiving a disturbance phone call about a person with a knife. Upon further investigation, police found a dispute between two people, neither of them wielding a knife or an weapon.

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The pharmaceuticals listed ranged from Adderall (the main choice) to Oxydone to Vicodin.

“Synthetic opiates and prescription drug abuse is nationally on the rise, and we are seeing that here too,” said Mary Peracca, the Cal Poly Alcohol and Drug Specialist Coordinator.

Students often times have an “upper-downer combo” Peracca said, but it is the downers, or opiates such as Vicodin and Oxydone, that pose the most problems.

“Opiates have a low addiction threshold, so using and abusing them can move rapidly to becoming dependencies,” Peracca said.

At Cal Poly, synthetic opiates such as Vicodin are sold at the Health Center, but the popular popular pill of choice, Adderall, is not.

“Whether they are sold on campus or off, there are a lot of opiates that are prescribed for real medical conditions and pain treatments, so it’s pretty easy access,” Peracca said.

If the students who are using an “upper-downer combo” cannot control their use, they may have to meet with Peracca because their use crossed the line into abuse — which is the overuse of a substance that results in negative consequences and the ongoing use despite the consequences, she said.

“There is a difference between use and abuse,” Peracca said. “If students are using, they don’t have consequences, then it’s just their choice.”

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Science Café explains genealogy with ‘The Tree of Life’

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Charles Darwin, one of the first evolutionary biologists, was born 202 years ago. Students and faculty chewed to his success and birthday with celebratory cake Wednesday, three days before his actual birthday.

The celebration was a precursor to a timely discussion called “The Tree of Life: A Genealogy of Earth’s Organisms,” where students and faculty explored the metaphor of a branching tree in genealogy, a description of life found in Darwin’s research.

The talk was part of Science Café, a series of discussions hosted in the Robert E. Kennedy Library on art and science topics between different disciplines and facilitated by an expert, this time by Kirsten Fisher, assistant professor of biological sciences at California State University, Los Angeles. She spoke about the significance of the tree of life, how to interpret it, common misconceptions and how the tree is used.

The tree of life metaphor became popular to display concepts like ancestry and genealogy because of the way figurative “parent” and “offspring” relationships are pictorially drawn. By visually representing these relationships with lines, the results become reminiscent of a tree. They’re very useful in showing recency and common ancestry, Fisher said.

She began the lecture by explaining the tree’s origin, which dates back thousands of years.

“It was a common motif in ancient mythology to describe the knowledge and interface between divinity and man,” Fisher said.

Now, the tree of life is increasingly important for the sciences. Fisher said. Scientists rely on it for an evolutionary framework, and it displays our understanding of biological diversity. It’s also used in more applied sciences, in areas such as forensics, conservation, agriculture, medicine and pharmacology.

But trees are more complex than most people think, Fisher said.

“We assume they’re easy to interpret, but they’re not intuitive at all; they’re not free of biases,” Fisher said.

This difficulty is in part due to the way trees are drawn or constructed; they can be confusing and reinforce common misconceptions about evolution.

One misconception is that evolution is working toward a goal indicated by the increasing complexity of the tree (lots of branches, busy at the top). This implies evolution is progressing toward perfection.

Another falsity is organisms are living at the same time as their ancestors, which Fisher said is impossible if they have been evolving for the same amount of time and come from a common ancestor.

A prime example of this is humans have evolved from monkeys. This can’t be true because they have evolved from the same common ancestor and for the same amount of time, and it would be impossible to coexist, Fisher said.

She proposed solutions to avoid these misconceptions: not giving humans their own spot on the tree of life and avoiding presenting the tips of the tree in the order people expect to see them.

“It would be more accurate to have them at the same level since we all coexist today,” Fisher said.

Fisher was invited to speak by Cynthia Perrine, the Science Café coordinator and former colleague of Fisher’s, to discuss the tree of life.

The “Tree of Life” has been a biological metaphor and useful tool in evolution and genealogy for scientists as far back as Darwin.

The café is part of an international movement called Café Scientifique that originally started in Europe, Akin said.

“It’s for people interested in a casual, informal way to talk about science related topics, led by an expert or two, but open to the public,” she said.

