Let's talk about sex, Mustangs

Amid controversy over two reported sexual assaults at Cal Poly, students call for more open discussion about sex

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Two college-aged women were reportedly raped May 7 and 12, respectively, on or near campus, bringing forth the topics of consensual sex, safety and responsibility among the Cal Poly community.

One alleged rape occurred at or after a Sigma Phi Epsilon party May 7. Joseph Trupiano, an agribusiness senior and suspect in the sexual assault, turned himself in May 12. He has not been charged. The same day, an alleged rape occurred at Poly Canyon Village (PCV); a suspect has been identified but was not in custody at the time of press. In both instances, the victims reported being intoxicated and unconscious.

The two alleged rapes and an email from Cal Poly President Jeffrey Armstrong addressing the events follow recent disputes concerning the presence of sex and its discussion around campus; all of which raise concerns that sex-oriented topics aren't receiving the exposure necessary at Cal Poly, among other universities.

Before the second rape, the Sexual Assault-Free Environment Resource (SAFER) and Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention (SARP) programs held a rape forum in the University Union (UU) to discuss safety advice and tips on how to be an intervenor at parties if something appears suspicious, such as predatory behavior.

Cameron Lutchansky, a SAFER educator, said at the forum that men must also learn to intervene if a situation seems suspicious, even if it may go against some male attitudes.

"If there are 10 suggestions for how women can reduce their risk from being sexually assaulted, there should be a 30-page packet stapled to that on how men can help reduce their risk of sexual assault," Lutchansky said. "Bystander intervention is a difficult thing to do because you're essentially going against what we men have been taught, which is, 'Yeah, don't cock-block me, bro.'"

The members of the forum also advised against blaming the victim. In the security alert issued by the University Police Department (UPD), the first sentence stated that the victim was "intoxicated and unconscious." Some of the members and attendees of the forum felt the release should have been worded more sensitively. Cal Poly Academic Programs analyst Mary Whiteford said at the forum that she had been a victim of sexual assault and felt the wording of the release insensitively expressed the alleged rape.

"It occurred to me this morning, words matter. 'Intoxicated female' (insinuates), 'Oh, the gal was drunk and got raped.'"

— Mary Whiteford
Cal Poly academic programs analyst

Tips for Reducing Sexual Assault Risk*

• Be an assertive person
• Trust and act on your instincts
• Set and enforce personal boundaries
• Be aware of your environment
• Make a scene or ask for help if you feel threatened
• Safety in numbers
• Protect your drink

*Tips from SAFER, Sexual Assault Risk Reduction website
Acceptance letters were mailed, and the deadline for students to confirm their future college has passed, which means the Cal Poly freshman class, and transfer students, of 2015 are set.

Comparing the present Cal Poly to 10 years ago, there are some big changes. Year to year, the change isn’t drastic, but between 2001 to 2011 the changes are immense.

The numbers are constantly changing based on the work enrollment committees have done," said Jim Maraviglia, vice president for marketing and enrollment development. "For example, the class of 2015 has the least amount of Caucasian people in the last decade."

The stigma that getting accepted into college is becoming more difficult is supported by the fact that the average grades point average for the incoming class of 2015 was a 3.92, and the average ACT score was 29, according to the admission projections and admission trend report.

Maraviglia said although Cal Poly is a great school and becomes more and more challenging to get into each year, "it really depends on your major.

"The answer to this question is simply that the enrollment advancement team has been working on helping students graduate on time," Maraviglia said. "Being selected to attend Cal Poly is such a great school, and the majors are so impacted," Shiber said. "I am really excited to attend a school where my hard work pay off is extremely exciting."

"I also heard a rumor that they didn’t particularly like private school kids," Perez said. "I am glad that turned out to be a rumor because I am really excited to attend a school with so much fun and school spirit."

Cal Poly transfer students said they had it even harder when applying to the university. Kevin Nakiso, an economics transfer student from Cuesta College said it was extremely competitive to get in.

"I didn’t expect to get in, it seems like a rumor because I was applying under room, a less impacted major. I don’t think I would have gotten in. Transfer from Cuesta was another plus as well."

Cal Poly Admissions has seen a change in admissions during the past decade in areas such as number of students accepted, number of students that applied, ethnic breakdown, men versus women, according to the admission projections and admission trend report.

"For example, in fall 2001, 67 percent of Cal Poly students were white, 10.4 percent were Hispanic, 12 percent were Asian American and 0.8 percent were African American. In fall 2010, the percentages were 63.8 percent white, 12.3 Hispanic, 9.9 Asian American and 0.5 African American."

