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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“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 farther, 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 Ash-baugh'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, 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.

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ASI Biweekly Update

Karlee Prazak

Associated Students Inc. (ASI) held its second-to-last biweekly Board of Directors meeting last night, which 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 Sterilli was the only member on the executive board to address the happenings during her report.

Sterilli 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 Tabrizi'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, Kate Morrow and Karen Morobian, respectively.

The 2011-2012 ASI budget will be $367,243, in comparison to the current budget of $397,977. This money goes toward ASI programs, the Orfalea Family Children's Center and ASI student government. It is funded by the $49,777 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.

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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 more 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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Organized crime in Mexico using planes to get drugs over U.S. border

Airplanes like the one pictured above are flown by Mexican drug smugglers to bring shipments of illegal drugs over the U.S.-Mexico border. Seventy-one instances of these planes crossing the border have been detected so far this year.

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They fly low and slow over the border, their wings painted black and motors humming faintly under moonlit skies. The pilots, some armed in the open cockpits, steer through the horizontal control bar with one hand and pull a latch with the other, releasing 250-pound payloads that 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.

At least one pilot has been paralyzed, 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. 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 a strong evidence that smugglers are having an increasingly difficult time getting shipments of marijuana over land crossings.

Authorities noticed a surge in flights in Imperial County after newly erected fencing along California's southeastern border. U.S. Border Patrol agents, accustomed to scouring for footprints or glow sticks. There is little room for error.

At least one pilot has been paralyzed after U.S. authorities began responding quickly to offloading sites. The Mexican Army has seized four ultralights around Baja California in recent weeks after being tipped off by U.S. authorities.

"There are indications of larger amounts of activity," said Tony Coronado, director of the Air and Marine Operations Center, which is located in Riverside County's Air and Marine Operations Center, where general aviation air traffic across the country is monitored.

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

"We're 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 and 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.

Trafficers 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.

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California appeals court judge nomination likely to trigger Senate battle

James Oliphant
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The Senate stands on the edge of what could be the biggest fight over conflicts over Supreme Court picks 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 Steve Daines, S-D, 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 Sonia 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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**State**

**SAN FRANCISCO (MCT) —**
The University of California may charge higher tuition each of the next five years even if the state stops cutting its budget, UC leaders said Wednesday.

Administrators presented four budget scenarios Wednesday to help the Board of Regents plan future budgets. Under the rosiest scenario — which is unlikely, given the state’s financial crisis — UC would raise tuition 8 percent per year, starting in 2012.

Regents in November approved an 8 percent increase that will take annual undergraduate tuition to $11,124 for the fall term. The increase followed a 32 percent tuition hike in 2009-10.

The budget presentation, nearly identical to one at the regents’ March meeting, assumed a $500 million cut this year and gave the board scenarios ranging from, on the high end, 8 percent annual budget increases to 2 percent reductions starting next year. All four options include tuition increases of up to 20 percent per year.

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**ROSEVILLE (MCT) —**
The City of Roseville and KB Homes today unveiled a new water and energy efficient community — complete with the first homes in the nation to earn the Environmental Protection Agency’s WaterSense label.

WaterSense is an EPA initiative to increase water and energy conservation with the help of partners such as builders, nonprofit and utilities. The homes at KB Homes’ Springwood development are the first in the nation to receive the designation, according to the company. The development has 118 lots for built-to-order homes.

WaterSense homes are supposed to use about 20 percent less water than a typical home, saving about 10,000 gallons of water a year. KB Homes tours its Springwood homes as saving 50,000 gallons for a typical family of four — enough to fill five swimming pools.

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**ILLINOIS (MCT) —**
United Airlines apologized on Wednesday for inadvertently reacting 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 Rahaan 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. "The error was technical."

Although not required by the Federal Aviation Administration, as a practice airlines typically retire the numbers were displayed on airline check-in counters, departure/arrival monitors or gates.

It is, however, possible that the numbers were displayed on airline and travel websites for reservation, Johnson said.

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**CONNECTICUT (MCT) —**
Air Force One aborted a landing Wednesday morning in Connecticut, as poor visibility forced the plane carrying President Barack Obama to circle around before landing safely.

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.

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**YEMEN (MCT) —**
Yemen’s president and opposition leaders have agreed to sign a Gulf-brokered deal for a transition of power, with slight modifications, after intervention from U.S. and European diplomats, an opposition official told Reuters on Wednesday.