The next Science Café talk, “Underwater Exploration: Discovering ancient shipwrecks and cargoes” with featured lecturer Timothy Gambin, will be Feb. 16 at 3:30 p.m.
Possible 2012 Republican presidential candidates will speak to nation

Paul West
APRIL WASHINGTON BUREAU

A handful of possible Republican presidential hopefuls will address the nation's largest annual conservative gathering this week, opening a window into the likely influence of the tea party in choosing Barack Obama's 2012 opponent.

Every four years, the Conservative Political Action Conference assumes outsized importance as potential candidates try to impress a largely youthful audience of movement activists and score high in a straw poll that has actually proved a poor predictor of future nominees.

Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich, Tim Pawlenty, Haley Barbour, John Thune are among those slated to appear in what is essentially three days of auditions before 11,000 hard-core conservatives.

Two other possible 2012 candidates, Sarah Palin and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, will not attend.

Social conservatives have dominated the event, which gained prominence after Ronald Reagan became a regular speaker. Record attendance is expected for this year's edition, which opens Thursday. Reflecting the tea party's emergence as a new force inside the Republican Party, there will be several panel discussions on fiscal issues, featuring participation by prominent tea-party organizers and politicians.

In the 2012 campaign, "I think you'll see every candidate try to claim tea party support," said Ryan Hecker, a Houston lawyer and tea party leader. "I think you're going to be seeing candidates that are much more ideological on conservative issues."

The tea party appears well-positioned to build on the previous year's successes.

In primaries across the nation, entrenched Republicans deemed insufficiently conservative were dumped from office and replaced by tea party favorites. Tea party organizers say their members remain as energized today as they were in 2010.

"This thing couldn't be more wide open," Curt Anderson, a Republican strategist not yet aligned with a presidential contender, said of the GOP nomination contest. "This is probably one of those up-set-the-apple-cart elections where everything goes out the window."

Historically, Republicans have nominated the man whose "turn" it is — including both George Bushes, Bob Dole and John McCain.

But the tea party has shifted the party to the right, weakened the establishment's hold and put greater emphasis on conservative ideology.

Tea party backers are more uncompromising than other Republicans, insisting that their leaders in Washington "stand up to Obama," rather than compromising, according to a Pew Research Center poll last month.

From the presidential campaign of TV evangelist Pat Robertson in 1988, through Pat Buchanan's anti-establishment crusades in the 1990s and John McCain's initial challenge to George W. Bush in 2000, insurgent candidates have flourished during the early primaries, only to fall short.

But this time could be different. Insurgent energy is running high at the grassroots, while the Internet and social networking have diminished the importance of traditional fundraising networks.

Romney, the early establishment favorite, is regarded as a particularly weak front-runner by Republican politicians.

"In 2012, we may see for the first time that it is the anti-establishment or insurgent candidate who wins," said Dave Funk, a former tea party candidate for Congress who now co-chairs the largest tea party of John McCain's 2008 campaign there.

As the presidential campaign goes into high gear, traditional divides between social and economic conservatives are likely to be thrown into sharper relief.

Polls show that many tea party backers also identify themselves as social conservatives. But tea party groups tend to focus on issues of the economy, the federal debt, the size of government and its reach into the private lives of ordinary Americans.

A nationally televised tea party town hall meeting in Washington this week began with an announcement by moderator Amy Kremer of Tea Party Express that any questions about social issues wouldn't be allowed.
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Possession and Access
During his 16 years involved with Cal Poly University Housing, Allen has reviewed most, if not all, of the activities reported in the dorms.
"I would be lying if I didn't say that drug use is a large part of it," Allen said.
He has seen students try to get away with trafficking "harder drugs," such as cocaine, but their behavior usually gets them caught, he said.
So now, students are keeping their habits off campus to avoid troubling with housing.
In the Mustang Daily poll, 100 (39.8 percent) of the 250 Cal Poly students who participated said it was "pretty easy" to get the drugs they desire. Only seven students (3.3 percent) said it was "somewhat difficult.
"The way the whole system works is that drug use as a recreational activity with schoolwork and still enjoys parties. Still, she feels safer when she smokes at home than when she goes out for a "legal" night of drinking.
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From the university standpoint, it is a result of adjusting to the college experience.
Students are using drugs to relate to others in social settings when they feel out of place, or they do it for a break from demanding schedules, Allen said. The students who are able to continue using drugs and succeed at Cal Poly are able to do it because they put school first and indulge second.
"If a student is strung out on drugs, their reason for being here isn’t an academic success or graduating; being under the influence has a priority in their lives," Allen said.
Many students who choose to use are simultaneously balancing drugs with academics.
"A lot of the other drugs are harder to get or are so addictive that students can’t keep up with the Cal Poly schedule if they’re taking them," Miller said.
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The Reasons Why
In the poll, students were asked, "What is the most likely reason students use drugs?" The responses ranged from wanting to have a good time at a party, to wanting to escape, to relating with close friends.
From the student point of view, it also varies. Lyja said it is to relax. Alex said it's for medical purposes. Walter said it is before parties.
"I’m last, but I’m using a priority.
— Aimee Wong, business administration sophomore
"I’m in the middle, but I still have some priorities, so I’m not too worried.
— Chris Blackmer, general engineering senior
"I’m dead last, so I’m definitely disappointed.
— Nolan Uchizono, electrical engineering senior
"I’m at the end, but I should still be able to get into some of my major courses.
— Emilie Schneider, soil science junior