The 2011 report is subject to change, though, because not every student committed will attend in the fall, Maraviglia said. This data also does not include figures regarding transfer students, which has an entirely different number breakdown. The finalized admission report will be available in October.

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A Los Angeles Unified school police officer charged with using fake evidence and planting false evidence, and one misdemeanor of aop having sex with a prostitute, officials said Friday.

The veteran school police officer produced the number of hires from 132 to 108 on Tuesday over the exam, which kept 564,241 to Newcomb, $160,458 to himself, and the remainder to previous buyers.

The indictment includes two new charges of insurance fraud and planting evidence but does not include a previous charge of perjury. Prosecutors said Stenroos helped construct a false sketch of a suspect.

The veteran school police officer is charged with five felony counts, including insurance fraud, workers’ compensation fraud, preparing a false police report, preparing false documentary evidence and planting false evidence, and one misdemeanor of falsely reporting an emergency.

If Stenroos is convicted, he could face five years and eight months in prison.

**ROSEVILLE (MCT) —**
A Roseville man pleaded guilty on Thursday in federal court to wire fraud and admitted that he and a co-conspirator bilked 22 mall estate investors out of nearly $5 million. Royce Lee Newcomb signed off on a written plea agreement that describes this scheme: In 2009 and early 2010, he solicited people to purchase property, primarily foreclosed homes, and directed them to send the money to Conner Escrow Services, operated by Barry Winninger, who was in on the scam and had no license to perform escrow services. Buyers transferred $2,975,352 to Conner.

Newcomb, 49, admitted that, at his direction or with his knowledge, Winninger disbursed at least $564,241 to Newcomb, $160,458 to himself, and the remainder to previous buyers.

President Barack Obama responded Saturday to voter frustration over high gasoline prices and oil executives’ criticism of his domestic drilling policies by announcing steps to “increase safe and responsible oil production here at home.”

In his weekly radio address, the president reiterated that he’s launched a task force to look at whether any fraud or market manipulation is contributing to gasoline costing more than $4 a gallon. He also renewed his call to eliminate oil companies’ subsidies.

Democrats are pushing for legislation to put $2 billion in annual tax breaks for the five largest oil companies instead of toward deficit reduction. Republicans oppose the effort.

At the same time, Obama noted that U.S. production last year was at its highest level since 2003 and said: “I believe we should expand oil production in America, even as we increase safety and environmental standards.”

He said he’s taking several steps toward that end, including:

- Directing the Department of the Interior to conduct annual lease sales in Alaska’s National Petroleum Reserve.
- Creating a new interagency group to streamline Alaska drilling permits.
- Expediting evaluations of oil and gas in the mid- and south-Atlantic.
- Extending the leases in Gulf of Mexico areas affected by last year’s temporary moratorium after the BP oil spill.

Two administration officials who spoke on condition of anonymity under ground rules set by the White House, noted that Republican lawmakers have supported some of the concepts that Obama is now embracing. Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, however, remains “off the table,” one official said.

Phil Flynn, an energy market analyst at PFGBest in Chicago, said what Obama is proposing is “going to open up some more lands for drilling, which is a positive.” At the same time, Flynn said, “obviously it’s a political move.”

“The oil companies’ executives’ biggest complaint was ‘Hey, we want to drill more but we’ve been thwarted by this administration,’” Flynn said.

“It’s a political response to that argument so, when he goes on the election trail, he can say, ‘Hey I opened this up.’

“On the one hand, he looks like he’s doing them a favor. But now he’s going to frame it so he’s saying he’s taking away tax breaks.”

Flynn said that the steps won’t bring down prices overnight, but that if Obama could negotiate a deal that helps get the federal budget under control, it could have a quick impact.

“If he got the budget under control, the U.S. would not have to borrow as much money,” he said. “That would make the dollar stronger and commodity prices lower.

U.S. oil production rose from 9.59 million barrels per day (bpd) in 2008 to 5.36 million bpd in 2009, followed by 5.5 million bpd last year, even with the BP disaster in the Gulf of Mexico.

The federal Energy Information Administration forecasts U.S. production to hold at that level this year and rise again next year, to 5.54 million bpd.
Florida family charged with conspiring to fund weapons for Pakistani Taliban

Imam Hafiz Muhammad Sher Ali Khan, the father of Ikram Khan (picture above) was indicted by the U.S. attorney's office and has been charged with funding the Taliban in Pakistan, along with two other members of his family.

