Lecturer brings love of 'shrooms to Poly

Victoria Billings

Scientist, entrepreneur and author Paul Stamets took Cal Poly students on a "Magical Mushroom Mystery Tour" Tuesday night at the Spanos Theatre for a talk on his work in mycology, the study of fungi.

The lecture was a two-hour presentation of Stamets' work, which covers everything from using mushrooms in cancer research, to ways fungi can clean up oil spills and nuclear radiation, to using mushrooms as a natural alternative to pesticides.

Stamets' research in the diverse uses of mushrooms is fueled by his fascination of how people, plants and animals are interdependent, he said. "My premise, my core belief, is that habitats and humans share immune systems, and mycelium (the vegetative part of a fungus) is a cellular bridge between the two," Stamets said.

Stamets shared this belief with the audience through overviews of his different mushroom-related studies. One way Stamets is using mushrooms is by creating new, more effective vaccinations. Stamets said when a fungus encounters a virus, it develops a genetic immunity to it by writing new DNA, a process called epigenesis. These fungi can then be used to create vaccines against bird flu and smallpox, among other diseases, Stamets said.

He also gave an explanation of how planting mushrooms can be used to clean up oil pollution, and the rotting mushrooms then attract worms, birds and new plant life to the previously polluted area.

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ASI Biweekly Update

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Associated Students Inc. (ASI) held its second-to-last biweekly Board of Directors meeting last night. It was called to order at 5:15 p.m. and adjourned at 6:11 p.m. Despite the recent events on and around campus, little was mentioned about the three reported sexual assaults. ASI President Sarah Sterriell was the only member on the executive board to address the happenings during her report.

Sterriell reported that the task force organized by President Jeffrey Armstrong to assess the recent sexual assaults will meet multiple times in the upcoming weeks with student affairs program directors, students and faculty. She said the task force will be an ongoing process and will continue into President-elect Kiyana Tabakian’s term.

ASI executive director Rick Johnson also mentioned the sexual assaults in his announcements at the end of the meeting. He reiterated the importance of making safe decisions and staying with friends when celebrating graduations and the end of the 2010-2011 academic year. Johnson said to keep in mind that “yes” is “yes” and that in the judicial system, a person is “innocent until proven guilty.” He concluded by saying: “Let's be the true leaders we are, and not add to the rumors.”

Other topics discussed during the meeting included: the passing of the 2011-2012 ASI budget, the approval of next year’s involvement with the California State Student Association and approval of the ASI chief of staff and University Union Advisory Board chair; Katie Morrow and Karen Menobian, respectively.

The 2011-2012 ASI budget will be $567,243, in comparison to the current budget of $197,979. This money goes towards ASI programs, the Orfalea Family Children’s Center and ASI student government. It is funded by the $49,779 student fee charge per quarter. The differences in budgets will not affect student fees. The ASI vice chair of board Laurel Hill said the current ASI reserve fund, which is currently valued at $2.4 million, will account for the budget difference.

Curfew

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“Fifteen and under really takes the heat off college students from being harassed and profiled by this curfew,” Rice said.

Though no minors attended the council meeting Tuesday, Rice and three others who spoke on the issue encouraged the council to reduce the severity of the proposed ordinance.

One of the speakers during public comment, San Luis Obispo resident John Grady, said there is no need for the curfew.

“Statistics show that 20 minors were arrested in 2010 during the proposed curfew hours, and the year before there were 23 arrests,” Grady said. “This is hardly a significant crime issue.”

Michael Sheffer, who lives just outside of San Luis Obispo, said he agrees the curfew is unnecessary.

“If you take that concept of needing a tool further, the police would probably have a lot easier job if no one were on the streets past 11 o'clock,” Sheffer said.

Each of the comments contesting the ordinance challenged vice mayor John Ashbaugh to remain true to his principles.

“I welcome (those in opposition to the curfew) to the ranks of civil libertarians,” Ashbaugh said. “I consider myself to be one.”

Ashbaugh promptly suggested the amendment to lower the enforcement age, but he did not withdraw his support for the curfew.

“As the principal of San Luis Obispo High School explained to me just yesterday, nothing good happens after midnight,” Ashbaugh said.

Mayor Jan Marx said school Ashbaugh’s discontent with minors staying out late.

“I am concerned about (minors) possibly becoming victims, especially after the bars let out or when there’s college parties going on,” Marx said.