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Valentine’s Day: a day of candy, flowers and STIs

Laci Rogers
SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly’s Educational Resources on Sexuality, known as E.R.O.S., is hosting its annual Love Carefully Week just before Valentine’s Day to promote safe sex practices among Cal Poly students.

“We just want to bring awareness because with Valentine’s Day coming up, love is in the air — or not,” said E.R.O.S. Coordinator, Carla Globerson-Lamb. “We just want to remind people to stay safe, because people don’t realize how prevalent some things are.”

People ages 16 to 24 are most likely to contract a sexually transmitted infection (STI), said Geri Beaman, the Communicable Disease Investigator for the San Luis Obispo Public Health Department.

“This is a result of their tendency to participate in serial monogamy, or having numerous significant others throughout the year.

To illustrate, young adults are likely to only have sex with their partner while in a relationship, Beaman said. However, these relationships often do not last very long, which means they may have many sexual partners within a given year.

The high rate of sexual partner exposure exposes this age group to higher risk of infection.

This age group also has a greater chance of contracting an STI because they tend to use condoms at the beginning of a relationship, but then stop to regard condoms as unnecessary once trust is established, Beaman said.

For chlamydia, one partner’s infection will quickly lead to the infection of the other when no condom is involved.

In fact, chlamydia is the most common STI students have at Cal Poly, said David Harris, head of medical services at the Health Center.

The Health Center diagnosed 19 cases of chlamydia during the 2009-2010 school year.

The second most common STI among students is the herpes simplex virus type 1, with 16 reported cases in the last school year.

Type 1 typically causes cold sores around the mouth, but it may also cause sores in other areas of the body, including the genitals. Herpes simplex virus type 2 causes sores mostly in the genital region, but may also manifest as sores elsewhere. The Health Center diagnosed five reported cases of the herpes simplex virus type 2, which accounts for a rate of 27 percent positive results for those tested for both types of herpes.

The Health Center had no positive results for STIs other than chlamydia and herpes during the 2009-2010 school year.

“The rates of STIs are very low in our student population,” Harris said.

The most common reportable STI among all adults in San Luis Obispo also is chlamydia, Beaman said. In 2010, there were 694 reported cases in San Luis Obispo County.

Chlamydia is the most widespread, because it often lacks visible symptoms, Beaman said.

Up to 80 percent of infected individuals could have the disease without ever showing signs of its presence, proving that having no visible symptoms of infection is not a reasonable excuse to ditch the condom.

There are more reported cases of chlamydia among women, Beaman said, because females are more likely to visit the doctor for birth control and annual Pap smears.

“It’s not that men aren’t infected,” he said. “They just don’t know it.”

The LGBTQA community also stresses the importance of safe sex practices. The Pride Center will join the E.R.O.S. team today to spread awareness about safe sex among non-heterosexual groups.

Pride Center members will be there to talk with students and make their presence known as a resource for people with questions about safe sex issues, said Seth Winkenwerder, a student assistant at the Pride Center.

The E.R.O.S. team will be hosting a variety of games and activities with prizes in order to spread safer sex awareness in a fun way, Globerson-Lamb said.

Participants will have the opportunity to win condom lollipops, rose KISSES, lube and latex dental dams used for oral sex. They will also be able to “marry” anyone of their choosing in a fake ceremony — plastic jewel rings will be provided for the brides and grooms.