Hafiz Khan also was charged with sending additional funds to support an Islamic school he founded and controlled in the Swat region of Pakistan.

Federal authorities say he used the school to shelter militants and their families, and also to teach the "children from his madrassa (school) to learn to kill Americans in Afghanistan."

Authorities said they also picked up Hafiz Khan on a recording in which he discussed the attack at Khowst and the seven Americans who died. Hafiz Khan declared his "wish that God kill 50,000 more."

He also was overheard calling for the death of the Pakistani president, the indictment said, and "for blood to be shed in a violent revolution similar to that which occurred in Iran."

According to U.S. authorities, the federal investigation began three years ago when agents began noticing suspicious financial transactions to Pakistan.

As the investigation grew, they said, wiretaps were used to follow the group's activities through November 2010.

But unlike other recent arrests of terrorism suspects in the U.S., there was no undercover sting operation.

U.S. officials said the arrests occurred in Miami said that, "despite being an imam or spiritual leader, Hafiz Khan was by no means a man of peace. Instead he acted with others to support terrorists to further acts of murder, kidnapping and maiming."

Hafiz Khan, special agent in charge of the Miami field office, said, "Terrorists have lost another funding source to use against innocent people and U.S. interests."

He said that even though two of the defendants served as religious leaders, "the Muslim and Arab-American members of our communities should never be judged by the illegal activities of a few."

If convicted, the defendants could face 15 years for each of the four counts in the indictment.

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— John V. Gillies Special agent, Miami FBI field office

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Students and SAFER held a forum May 12, in response to the alleged sexual assault that occurred at a Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity party May 7. The forum addressed safety advice and how to reduce the risk of sexual assault.

Kevin Smith, the incoming editor-in-chief of the Collegian, said the decision to print the direct heading was difficult.

"We initially intended to run the story with a banner headline, but as the news editor and I spoke, we realized that if we put it below a fold with blank space above, we would not only be complying with the wishes of the administration but alerting our readership to the struggles that we go through in order to bring them the news," Smith said. "Once we informed the editor-in-chief of our idea, we met as a staff and concluded that we were making the decision for the right reasons."

When asked what would happen if his paper decided to run a sexually-charged story, Vella said the administration would "condemn it" if told ahead of time, but if surprised by a story, the papers would be confiscated by administration.

Such assertion to unflattering stories, concerns about insensitive wording with sex-related issues and the Mustang Daily sex columns show the difference between struggles of public and private universities when tackling sex. Yet, the issue of the handling of sexual topics, and sexual assault in society, not just at a college level, remains very real.

Cal Poly psychology professor, Shawn Burn, who also works with the SAFER program, said the discussion of sex, especially consensual sex, is important in addressing healthy sexual relationships.

"It is virtually impossible to talk about sexual assault without talking about sexual consent, for it is consent that separates sex from sexual assault," Burn said. "We have to talk about the situations in which the ability to determine whether consent is being given is compromised — for example, by incapacitation — and when an individual is not capable of giving consent — she or he is too intoxicated or underage, for example."
Week eight blues
How to get through spring quarter with summer in sight

J.J. Jenkins is a journalism freshman and Mustang Daily freshman columnist.

I refer to this time of the quarter as the doldrums. The time when the end of school is so close as midterms wind up, yet so far away with three weeks remaining until finals. The anxiety that comes along with upcoming finals is only amplified when those tests seem to be the only thing standing between you and a summer filled with sunny days at the beach, free from any school-related worries.

Plus it seems, judging by recent Facebook status updates, that we are the sole people on the face of the earth who have not tasted the sweet nectar of summer.

My friends, being the kind, considerate people they are, took to social media last week to proclaim their freedom from college or Advanced Placement tests while I procrastinated from doing various projects and assignments. “Digga done, sucka,” read one of my friend’s statuses who attends the University of California, Berkeley. I know we do not have to go back to school until a month after Berkeley starts, but that does not stem my jealousy now. I say that Poly should start the school year in mid-September and get out in early May — that would seem fair to me.

The time between your last midterms and finals week is also mind-

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Focus should now shift to Pakistan

Andrew Nenow is a wine and viticulture sophomore and Mustang Daily conservative columnist.

Americans do not necessarily worry about Pakistan quite like Iran, Iraq or Yemen. The quiet nation of Pakistan is not a hornet for troubling protest or even known for radical Islamic ideals.