But Marx also showed concern for the opponents of the curfew. She added a clause to make the first curfew violation a warning to the existing curfew.

On May 3, the motion passed by a 3-2 vote, with councilmembers Dan Carpenter and Kathy Smith in opposition.

But due to the amendments introduced, the ordinance is no closer to becoming law than it was after the initial vote. Tuesday’s vote merely reintroduced the curfew, meaning it still must withstand final passage from the council in order to become law.

When the curfew does reappear for final passage, the hours will remain the same: 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight to 5 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

The 11 exceptions to the curfew rule likewise remain intact. Police Chief Deb Linden said these exceptions have been successfully tested in other cities with curfew ordinances.

Fines, now beginning upon the second offense, will still start at $100 and increase for repeat offenders. The council clarified that parents, too, can be fined if officers deem them responsible for allowing their children to stay out past the authorized hours. Linden said, though, that such action would only occur in rare circumstances at the discretion of the enforcing officers.

In all likelihood, the proposed curfew will again appear for final passage at the next council meeting May 31 at 7 p.m.
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"One of the reasons we wanted to do it is that we found so often we would talk about our programs and people would be really mystified about what mental illness is, and have it mixed up with developmental disabilities or multiple personality disorder, all these sort of more strange seeming types of things or scary types of things," Bolster-White said. "That combined with some situations where we were trying to relocate a program or site a program in a neighborhood and neighbors would come out and just say, 'Well, we have children who live in this neighborhood, we can't have a mental health program.'" Cami Rouse, a family advocate for TMHA, said when the campaign initially started, it had a mysterious appeal. The 2010 part of the campaign had a documentary in which a man appeared in the dark and urged people to visit the SLO the Stigma website. Rouse said the mysterious quality helped pique people's interest in the campaign, though now that the stigma has been revealed, she said some sufferers of mental illness are seeking help.

"We use it as a tool for people who are experiencing the symptoms of mental illness for the first time to identify with someone, and for family members to say, 'Oh look, other people are dealing with this too, and there's help available,'" Rouse said. "It's been a stigma reduction campaign, but it's also been a tool with engaging people into treatment." Shannon McOuat, the marketing and outreach coordinator of TMHA, said she has experienced firsthand the impact of the campaign during outreach events. McOuat said a particular incident that stood out in her mind was during a Pride event when a young man recently diagnosed with bipolar disorder told her he was able to "come out of the closet" of mental illness because of the campaign.

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"I think mushroom farms should be reinvented as healing arts centers," Stamets said. "Every community should have a small mushroom farm."
Organized crime in Mexico using planes to get drugs over U.S. border

Richard Marosi

They fly low and slow over the border, their wings painted black and motors humming faintly under moonlit skies. The pilots, some wearing night-vision goggles. Others fly over major roads to orient themselves. Drop zones are illuminated by ground crews using strobe lights or glow sticks. There is little room for error.

At least one pilot has been paroled; another died in a crash. In Calexico, Calif., Detective Mario Salinas was walking to his car one morning last year when he heard something buzzing over the Police Department. "I hear this weird noise, like a lawn mower," he said. "I look up and I see this small plane," said Salinas, who pursued the aircraft before it finally eluded him as it flew over the desert.

The ultralight activity is seen as strong evidence that smugglers are having an increasingly difficult time getting shipments of marijuana over land crossings. Authorities notice a surge in flights in Imperial County after newly erected fencing along California's southeast corner blocked traffickers from crossing desert dunes in all-terrain vehicles.

U.S. Border Patrol agents, accustomed to scurrying for footprints and tracks in the sand, have had to adapt. They are now instructed to turn off their engines and roll down windows so they can listen for incursions by air.

"We've trained to look down and at the fence. Now we have to look up for tell-tale signs of ultralight traffic," said Roy D. Villarreal, deputy chief agent of the El Centro sector in the Imperial Valley. Although the new trend poses serious challenges, authorities note that ultralights are a decidedly inefficient way of getting drugs across the border.

Traffic jams who once moved thousands of pounds of drugs across the border now appear to be packing their loads by the pound, not the ton, authorities say.

The ultralights — lightweight planes typically used as recreational aircraft — are customized for smuggling. All-terrain wheels are added for bumpy landings. Second seats are ripped out to add to the fuel capacity. Drugs are loaded onto metal baskets affixed to the bottom of the framing. 150 to 250 pounds of marijuana are generally carried.