“The marriage booth is just a silly fun thing for people to do with their friends,” Globerson-Lamb said.

The Pride Center will be handing out rainbow ribbons, condoms and peer counseling magnets.

E.R.O.S. team members will start most of the conversation by way of a trivia wheel, so those who are too shy to ask questions will be able to participate and learn without feeling uncomfortable. Students can also compete to see who can put a condom on a dildo the fastest.

If someone does not feel comfortable discussing sex in public, E.R.O.S. encourages them to visit their headquarters on the lower level of the Health Center, where they can speak with someone in private.

“The E.R.O.S. and Pride Center booths will be in the University Union today. Events will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Comedian Brian Regan brings act to PAC

Although fans describe Brian Regan's style as "family-friendly," the comedian, who will be at the PAC Sunday, said he "just (like) to talk about every day things."

Kelly Cooper
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This Sunday, the Christopher Cooper Performing Arts Center (PAC) better prepare for the roasting laughter that will ensue. Funny guy Brian Regan is coming to town, and he's got new material.

A regular on David Letterman's "Late Show," Regan has been in the comedy scene for more than two decades and has released two CDs and three DVDs. His most recent CD, "All By Myself," is yet another extension of his recognizable observational humor.

Regan said his tour is not in promotion of his recent album release — it's really just part of the job.

"The tour is constant — I started in 1984," Regan said. "This tour has been going on for about the eighth decade in a row. When I come out with a CD or DVD, it really has nothing to do with the tour."

Although he's been filling up theaters — yes, full-size theaters — for years, Regan started just like any other comedian, auditioning over and over to get a part at a small comedy joint.

Regan's stomping ground? A small club in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"I auditioned like five times without getting passed, and it was the fifth time when the manager took me into the kitchen," Regan said. "My heart was pounding. He picked up my Bushwacker, and he said, 'I'm gonna pay for this.' And I thought, 'All right, I'm already getting free beer!'"

"When the manager said those magic words, 'You've passed your audition,' Regan knew he was in. Although he's been on shows including Letterman, Conan O'Brien and Comedy Central multiple times, Regan still considers passing his audition at that small comedy shop a major milestone in his career.

And finally, in '84, Regan packed his bags, went on tour and has been spitting out jokes ever since.

"Comedy was starting to explode at that time, so I was able to work a few months the whole time," Regan said. "It was like, if you can stand on stage for half an hour and not melt, you'd get booked. I was able to get by, so I had a long time to be able to work at it and get better and better."

And he did. Regan gained a following so loyal, he didn't need to seek out other ways of exposure aside from CD and DVD releases. But, of course, it's something he used to consider.

"I didn't do this by design," Regan said. "I was trying, just like anyone else, to see if I could get a sitcom. I always wanted to get a sitcom to get the exposure so that I could jump to theaters. But somewhere along the way, I got to the point where I had a big enough following so that I could perform in theaters."

Perhaps his strong following comes from his style, often described as "family-friendly" and "clean." Regan has transcended age barriers with his expertise in making everyday experiences seem downright hilarious.

Business administration senior Hannah Harrison said she attended one of Regan's performances a few weeks back with her 10-year-old sister and was glad they could both enjoy the content of his act.

"I think that's the best part — he doesn't have to resort to crude jokes," Harrison said. "He can be as funny to a 10-year-old as he is to an older person."

However, Regan said he didn't plan for his act to lack R-rated puns.

"I don't define myself as clean or family-friendly," Regan said. "I don't sit in front of a paper and say, 'Man, I'm gonna write some clean jokes today! I'm gonna write jokes as clean as virgin snow!' I think a lot of times people miss the point. I just like to talk about every day things that don't go in certain directions."

Whether or not he's dropping F-bombs, Regan's comedy is a favorite among the Cal Poly crowd, due in large part to his formula: vividly and cleverly turning everyday circumstances (childhood events, run-ins with strangers, etc.) into a recipe for laughter.

"It's simple stuff that everyone can relate to," Harrison said. "I love when he talks about his childhood and at school. It's just so funny and it's stuff that everyone goes through and can relate with."

Business administration senior Brian Schultz said watching Regan's stand up is an event he shares with his family.

"He's got this skill where he doesn't have to go into dangerous territory," Schultz said. "What he says is clean and family-friendly. It's hard to do that — that's what I appreciate about him."