Al-Arabiya satellite network reported that the two sides had reached an agreement with international assistance. But there was no immediate confirmation from the government.

"After American, European and Gulf efforts, there was agreement by the president on the Gulf initiative after simple changes, and the signing will be today," opposition official Yahiya Abu Ubida told Reuters.

Modifications to the original deal proposed by Saleh’s ruling party Tuesday and relayed to the opposition by diplomats would have allowed the ruling party to appoint a unity government for the transition period until elections and would also have changed which opposition representative signed the agreement, an opposition leader told Reuters.
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Surf’s up, Cal Poly.

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 250,000 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 youths — 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.
Citizen Cope to take the stage at UU Hour

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The University Union (UU) Plaza will host Citizen Cope for a solo acoustic concert during UU Hour today as one of Concerts in the Plaza’s larger events of the school year. Business administration senior Jacki Iwanski, who books performers for Concerts in the Plaza, said her approach to booking this year was to work around the dates when potential artists were playing in Los Angeles or San Francisco.

“It’s kind of the halfway point,” Iwanski said. “I know he was touring in the area, so he’s basically stopping on the way down to L.A.”

In a survey distributed by Associated Students Inc. (ASI) earlier in the school year, Citizen Cope was one of the most requested artists by students, Iwanski said. She said she’s received nothing but positive feedback from students, who are very excited for the concert.

Iwanski said booking can be tricky with a shrinking budget, but her goal was to find two bigger names for spring quarter, when the weather is nice.

“When the weather is great in fall and spring, we try to get two or three bigger names,” she said. “Zion I was great, and I think we’ll get a similar turnout for (today).”

Usually, Iwanski said, reggae artists are the 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,

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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," Scarborough 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, Scarborough said.
"Hopefully, it will enlighten the Cal Poly community about the PAC," Scarborough 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," Klemin said.
We have the ocean so close to us; I'm sure we know people who surf as a sport and 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 Andy Irons, who died last November. But the Slater/Irons competition finally comes to an end as these two settle their differences.
Hearing names such as Slater and Irons draws the attention of those who are familiar with surfing, said Travis Chin, landscape architecture junior. Travis Chin recognizes these as "some of the biggest names in the surf world," and said surfing something is much more than a hobby.
"It's a way of life," Chin 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 20) — 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; this is sure to invite suspicion and distrust — obviously. Be as up-front as possible with everyone.

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

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 confidence this is sure to invite trust and distinction — obviously. Be as up-front as possible with everyone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may feel confident that you don't lose touch with what really matters; you are sure at this point.

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‘Byzantium’ to showcase Cal Poly writing talent

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For the past 40 years, the English department has held an annual creative writing contest with two categories: fiction and poetry. First, second, and third place winners receive cash prizes and get published in the Cal Poly Literary Annual, “Byzantium.”

“Byzantium” is a student-run literary journal which consists of writing, including Columbia, Emer­ceive cash prizes and get published in the journal. “Byzantium” 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 22 in the Ag Engineering building, room 123.

The two editors are receiving se­nior project credit for their work on the 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 “Sea Glass,” which is about the survivors of Hur­ricane Katrina, and Zwicker’s story, “Ferryman,” a dystopian story about life and the afterlife, won them both $100.

“I intend to use the money to buy books for my grad classes next quarter,” Bush said. “I am going to need a bigger bookshelf.”

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.

Zwicker’s story is “harrowing and brilliant,” Clark said.

Reynard said normally the judges struggle to decide which story is deserving of first place, but Zwicker’s story was a clear first choice to all of the judges, as they determined her writing style to be beyond the college level.

“The first place fiction choice (‘Ferryman’) was a unanimous deci­sion,” she said. “Everyone immedi­ately knew this piece was the winner.”

This year’s competition received more entries than ever before.

“It’s been really great seeing the talent we have here on campus,” Reynard said.

Reynard said she enjoys seeing students from other departments and majors participate in the writ­ing contest.

“Our second and third place fiction winners are not English majors, which is cool,” she said.

In order to remain an equal and balanced opportunity for stu­dents to have their work chosen for the journal, students submit their work under a pseudonym. This ensures everyone an equal opportunity to be published. Reyn­ard said.

The unveiling ceremony will give each of the first, second and third place winners the opportu­nity to read their work out loud.

“Byzantium” has acted as the publication medium for the Al Landwehr Award since the Mus­tang Daily ceased to publish the contest’s winners in 1991, due to financial restraints.