Some ultralights are shrouded in black paint with even the plastic tarp covers for the marijuana blackened for stealth entries.

Radar operators at Riverside County's Air and Marine Operations Center, where general aviation air traffic across the country is monitored, have trouble detecting the aircraft.

Flying as low as 500 feet, their small frames are hard to distinguish from trucks. Many appear, then disappear from radar screens.

Others never appear at all, and the ultralight trend has prompted border authorities to develop new radar technologies specifically designed to detect the aircraft.

"There are indications of larger amounts of activity," said Tony Cerda, director of the Air and Marine Operations Center, which is housed at March Air Reserve Base.

The close cooperation among radar operators, helicopter pilots and agents on the ground has resulted in some successes.

In Arizona that Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., introduced a bill last year to stiffen prison terms for ultralight smuggling. The trend has grown so rapidly in sparsely populated areas of Arizona that traffickers own 54 ultralights around Baja California in recent weeks after being ripped off by U.S. authorities.

The trend has grown so rapidly in Imperial Valley and, mostly recently, San Diego, where at least two ultralights suspected of carrying drugs have been detected flying over Interstate 8, according to U.S. border authorities.

The number of incursions by ultralights reached 228 in the last federal fiscal year ending Sept. 30, almost double from the previous year. Seventy-one have been detected in this fiscal year through April, according to border authorities.

Flying at night with their lights out, and zipping back across the border in minutes, ultralight aircraft sightings are rare, but often dramatic. At least two planes have been chased out of the Arizona skies by Black Hawk Customs and Border Protection helicopters and F-16 jet fighters.

Last month, a pair of visiting British helicopter pilots almost crashed into an ultralight during training exercises over California's Imperial Valley.

The smuggling work is fraught with danger. High winds can flip the light aircraft. Moonlight provides illumination, but some pilots wear night-vision goggles. Others fly over major roads to orient themselves. Drop zones are illuminated by ground crews using strobe lights or glow sticks. There is little room for error.

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California appeals court judge nomination likely to trigger Senate battle

James Oliphant
Tribune Washington Bureau

The Senate stands on the edge of what could be the biggest fight over judicial conflicts over Supreme Court picks an Obama administration judicial with Democrats in the Senate, at least seven Republicans would have to cross party lines to allow Liu to receive an up-or-down vote on the floor.

Liu, a law professor at the University of California, Berkeley, is fiercely opposed by conservatives, who say he favors fashioning new individual rights in the Constitution and would tilt the 9th Circuit appeals court in an even more liberal direction. They also argue he is an academic with no practical legal experience.

"With his aggressive left-wing ideology and raw inexperience, Goodwin Liu is the rare nominee who would make the 9th Circuit worse than it already is. Senate Republicans need to unite to defeat his nomination," said M. Edward Whelan of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, which champions conservative judicial nominees.

His supporters say Liu is a brilliant legal mind who follows judicial precedent and resides in the mainstream of American jurisprudence. At 40, it's possible he could be the first Asian-American nominee to the Supreme Court at some point in his career.

The Obama White House generally has shied away from the kind of incendiary and partisan fights over appeals court judges that were a staple of the George W. Bush administration, preferring moderate nominees with extensive experience in the federal courts.

"Given his exceptional credentials, first-rate legal mind, and commitment to the rule of law, he deserves an up-or-down vote and ultimately confirmation," said Eric Schultz, a White House spokesman. Beyond their views of his fitness for the post, some Republicans are still smarting over Liu's testimony against Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito in 2006.

Liu cleared the Judiciary Committee in April for the third time, but by a straight 10-8 party-line vote. In an "alert" released Wednesday by Sens. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., the current and former ranking members of the Judiciary Committee, the two senators said Liu, if confirmed by the Senate, "would advance his progressive philosophy for years to come, doing incalculable damage to the constitutional system of limited government and federalism envisioned by our founding fathers."

In the late 1990s, Senate Republicans delayed the nomination of Sotomayor, a Latina, to the appeals court in New York over concerns in part that she would ultimately reach the high court. And indeed, President Barack Obama nominated her to be the court's first Hispanic justice in 2009.

Liu's cause has been championed by interest groups, Asian-American advocates and prominent legal scholars since he was first nominated by Obama in early 2010.
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Robert Barker said Parvaz was safe and healthy, "just a little tired." Parvaz, 39, a former reporter at the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and briefly at The Seattle Times, now works for the Qatar-based news agency Al-Jazeera. She has Canadian, Iranian and U.S. citizenship. She used her Iranian passport to enter Syria on April 29 and was detained at the Damascus airport and hadn't been heard from since.