Schultz also respects Regan's comedy because of his ability to make fun of himself more than anyone else, he said.

"He makes fun of people a lot, but he makes fun of himself more," Schultz said. "It's that self-deprecation that really gets me. He does it in his own special way."

The show begins at 8:30 p.m. and is in association with the Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo. Tickets range from $35 to $60 and are available online at pacso.org and the PAC box office.
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Chi Omega sorority gambles for charity

For one night only, the women of Cal Poly's Chi Omega sorority will be turning the San Luis Obispo Veterans' Hall into a Vegas-style casino to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Last year, the second annual casino night raised $10,000 — enough to grant two wishes — sending one boy with thyroid cancer to Walt Disney World and another girl with seizure disorder on a cruise to the Caribbean.

Chi Omega chapter always sponsors children in San Luis Obispo County so the members have the opportunity to make a local impact. "We choose (to sponsor) one where the women can be involved in the presentation (of the wish)," Taylor said.

The sorority also tries to present the wish at a time that is convenient for the Cal Poly students. This means they can't present the wish over the summer, when most students have gone home or during finals.

"Volunteers go out and they meet with the family and they ask 'you - your wish, if you could have anything, if you could go anywhere, if you could meet anyone, what would it be?'" Taylor said.

Then, items representing the wish are gathered, and a wish-granting party is thrown for the child. This could mean presenting airplane tickets accompanied by a set of suitcases if the child has asked to travel.

Taylor said that because Chi Omega helps sponsor the wish, they attend the party for the child and meet with their family, often bringing party decorations or cake.

Journalism sophomore Amy Checho is in charge of marketing for the "Chi O Casino." Checho, who recently had ice cream with one child who benefited from last year's proceeds of Chi O Casino, and said meeting with the children makes the members of Chi Omega more committed to the cause.

"It hits people close to the heart because we get to see what our money goes toward," Checho said. "Because we get to see the results, we put so much more effort into it."

This year, the women of Chi Omega have raised the bar for themselves by setting a fundraising goal of $15,000 — enough for three wishes.

Philanthropy chair for Chi Omega and biological sciences junior Dani Katz said the club has already gathered more than $11,000 in donations from businesses and ticket sales for Chi O Casino.

"Now it's looking like we might be able to make our goal of $20,000," Katz said. "That would just be exceeding our expectations."

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Along with gathering donations, Katz has been working at finding a venue, gathering print donations and renting game tables from casino table company Ca­ sino Knights after taking office as philanthropy chair in June. As part of the preparation, the sorority members are trained as dealers in the different games.

"A lot of the girls in our sorority have never played cards before," Katz said.

"To help the women learn how to run a roulette table or deal blackjack, the sorority arranges a six-day training session. The lessons are broken down into two-hour classes based on each game, and the women attend the classes of their respective game.

Having all of the sisters participate helps them feel invested in the Make-A-Wish Foundation's work," Katz said.

"They're really involved, so they know that they're making a difference," Katz said.

Also, the family dynamic and philanthropic goal of the evening means gambling addiction isn't a worry, Katz said.

"I don't see this as one of those atmospheres because it's open to the community," Katz said.

While many casinos only accept those 21 or older and serve alco­ hol, Chi O Casino is a dry event, to which all ages are admitted.

Mechanical engineering junior Rick Hayes, who has attended the Chi O Casino for the last two years, said part of the relaxed atmosphere stems from guests playing for raffle tickets instead of real money.

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Bolton looking ahead to 2012 race

Kevin Ferris is assistant editor of the Editorial Page of the Philadelphia Inquirer.

John Bolton, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations during the Bush administration, was in town recently to accept the Philadelphia Freedom Center's Patrick Henry Award. Before his speech, he discussed national-security threats facing the United States, his assessment of the Obama administration, and why he's considering a run for president in 2012.

Afghanistan: "The war was the right thing to do in Afghanistan. The difficulty is when (President Obama) gave the famous West Point speech announcing the surge at the same time he said we'll begin withdrawing forces in the summer of 2011. I'll guarantee you that for domestic political reasons, as much as anything else, in the summer of this year we will see withdrawals. I think they're trying to create the impression that every day things are going fine."

But "I think Taliban in both Afghanistan and Pakistan are simply going to tide their time. ... When we withdraw, I am very much afraid is going to happen in Iraq, then people who have simply been waiting for us to leave will make their move, and we could find really grave situations in both Iraq and Afghanistan sometime in 2012." 