In 1991, English alumna Joc­elyn Webb Pedersen decided to edit and publish the first journal as her senior project. Drawing on the name of the utopian city in the poems of W.B. Yeats, Pedersen titled the journal “Byzantium.”

Byzantium is distributed to the public for free, and will be re­leased for the first time this year on Sunday.
Schwarzenegger's lies resurface again

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

Back in October 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 all Arnold's accusers were making it up, or that they wanted to be groped. "It doesn't matter," one woman told me.

Some told The Times of delaying into ancient history to deliver a knockout punch solely because Schwarzenegger was a Republican. I thought then and I think now that the newspaper had a responsibility to investigate the character of a man who wanted to be governor.

Later that day, at the Orange County fairgrounds, I watched as Schwarzenegger staged a crowded, pleasing stunt. As the soaring crowd tuned to his appeal, he dropped a wreathing ball from the sky, destroy an Oldsmobile to symbolize that he was going to crush the tax elected governor.

It was such a good show, nobody noticed the deception. Schwarzenegger didn't explain how he'd made up the $4 billion in lost revenue, and not long after he took office and slashed the tax, the state's deficit had grown by $4 billion. What a surprise.

California never climbed out of that hole. In fact, the gap would only deepen as Schwarzenegger failed to deliver on his promise to "tear up the credit card" and instead borrowed huge sums. After vowing to get the money out of Sacramento politics, he set fundraising records.

It didn't help that the economy crushed while he was in office, but make no mistake: Schwarzenegger was a flop as governor despite fleeting flashes of leadership. Even his once-adoring fans turned on him when they realized they'd been had, driving his poll numbers to embarrassing depths.

In January, as one of his final acts as governor, Schwarzenegger further sullied himself — in addition to injuring the family of a homicide victim — by commuting the murder sentence of the son of former Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez, a Schwarzenegger friend.

Given this backdrop, I can't say I was surprised by Tuesday's news that Schwarzenegger had fathered a child with a longtime member of his household staff. Yeah, the details were sensational, but the whole mess fits the narrative of a man who has always seemed to live in his own celebrity world by his own twisted rules of privilege and entitlement, his life an orgy of self-glory.

"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 is the betrayal of my wife and children in their own home just an 'event' to him."

"There are no excuses and I take full responsibility for the hurt I have caused," Schwarzenegger went on. "I have apologized to Maria, my children and my family, and I am truly sorry. Sorry, I did it or sorry he got caught? And are there any more surprises out there?"

"There's been no allegation that Schwarzenegger's attentions were unwelcome, but I can't help but wonder exactly how willing the female employee was in this case. She worked for him, after all. It wasn't a level playing field. And I can't help but think about the descriptions of Schwarzenegger groping incidents by women who described them as uncomfortable and unwelcome."

With this truth, Schwarzenegger risked not just having his own insatiable appetites revealed, but forever destroying the relationship between the employer and Arnold's own wife and children. And then there's the child he fathered, who asked for none of this and, one can only hope, will be able to live a life that's not defined by the parents' lies.

To make it even more morally awkward, Schwarzenegger kept this under his hat while his wife, Maria Shriver, gave up her TV reporting job to serve his political ambitions, a and she did it with grace.
Commencement speakers not preaching to the choir

Paul Lachine Newswart

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"There's a reason we deem "theocracy" a term of approbation. Few rhetorical exercises are as forgettable as the average comment, as the controversy surrounding this one ought to be an occasion for sober reflection.

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Web3 Comments

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Let these recent events be a message to all women attending college to be more cautious. If you're drinking, don't get carried away and get obliterated to the point where you can't protect yourself, especially when you don't have friends with you to look after you.

There's always going to be people out there who would commit something as terrible as sexual assault/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 alert"

It's time for people to wake up, to become a little more delicate and realize that these issues DO exist on our campus and that we need to do something about it.

The fact of the matter is NOBODY should ever be sexually assaulted or raped and we need to do something about that starting today.

--- Breanne

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

Even a slight exaggeration, like the one in the article, can lead to a substantive reality. Even a minor error can have significant consequences. It's important to be precise and accurate in our reporting.

--- John

In response to "Focus should now shift to Pakistan"

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Thanks for the great blog!

--- Melissa

In response to "Rape in response to "Kicking the caffeine habit"

People love to talk about anything but the article on here. Who gives a rat's ass about the grammar? The point of the article is that a country was hiding the biggest mass-murderer in the world. So stop hiding behind your cowardly ego and realize that an opinion piece is about someone's opinion. Sorry if it's not yours.