Obama was en route to deliver a graduation speech at the Coast Guard Academy when reporters, on the ground saw his familiar blue and white 747 abort its first attempt at landing at the Bradley, Air National Guard Base in East Granby, Conn.

"The pilot was in the process of landing, but due to weather the pilot decided to circle around and then landed the plane," White House spokesman Nick Shapiro said. "This is a standard and safe procedure." Air Force One landed on the second attempt, at 10:05 a.m. EDT.

ILLINOIS (MCT) — United Airlines apologized on Wednesday for inadvertently reactivating the retired flight numbers of the two planes that crashed after being hijacked by terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001. The flight numbers were assigned by a computer late Monday for sales of future flights, said Rahsaan Johnson, an airline spokesman. Early Wednesday, airline officials noticed the error and immediately removed them from the system. "We did not make a decision to use those flight numbers," Johnson said. Although not required by the Federal Aviation Administration, as a practice airlines typically retire the numbers were displayed on airline tickets for sales of future flights, the system.

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Cal Poly surfers and surf fans alike can catch the waves on the big screen as the Youth Outreach Program for the Performing Arts Center (YOPAC) hosts its first annual "Surf Film Night." The event takes a deeper look into competitive surfing and will take place at the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center (PAC) on May 19.

The purpose of the film night is to get students more interested and involved with events happening in the PAC. Student excitement is what Melody Klemin, the YOPAC Marketing and Outreach coordinator, is looking for. Klemin said YOPAC wanted to do something that would "relate to Cal Poly students" to get them into the PAC.

"We feel like they don't often have the opportunity enough or want to come to see things," Klemin said. "So, we thought it would be logical to try a surf film as a way to get more Cal Poly students into our building. Because it's here for them."

The PAC is also a place for local students to participate and be a part of the performing arts in San Luis Obispo. Since starting under the foundation of the PAC in September 2006, YOPAC has made it possible for 256,000 local students in K through 12 to use the center, free of charge.

"This program is targeted toward local K through 12 students and through a variety of programs, we try to engage them as audience members, performers and investigators of the performing arts," Klemin said.

YOPAC created both School Matinee Performances — making attending shows more feasible and covering transportation expenses for youth — and Young Artists Onstage, which allows public schools to come to the PAC during the day to watch shows. These programs have expanded to serve all of San Luis Obispo County and parts of Santa Barbara County.

"It's all about accessibility for students — trying to get people in here who may not otherwise have the chance," Klemin said. "We have a strong commitment to (local) students, to providing arts education for them."

Krista Scarbrough, the marketing and outreach assistant coordinator, said it was always a goal to reach out to students and to educate them in the PAC.
Citizen Cope to take the stage at UU Hour

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Usually, Iwanski said, reggae artists are a big hit on campus. But she said she also likes to get a variety throughout the year.

Students around campus have expressed excitement for the concert throughout the week. Graphic communication freshman Tess Hannel said she didn't even believe it was true that Citizen Cope was coming.

"I saw his name on a poster by Starbucks one day and I thought it was a mistake," Hannel said. "It's crazy to see big names coming through Cal Poly."

Iwanski said with the multi-activity center in the new Recreation Center, it will be easier to host big names on campus in the future. The new center will allow for larger audiences and give ASI the capability of charging students for tickets, so more widely-known artists will be easier to acquire.

Citizen Cope's music is described as "stripped down," and his songs have been featured on popular TV shows such as "Grey's Anatomy" and "Gossip Girl."

"I don't usually describe my music," he said. "I tell people they really have to listen to it."

Greenwood said he's looking forward to the concert, despite the sneezing fits that come with his spring allergies.

"I've been to San Luis Obispo once," he said. "But it was a really long time ago. I'm looking forward to coming back."

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Usually, Iwanski said, reggae artists are a big hit on campus. But she said she also likes to get a variety throughout the year.

Students around campus have expressed excitement for the concert throughout the week. Graphic communication freshman Tess Hannel said she didn't even believe it was true that Citizen Cope was coming.

"I saw his name on a poster by Starbucks one day and I thought it was a mistake," Hannel said. "It's crazy to see big names coming through Cal Poly."