However, the death of Osama bin Laden has momentarily narrowed the focus on the Pakistani government. There might be other issues domestically for Americans to be concerned about, but there are some facts to consider.

In the aftermath of bin Laden's death, the American government has discovered some facts that indicate the Pakistani government was in cahoots with bin Laden. The first consideration is the location of bin Laden's compound where he was killed.

Located outside the city of Abbottabad, the compound was probably the last place the United States military expected bin Laden to be. For 10 years the world thought bin Laden was in a hole in a mountain; many thought he was roughing it without electricity or running water.

Instead, he was living in the suburbs in a mansion only called "compound" due to the double-layered, barred wire wall surrounding it. If the Pakistani government was unaware bin Laden was in the country, how did it miss it?

If that was not enough, Abbottabad is home to the country's military academy.

So let me get this right ... bin Laden was just about 1,000 yards from Pakistani forces for five years! It would be crazy to think Pakistan had no idea he was in the country.

Now let's consider the compound mansion and rip through some facts about it.

The mansion was worth more than $1 million. It was constructed in 2005 and is eight times larger than nearby homes. The mansion is on a hilltop surrounded by two 12 by 18 feet high concrete walls equipped with barbed wire. Expensive cars were often seen pulling in and out of the compound, and those inhabiting the compound were so paranoid about security that they burned their garbage instead of leaving it out for collection.

So what is the definition of suspicious behavior to the Pakistani government? What about barbed wire walls, expensive cars and paranoid inhabitants does not scream "suspicious" to these people?

As far as we know, military officials stationed at the military academy in Abbottabad were looking up at this complex thinking, "That giant, walled mansion looks perfectly normal in this desert."

So what has the Pakistani government had to say about bin Laden's discovered whereabouts?

Of course, it has refused to acknowledge knowing anything about him being in the country and have put forward a half-hearted agreement to help the United States fight terrorism.

On a completely unexpected note, the former spy chief of Pakistan turned the tables and chided our military for an unauthorized and unlawful entry into Pakistan. Some have even said Pakistan should retaliate for such a forced entry. This begs the question: Who do they think they are dealing with?

It is laughable to take them seriously. I mean, you're going to threaten the U.S. for killing one of the biggest mass murderers in history? You might as well just tell America you harbored bin Laden and are supporting al-Qaeda.

This American thinks our government should take a good look at Pakistan and decide what role it is playing with al-Qaeda.
HELP WANTED

The Mustang Daily is hiring the following positions for the 2011-2012 school year:
- Section editors
- Copy editors
- Staff writers
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Both Cal Poly tennis teams fell 4-0 in the first round of the NCAA Division I men's and women's championships this weekend. The men fell to Washington on Friday, ending their season at 14-7. The women fell to Oklahoma on Saturday, concluding their season at 16-7 in head coach Hugh Bream's final season.

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Pacific came back with its biggest response in the fourth, scoring four total runs off two bases-loaded walks and a two-RBI single from Pacific's Nikki Armagost. The Tigers' rally cut their deficit to 6-5, but they weren't done scoring yet.

The Tigers added one run in the fifth and one in the sixth to take the 7-6 lead.
Cal Poly fought back in the bottom of the sixth, with Lund bringing in two runs off a double down the left field line to get back on top, 8-7.
But Pacific tied it in the seventh, and scored a go-ahead run in the eighth en route to the victory.
Lund led the Mustangs offensively. She went 4 for 4 with four RBIs, while Correia went 3 for 4 with two RBIs against the Tigers.
The performance led well into Sunday, as Correia and Cahn were honored as seniors and made their presence felt.
Cahn started and gave up five earned runs off 12 hits, giving her a win in the final game of her Cal Poly career. She finishes the season 2-12 and 50-46 for her career.

Behind Cahn, Cal Poly scored five runs through the first two innings. Romano hit a two-run home run to center, and Shea Williams and Whitley Gerhart both drew bases-loaded walks.
The Mustangs added another run in the second, when Romano homered again, to take a 5-1 advantage.
The Tigers cut the deficit to 5-4 with a three-run sixth inning, and tied it in the seventh off an Alexa Rivera single up the middle.
But in the eighth, Correia ended Cal Poly's season on a winning note. The team finished the season 11-36 and 7-14 in Big West play.
Baseball sweeps UC Davis in final home series

Head coach Larry Lee said every win is vital for the remainder of the season, and the team needed the sweep.