Iraq: "If we were pressing (Iraq to extend the terms of U.S. forces) ... they would probably agree to it, but the government of Iraq is not going to be more Catholic than the pope. If we're saying, 'Hey, we're getting out of here,' then they're going to say the same thing, and it allows Iran to extend its influence. ..."

"There's a very real risk that you could see the gains in representative government that we've had in Iraq in the past 10 years disappear because of the influence of Iraq if it's not countered by another external presence like us."

Iran: "The administration estimated that, in a kind of push, Iran could have nuclear weapons in a year. That was April of last year, and that's just based on what we know about the Iranian program. I think that estimate is still true."

"But what about what we don't know? For example, what's the level of Iranian cooperation with North Korea? My guess is it's pretty high. If the Iranians and the North Koreans are enriching uranium in North Korea, we don't have a clue where it is or how much it is. We know that they were trying to build a nuclear reactor in Syria that the Israelis destroyed in September of 07. ... That's an example of the depth of cooperation on the nuclear front."

"So there's a lot of possibility there for activity that's going on we simply are utterly unaware of. And that can't possibly make you feel better about your estimate of their capabilities."

"If you guess wrong on their nuclear capability, and they've got it before you think they're ready for it, everything changes."

China: "This is going to be a huge issue for the next two years. (Defense Secretary Robert) Gates has announced substantial cuts in the Pentagon ... all while China is dramatically building up its military capability, admittedly from a low base other than manpower. (They are) interested in strategy to develop nuclear capability, their delivery capabilities, beginning to acquire a blue-water navy and submarines, (and) what they call anti-access and area-denial weapons ... designed to keep us from being able to approach the Chinese coast or defend Taiwan. ... They clearly have a game plan that they're following."

"People say, 'Oh, their budget is so much smaller than ours.' Well, their budget that they declare. People act like the Chinese budget process is (open) ... in this country. Good luck with that, it's all I can say. We know from Gatesvisit, when they flew that J-20, the stealth fighter ... Gates himself said, 'Gee, they were farther along on that than we thought.' Well, how about reconsidering your decision to cancel the F-22?"

President Obama: "The president is so focused on his domestic agenda that his lack of interest in international affairs, his belief that the United States doesn't face major threats around the world, and his disinclination to assert American interests and those of our friends and allies means that the challenges are growing internationally, while we're not paying attention to them."

"Obviously, we've got a significant economic problem we're trying to resolve, but a president should be able to walk and chew gum at the same time. He's not doing that.

Europe's view of United States: Obama "remains very popular personally in Europe, but that doesn't give a pretty good speech when he has to, and he's got a good stage presence, and he'll be good at pre­fending to be commander-in-chief after four years in office."

2012 debates: At some point "there's going to be a foreign-policy debate between the Republican nominee and Obama. And Obama gives a pretty good speech when he has to, and he's got a good stage presence, and he'll be good at pre­tending to be commander-in-chief after four years in office."

Individual citizens may not be within the intricacies of what our policy in Lebanon ought to be, but I really think it's true, going back to at least the Reagan-Carter debates, they look at the candidates debating foreign policy, and they say, 'Which of these two do we trust more with these more critical decisions about our national security? Who has the judgment and the character and perspicacity to make the right decisions?' And if we're not able to go with one of those, on that, whatever the nominee is going to be is in real trouble.
Americans see similarities in Egyptian revolution

Gregory Rodriguez is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

The stunning live images out of Egypt last week had millions of Americans glued to their TVs and computer screens. Once again, cable TV news brought real-life, real-time history into our homes and offices. The narrative was irresistible, the suspense palpable and the stakes high. The Egyptian revolution was real reality TV at its best.

But the allure wasn’t just news value, or even human drama. For Americans, who were far more engaged in the events than were Europeans — at least based on a quick survey of newspaper coverage — there was also a mixture of self-congratulation and envy.

In his blog for Commentary magazine, Max Boot, a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and an LA Times opinion page contributing editor, wrote that he imagined most Americans were “rooting wholeheartedly for the protestors against the thugs.” The New York Times’ David Brooks gushed that it was “truly a great time to be alive” because “every few years we turn on the TV and we see the main square of some foreign capital filled with people and before long, a dictator falls.”