--- Kyle

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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.

It's sad that we're even arguing semantics here. The fact that AT LEAST once a day somebody at Cal Poly attempts to rape another human being is a deplorable statistic in and of itself. The fact that EVERY FEW DAYS a rape is actually completed makes it even worse.

Cal Poly is not immune to rape just like it is not immune to racism or sexism or any other bigoted action one can think of. Just look over the past few years and there are enough examples to prove this (hint: start with the Crops House incident and go from there).

--- Developer! Developer! Developer!

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

I guess I should just drink 3-5 cups of green tea a day, even though drinking tea usually gets rid of my headaches. I guess it's healthier to load up on aspren, as caffeine is much more dangerous than the potential stomach and liver damage caused by painkillers. And I guess I should just ignore the cancer fighting qualities of tea and coffee, too, because having to pee a little bit more often and feeling just plain awesome sucks.

--- James

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- Staff writers
- Web editor
- Design editors
- Photographers

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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
27. Court jester 28. Igneous rock, once 29. NSF bg
42. Medieval weapon 43. Sign on a diner
44. Corn Belt st. 45. Glue on 46. Bit parts
47. Quebec 48. Down-under 51. Parking —
52. Popular heels 53. Salon products 54. He overthrew
55. Beverage 56. Vex 57. Hollow
58. Vedic god of compound 59. Salon products
60. Vex 61. Premed class 62. Kickback
63. Helm position 64. Rathskeller mug 65. Maui neighbor
66. Earth scl. 67. Lily variety 68. Folder labels
69. FBA numbers 70. Col. Sanders' place

DOWN
1. Small 2. All in combos 3. Dan partners 4. Translated
5. Unfilleted 6. Legion protecto-
29. 39 Fragrant 30. Complexion compound 41. Experimental
42. Capture for clutch 43. French schools
44. Down-under Bar 45. Bar 46. Bar

Sudoku

There's treasure everywhere! Oh really? Then stop digging holes in my backyard. "I couldn't do my homework because my transmogrifier broke!" WTF is a transmogrifier???
Radeke continued from page 16

on the mound, while also remaining humble.

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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.

"There's 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.

"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 Fischbach 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," Fischbach said. "He's focused, he's determined and set on his goals at playing at the next level and keeps his sight on that."

Fischbach 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," Fischbach 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.
Bonds’ case postponed

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, according to a stipulation asking to reschedule the status conference on the case.

A federal jury last month convicted the former San Francisco Giants slugger on one count of obstructing justice for providing evasive answers to a question about whether he used steroids. Bonds was accused of perjury counts alleging he lied in the perjury counts. The jury was leaning toward acquittal with him on the mound.

“He’s been real good for us all year,” Lee said. “He gives us a chance to win every Friday against the other teams’ best pitcher. Our players play well behind him and our Fridays have been some of our better games in all aspects, all season long.”

Radeke considers himself a perfectionist, something he said he learned from his father ever since he was handed his first bat and ball.

“My dad always tried to do everything right,” Radeke said. “He was a perfectionist to the extreme. That kind of became a part of me. In baseball I want to do everything right.”

Once he finished playing through his T-Ball and coach-pitch leagues, Radeke started pitching at the age of nine and never looked back. There was no other sport, or position in baseball, that hooked him as much as when he first took the mound.

“I just always loved it,” Radeke said. “It was my favorite sport and I always looked forward to playing every spring. There was something about it. It’s hard to explain.”

A Santa Barbara native, Radeke’s pursuit of baseball eventually led him to Santa Barbara High School’s baseball team.

In his senior season, Radeke appeared in 15 straight victories for the Dons, earning 11 wins and four saves in the stretch. That year he finished with a 12-2 record, 1.49 ERA and 120 strikeouts in 89 innings on route to a second consecutive Channel League title and a First-Team All-CIF Southern Section selection.

But the transition from the Dons to the Mustangs was difficult for Radeke in more ways than one.

Radeke said he realized he had to work on developing his off-speed pitches and not rely on his signature fastball to strike batters out.

“My freshman year, I just really didn’t have another pitch to go to,” Radeke said. “It was kind of frustrating because I struck out so many guys my senior year, but at (Cal Poly) I wasn’t really able to do it. I know I could. I just didn’t really have the stuff to do it.”

At the time Radeke had also been feeling some friction between him and some of the older teammates when he came in as a freshman and earned the Sunday starting role.

But, Radeke said tensions eased when he started producing results.