Iwanski said with the multi-activity center in the new Recreation Center, it will be easier to host big names on campus in the future. The new center will allow for larger audiences and give ASI the capability of charging students for tickets, so more widely-known artists will be easier to acquire.

Citizen Cope's music is described as "stripped down," and his songs have been featured on popular TV shows such as "Grey's Anatomy" and "Gossip Girl."

"I first started listening (to Citizen Cope) my freshman year of high school," Hannel said. "I've been kind of in love with him ever since."

Hannel said she was originally drawn to Citizen Cope's music because it's different, but she couldn't quite describe it. Neither could Clarence Greenwood — the man behind the music.

"I don't usually describe my music," he said. "I tell people they really have to listen to it."

Greenwood said he's looking forward to the concert, despite the sneezing fits that come with his spring allergies.

"I've been to San Luis Obispo once," he said. "But it was a really long time ago. I'm looking forward to coming back."

College tours, Greenwood said,
name for YOPAC, said she agrees that convenience is key. "It’s always been a goal to reach out to students and to educate them in the PAC," Scarbrough said. "Because there have been so many budget cuts, they don’t have that outlet as much as they have in the past."

Therefore, students should take advantage of this outlet more often, Scarbrough said. "Hopefully, it will enlighten the Cal Poly community about the PAC," Scarbrough said. "A lot of students haven’t attended it, and it would be nice to reach out to them and support arts education."

And the surfing theme night hopes to draw everyone, even those who do not participate in the sport, because "it’s really interesting to look at the culture of surfing," Klemm said.

We have the ocean so close to us; I’m sure we know people who surf as a sport and as a leisure activity," she said. "It’s cool to peek into their world and have an appreciation for it."

Two one-hour films will be shown to benefit YOPAC, entitled "Who is J.O.B.?" and "A Fly in the Champagne."

The film "Who is J.O.B.?" does just what the title entails; it takes a closer look into the life of Jamie O’Brien, the 2005 Breakthrough Performer of the Year by Surfer Poll Awards. The Hawaiian native opens up in the film about his life in and out of the water, revealing information that not everyone knew about him, such as the distant relationship he had with his mother and how he once wore a helmet duct-taped to his head in the water.

"A Fly in the Champagne" features the often spirited rivalry between Kelly Slater, the Association of Surfing Professionals (ASP) 10-time world champion, and three-time world champion Andor Irons, who died last November. But the Slater/Irons competition finally comes to an end as these two settle their differences, revealing information that not everyone knew about Irons, such as his love for Champagne.

Scarbrough said, "I feel the most alive when I’m surfing; it’s just me and the waves out there. So, it’s nice that this program decided to bring surfing into the surf world, and said surfing something is much more than a hobby. "It’s a way of life," Chiu said. "I feel the most alive when I’m surfing; it’s just me and the waves out there. So, it’s nice that this program decided to bring surfing into the school and community."

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office for $10. Attendees will also receive a complimentary Red Bull energy drink and a chance to win various surf-related prizes.

HOROSCOPES

THURSDAY, MAY 19

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You’ll be able to arrange something special for yourself and someone close to you. Certain late developments come as a surprise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Be sure to jump on things as they occur, you don’t want to find yourself running behind and having to catch up in any way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Avoid being secretive; as this is sure to upset those close to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may have to endure something that is actually bad on your list, but you may surprise yourself with how well you perform.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — What you’re after may not be possible — just yet. Get your ducks in a row and you’ll surely have a better shot at it — and more.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You’ll have the chance to show people just what you’re capable of, and you won’t even have to give it your all just yet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — A matter of policy may be more complicated than you expected, but if you maintain a calm and even approach, you can overcome obstacles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You may find confusion as this is sure to invite excitement and distortion — obviously! Be as up-front as possible with everyone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may feel confused, but this is sure to invite confusion and distortion — obviously!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You may be giving in touch with a few secret desires, but take care that you don’t share them with a loved one just yet.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may go a little crazy trying to get everything to line up just so. Ultimately, you can only do so much, however.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A slow start is nothing to fear; in fact, it should enable you to make minor adjustments before being put to the test in any way.

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The journal itself is amazing," said Aaron Rowley, second place fiction winner and biomedical engineering junior. "To me, ‘Byzantium’ is just a testament to how motivated and creative students in our community can be."

Two separate faculty judging committees, one for poetry and one for fiction, judge the entries of the contest. The journal's co-editors then select additional works they want to publish in addition to the six winning entries.