Revolution is our provenance. We tend to view ourselves, with pride, as the founders of the modern democratic revolution. As Thomas Jefferson wrote in the wake of the stinging (and admittedly problematic) French Revolution: “This ball of liberty ... is now so well in motion that it will roll round the globe, at least the enlight­ened part of it. For light & Liberty go together. It is our glory that we first put it into motion.”

Last week, as we saw others attempting to throw off the yoke of tyranny, we not only congratulated them but also ourselves, for having shown the world the way. “Egyptians: They’re Just Like Us,” read a headline on Esquire magazine’s blog. While watching events in Cairo, the writer couldn’t help but think of our own “messy and imperfect democratic revolution.”

Even observers who weren’t hark­ing back to the Minutemen and the Declaration of Independence still found a way for the U.S. to take some credit. There were countless news reports full of talk about the role U.S.-invented social media platforms played in fostering the unrest.

“Tobe clear,” declared one Hol­lywood journalist on the Huffington Post, “the visionary products created by Mark Zuckerberg at Facebook and Evan Williams at Twitter are foundation stones of what is becoming a regional revolution.”

That can no doubt be easily disputed (the Indian-born, New York-based filmmaker Parvez Sharma, for one, lost patience with “self-congratulatory social networking types in the West” when he posted on the website Mondoweiss that not only don’t most Egyptians have cell­phones (they make calls at kiosks), a “substantial” number have never used the Internet).

But the point isn’t whether American history and our innovations are owed credit for global “democracy movements,” but that we try to claim that credit, one way or another. In addition to the self-congratulations, one could also sense what might be called revolution envy.

President Obama called the Egyp­tian demonstrators “an inspiration to community and our willingness to participate. It’s been said we’ve turned into a bystander society, and TV is a good part of the problem. There’s something to it: we’re revolution voyeurs. But every time we fixate on the images of a revolution somewhere on the globe, we also have the potential to be more than bystanders. We can revalidate and renew our political ideals. As events have unfolded and keep unfolding in Egypt and Tunisia, and so many of us have had a chance to see something of ourselves reflected in the streets of Cairo, we may finally have turned with Arab­— with Muslims—a world away.

In these fractional times, that’s not bad for a week spent watching TV. Stay tuned.

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Los Angeles Times columnist

Missing from the article is this kind of information, while the First Amendment is something that should be treasured and guarded against, there’s definitely a case to be made that this kind of support borders support of hate speech: also recall, to the existing tie FIRE has to the College Republicans — his speech here was no coincidence or happenstance.

— John
In response to “Students get FIREd up for free speech at lecture”

To say that not allowing a homosex­ual to take a leadership position in a privately-organized and run religious organization on a college campus is anywhere near meeting the defini­tion of hate speech is a ridiculous statement, and certainly not ground­ed in any part of the U.S. Constitu­tion. As is equating, the posting of a book’s cover on a campus flier (like the Hinkle issue).

But more importantly Ms. Lukin­evich is a First Amendment law­yer with years of experience. And the most basic glance at his history would show you he has worked for the ACLU and other civil rights groups that probably lean left, as well as his writing for the Huffington Post. Certainly not groups that support many of the beliefs of the Col­lege Republican members as a whole.

— Ian
In response to “Students get FIREd up for free speech at lecture”

Ending your statement by saying that your thoughts are “based on the Austrian School of Economics” doesn’t make you sound any smarter or make your argument anymore valid.

I know you feel like you’re cit­ing your credibility by putting that in there but it would be like the sex columnist saying she knows her stuff because she read Twilight. Yeah, it’s in there, but it doesn’t necessarily mean it’s right.

— Wildcat
In response to “America, spend today to invest in tomorrow”

What a hilarious idea! Bravo to the members of the Cal Poly AIGA Student Group for bravely wearing those body suits to raise funds.

This is a great example of AIGAs wildly imaginative student groups, who are active on campuses across the U.S.

— Jen
In response to “Spandex-clad AIGA spreads love for Valentine’s Day”

Great to see the enthusiasm still in the air! Since it seems like educating the student body is needed at Cal Poly, perhaps the Mustang Daily should bring back the Green Spot — it would be a great addition to the overall socio-environmental student consciousness increase, wouldn’t you agree?