"We can't afford to lose any ball games here on out, especially conference games," Lee said. "We did what we needed to do this weekend with some really good starting pitching. ... We just want to finish the season strong." Joey Wagman took the mound for game three and began the game with an early 1-0 lead with three consecutive singles from second baseman Denver Chavez, shortstop Mike Miller and designated hitter DJ Gentile in the first inning.

But the Aggies found an answer. In the second inning, with two outs and right fielder Scott Lyman on first after a walk, catcher Alex Dreyfus sent one into the gap between left and center field. Lyman safely reached home, and Dreyfus scored on a throwing error from catcher Chris Hoo to third base, giving UC Davis a 2-1 lead.

UC Davis notched another pair of two-out runs with a solo home run into left field from shortstop Scott Helyman, in the third, and a sacrifice fly from center fielder Daniel Copin in the fourth, making it 4 to 1.

The rest of the game belonged to Cal Poly, who shut out UC Davis for the remainder of the game and scored in each of the final four innings. Cal Poly regained control of the lead in the bottom of the fifth with the help of some sloppy UC Davis fielding. The Aggies committed three errors in the fifth inning alone and gave up four unearned runs. Hoo and left fielder Jimmy Allen hit back-to-back shots off the left field wall, scoring two, and making the game 5-4.

The Mustangs scored solo runs in the sixth and seventh innings with a sacrifice fly from Gentile, and a home run from Mitch Hanger to left center. The home run was Hanger's fourth in his last seven games. Hanger said the team continues to play hard, and even better, kept itself in contention for an NCAA bid.

"This win was very big for us because we're in third place now, and we've got to keep winning," Hanger said. "Hopefully at the end of the season, we'll have a bid to the NCAA regionals. Our mentality has been really good; we've been playing really well, everyone's been coming through in the clutch."

The Mustangs finished their last at-bats in the eighth inning with another big rally. With a walk to Chavez and four consecutive hits, Cal Poly peeled to lead with another four runs.

In the top of the ninth Jeff Johnson came in to close the game for Cal Poly, yielding no hits or walks and striking out two to end the game. Each Cal Poly batter finished the game with at least one hit, and six recorded two hits. Gentile and Chavez finished the game 2 for 3, and Gentile and Hanger each knocked in three RBIs.

Pitcher Chase Johnson pitched 2 1/3 scoreless innings in relief for Wagman and earned the win. Frankie Reed pitched 1 1/3 innings, allowing no base runners and striking out two.

The victory came at the heels of the team's senior celebration. Before the game, each of the seven Mustang seniors were honored with their families on the field — J.J. Thompson, Gentile, Reed, Steven Fischback, Tommy Elfin, Eugene Wright and Jono Grayson.

Thompson said playing in the last home series was a new experience, and said he will miss Baggett Stadium.

"It's kind of surreal right now," Thompson said. "Definitely caught myself thinking a lot of memories I've had in this ballpark with the fans and this college. It's been such a good experience.”

The seniors will get to play one last game in Baggett Stadium Tuesday at 6 p.m. against Santa Clara before gaining the last seven games of the season.

Softball ends season with victory

The Cal Poly baseball team had 11 runs and 15 hits in the Mustangs' series-ending 11-4 win against UC Davis on Sunday.

Cal Poly earned its third sweep of the season with an 11-4 victory over UC Davis on Sunday. The Mustangs put up a season-high 15 hits to overcome an early three-run deficit and win their fifth series of the 2011 campaign.

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"We can't afford to lose any ball games here on out, especially conference games," Lee said. "We did what we needed to do this weekend with some really good starting pitching. ... We just want to finish the season strong.”

Senior Stephanie Correia had the game-winning hit against Pacific Saturday.

Rebecca Patton started game one of the doubleheader and pitched seven innings, giving up five earned runs off 14 hits. She struck out one and walked two as she picked up the loss.

Offensively, the Mustangs rallied in the bottom of the seventh. They went into the inning trailing by four runs, but after RBIs from Anna Cahn and Patton and a costly Pacific error, Cal Poly came out of the inning tied.

It stayed that way until the 10th inning, before two RBI-doubles gave Pacific a 6-4 lead. The Mustangs couldn't answer in the bottom of the inning, as they started the game with a loss.

In the second game, the Mustangs got off to a quick start. Patton and right fielder Nicole Lund gave Cal Poly a 2-0 lead in the first, and Correia brought home two more in the second to take a 4-1 advantage.