Originating in 1991, “Byzantium” has published literary works by students who have gone on to prestigious graduate schools in creative writing, including Columbia, Emerson, University of California Davis, Irvine and San Francisco State. Byzantium complements the English department's creative writing emphasis by providing a capstone publication that demonstrates a student and department commitment to creative writing.

Typically, two English students are chosen to be co-editors. This year's "Byzantium" editors are English seniors Meg Archer and Sam Reynard.

Working with art director Allie Rowley, the editors are responsible for all aspects of the publication: choosing a printer, laying out the text, editing the text, selling the magazine and coordinating the unveiling ceremony, which will take place May 32 in the Ag Engineering building, room 123.

The two editors are earning senior project credit for their work on the literary journal.

Although Reynard said she is not much of a creative writer herself, she enjoys participating in the production and editing of "Byzantium." All the winners this year are of great quality, Reynard said.

"What's really unusual is that both the first place poem and first place fiction stories transform older forms and styles into very contemporary ways of seeing life right now," Clark said.

This year, English students Anna Bush and Jessica Zwicker won first place in the Creative Writing Contest. Bush's sonnet is in an old form that is very difficult to make contemporary, contest director Kevin Clark said. "She is highly inventive with the form for such a young poet," Clark said.

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Schwarzenegger's lies resurface again

Steve Lopez is a columnist for "The Los Angeles Times."

In October of 2003, I witnessed a remarkable spectacle at a San Diego rally for gubernatorial candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger. As I talked to people about allegations that Schwarzenegger had crudely groped women against their will, using his celebrity status to have his way — they were outraged.

Not at Schwarzenegger, but at the Los Angeles Times, for reporting the stories.

Even after Schwarzenegger stepped to the stage in San Diego and admitted that "where there's smoke, there's fire," GOP women who espoused family values came to Schwarzenegger's defense. They insisted that either all Arnold's accusers were making it up, or that they wanted to be groped. "It doesn't matter," one woman told me.

Some have claimed the Times was unfair to air the accusers' stories. In my opinion, it was a responsible move. Long before the incident involving the female employee, Schwarzenegger had set fundraising records. It's beyond fiction, this tale of an governor who has always seemed to live in his own celebrity world by his own twisted rules of privilege and entitlement.

"After leaving the governor's office, I told my wife about this event, which occurred over a decade ago," Schwarzenegger said in a statement. "This event was a flop as governor despite fleet-footed explanations of Schwarzenegger's lies resurface again...
Commencement speakers not preaching to the choir

The only person who can "prevent" an assault from happening is the perpetrator. While there are a number of ways that women can "reduce" rape, so you need to be vigilant and not place yourselves in a more susceptible position. These acts could have (been) prevented if the women involved were more cautious, assuming copious amounts of alcohol were involved. Exercise moderation and have at least one person with you that you trust.

KM

In response to "University police issue third reported sexual assault alerts"

If person A attempts to murder person B, does that make it any less horrible than if they actually murdered them? Person A would certainly still get charged by the authorities.

— Breastee

In response to "University police issue third reported sexual assault alerts"

It's time for people to wake up, their little bubble and realize that these issues DO EXIST on our campus and that we need to do something about it starting today.

— Stop Being Invasive

In response to "University police issue third reported sexual assault alerts"

On some level I agree. We should be doing something to prevent this sort of thing from happening. The question becomes how do we know if our selected course of action is having the desired effect? We have to be intellectually honest with ourselves. Even a slight exaggeration, like the one I found a few years ago, is a great tool to help us bring in the needed accountability.

— Melissa

In response to "BLOG: Stand up against sexual assault"

Unfortunately, the campus seems bent on whitewashing the past and removing all traces that YES, raping DO happen on campus. All those red bandannas that were a part of this controversy were removed with no explanations other than it makes the campus look bad. The American context to turn politics into a kind of inquisition into any officialhood's religious conscience — or, for that matter, to allow religious conviction to blind dictate political decisions.

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In other words, to chide the speaker is to chide them. The signers of this letter, unlike the bishops in the Obama controversy, also have been at pains to say they welcome Boehner to Catholic U, though they disagree with him.

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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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- Design editors
- Photographers

If you are interested in any of the above positions please send a resume and at least clips to kaytlyneslie.md@gmail.com or drop off in the Mustang Daily newsroom, Graphic Arts building 26 room 226. Job descriptions are available on Mustang3O85.