— Jorge
In response to “Students think Cal Poly gets gold for going green”

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a room. Hanson has two posters of Justin Bieber and a quilt his mother made for him when he was born. He's obsessed with keeping their room clean and keeps everything organized. McKnight also said Hanson is a horrible cook, but he loves going out to places like Panda Express, Firestone and Chipotle. McKnight considers Hanson a great roommate and a great friend. "Really loving, caring towards us, always looking out (for us)," McKnight said. "Kind of fatherly, shep­herding us to make sure everything's going all right."

When he's not playing basketball, Hanson enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking and has tried to take up surfing, but admits he's horrible at it. He also attends all of his roommates' sports games when he can.

His other roommate and best friend, business administration senior Ricky Franklin said they often walk down to the Chevron by their house to get hot chocolate and a DVD from the Redbox rentaliosk. Hanson likes to relax in solitude, and watch movies like "Step Brothers" and "The Hangover" or "really stupid" reality shows. "He loves 'The Hills' and 'Jersey Shore,'" McKnight said. "(Televi­sion) shows he finds entertaining. He never had cable growing up."

Yet, Hanson's main priorities are "God, family, friends, basketball, in that order," Franklin said. Sometimes, those priorities overlap for Hanson. Guard Malik Love said he knows his captain is always there for him. He describes Hanson as dead serious and competitive on game day but relaxed and loose off the court. Love said Hanson is the funniest person on the team. "To me, he's like a big brother," Love said. "And a great leader out there on the floor."

As a forward, Hanson is considered short for the position, standing 6-feet-5-inches tall. Forwards from other schools, such as UC Santa Barbara's Jaime Serna and Jon Pastorek or UC Davis' Mike Kurtz and Alex Tiffin, are all four to seven inches taller than him. That doesn't stop Hanson, who scored a career-high 29 points against Cal State Bakersfield Jan. 29. "I'm definitely underestimated but I think I make up for it by being faster than the guy that's guarding me which allows me to get open more," Hanson said.

He said he doesn't let the pressure of being captain of the team get to him and has just embraced it. "I knew coming into this year that it would be a really big year for me and the team was going to need me," Hanson said. "So I put a lot of work in the summertime and I was really focused. I was con­fident coming in." While every win is something to celebrate, he takes from basketball something more than that. "The memories that you make, in the arenas you play in," Hanson said. "I think that's the ex­periences that you remember."
Past the basketball shoes, Hanson is just your average college student.

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There is a distinct difference in forward David Hanson's personality on and off the court. When he's playing, he is focused, aggressive, serious, instinctual and completely set on getting the team a win.

Off the court, however, his friends and family describe him as an easygoing, laid back prankster who likes hot chocolate, reality shows like "Jersey Shore" and teen-pop sensation Justin Bieber.

"He is completely bipolar," said his brother Matthew, a Cal Poly alumnus who is now playing professional basketball in Australia. "You will see two different sides of him, but that's what makes him so effective."

Even while in high school, Hanson displayed his leadership abilities as captain of the basketball team three out of his four years. His high school coach Jeff Wahl said it was like having another coach on the floor.

"He had a knack to bring out the best in others," Wahl said.

Hanson also displayed his kindness and good nature, as a well-liked student in his small Christian school — Maranatha Christian Academy — of less than 800 students, in Brooklyn Park, Minn.

"He was classy all the time, befriended everybody," Wahl said. "Everyone wanted to emulate him."

In fact, one of the biggest aspects of Hanson's life is his faith. He was raised Lutheran and is devoted to attending church. Campus Crusade and Athletes in Action, where athletes use sports to help answer questions of faith. He reads the Bible every day and even holds Bible studies when traveling to away games.

"My faith is the Lord, my relationship with him, that’s first priority," Hanson said. "Everything that I do — basketball, school, relationships — it filters down into all those things."

He attends church with his best friend and roommate Joel McKnight, an agricultural business junior. Hanson best exemplifies his off court personality at home, where they share

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Mustangs to host UC Irvine in conference matchup

The Cal Poly women's basketball team looks to build another winning streak as it comes home to host UC Irvine this weekend in Mott Gym. The Mustangs reeled off eight straight wins before the streak came to an end against UC Davis last weekend. In order to start one again, the Mustangs will have to get past the fifth ranked team in the Big West. UC Irvine ranks third in the conference in scoring, averaging 67.9 points per game. Defensively, the Anteaters rank fourth in the conference, allowing 65.3 points per game. Tipoff is set for Saturday at 4 p.m.