Cal Poly’s student radio station KCPR 91.3 is looking for a News Director. The News Director will lead and manage public affairs through the planning, production, and generating of innovative news content from the greater San Luis Obispo area and interfacing with the community. The News Director will assist with news programming decisions and news operations along with managing news planning, reporting, editing, and production, while closely working with the Mustang Daily, and other facets of Cal Poly Journalism. Responsibility and understanding of news planning, reporting, editing and production.

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14. Bit parts
15. Glue on
16. Popular heels
17. America’s Cup
18. "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books
19. Susan Pyburn, photographer
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on the mound, while also remaining humble.
“Twas able to prove that I’m not some kid talking trash,” Radeke said. “A lot of the guys that were older than me had been on the team awhile, but once I was able to prove myself, and back it up with results, I got a lot more friendly vibes from the other guys.”

Despite posting a 5.31 ERA his freshman year, Radeke still earned a 6-2 record behind an explosive Cal Poly batting lineup.

But Radeke would have new struggles to contend with at the start of each season.

After a successful start to his sophomore season, with a 3-1 record and striking out 23 in 24 1/3 innings, Radeke’s season was abruptly brought to an end with an elbow injury.

Since he was unable to play for four months and returned to a Cal Poly team that lost a lot of its hitting power, there was uncertainty whether Radeke would find success on the mound again.

Lee said he didn’t know what to expect from Radeke at the start of the season, but knew after his first few starts he was better than before.

“You’re always a question if he’ll be as good as he was and we didn’t push it,” Lee said. “You’re always hoping that for certain results but you’re never quite sure. But it became evident within the first couple starts that he was back to himself and had developed his off-speed pitches, especially his change-up, to become a quality pitch.”

Radeke said he used his time off from the team to work on his own and spend extra time on the side thinking about what he was doing wrong and how he could fix it.

“If I was really able to increase my strikeouts because I could show them different pitches and throw them off on strikes,” Radeke said.

“This year I worked really hard on getting my fourth pitch, my curveball, working. Now I think that’s my best off-speed pitch.”

Radeke has earned only one loss since Feb. 26 against Oklahoma State. He threw his first career complete game against Cal State Fullerton. He allowed only two runs with eight strikeouts to help Cal Poly win only its second series over Cal State Fullerton in the last 38 years.

Fellow Cal Poly starting pitcher Steven Fischback said during practice time Radeke is always focused on baseball, and seldom breaks any concentration in practice.

“He is really not someone that ever goes off,” Fischback said. “He’s focused, he’s determined and set on his goals at playing at the next level and keeps his sight on that.”

Fischback said it is Radeke’s mental strength that separates him from other pitchers in the Big West.

“One of the biggest reasons for his success is his confidence,” Fischback said. “At the end of the day he knows he is the better pitcher. He always expects to win, and that mentality sets him apart. He’s not scared of failure.”

This season, Radeke tied Cal Poly’s single game strikeout record with 14 over Valparaiso and added another 13 strikeouts versus Santa Barbara.

But despite Radeke’s success, the Mustangs have been battling all season to dig themselves out of an early hole.

Though it may be a long-shot to make NCAA Regionals, Radeke said he is going to continue his focus in each and every pitch until the season is over.

“I’m still going to continue playing my hardest,” Radeke said. “It doesn’t change my mentality. I’m still going to go out and win and compete every game.”

That’s perfectionism.

Pitcher Mason Radeke threw a record-tying 14 strikeouts in the Mustangs’ home opener against Valparaiso on March 4.

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Radeke uses perfectionist attitude to fuel success

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"Whatever matters to you, do it right."
That's the motto Cal Poly starting pitcher Mason Radeke has lived by every day.

For him, what has always mattered is pitching for Cal Poly. He has been doing it more than just right, becoming one of the most successful Cal Poly pitchers in years.

This season alone, Radeke leads the Big West with eight wins, second with 88 strikeouts and first with 58 strikeouts looking. He has held opponents to a .232 batting average, with a 2.67 ERA, while pitching a total 87 1/3 innings on the season.

Head coach Larry Lee said Bonds' case postpone

Howard Mintz
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

The next round in the Barry Bonds perjury case has been postponed.

In court papers filed Wednesday, federal prosecutors and lawyers for the home run king agreed to reschedule Friday's post-trial legal wrangling until June 17. The two sides require more time to evaluate possible post-trial motions and evaluate the availability of witnesses if there is a retrial.

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