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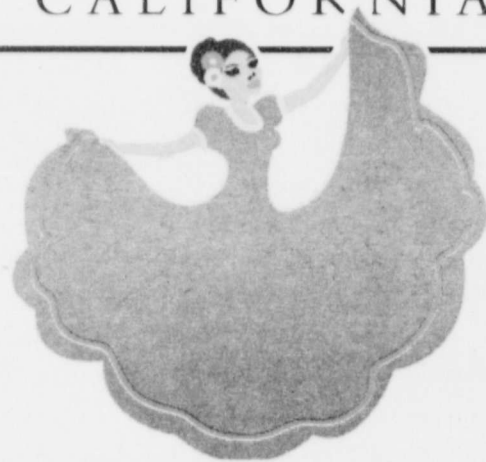
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## New abroad opportunity sends agriculture students to Finland

Brigette Barbosa  
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's College of Agriculture and Finnish Polytechnic University officials finalized an agreement to set up an exchange program between the colleges.

College of Agriculture Dean David Wehner and officials from Seinajoki Polytechnic finished signing a Memorandum of Understanding last Wednesday that will send Cal Poly faculty and students to Finland for research and development projects as well as internships focused on agriculture.

Natural resources management department head and professor Doug Piirto will spend 10 weeks at Seinajoki beginning in September.

"I hope to bring back new ideas and more research projects for our university to work on," Piirto said. He will be lecturing forestry classes, helping with the development of new forestry graduate programs and working on new research projects regarding biofuels during his stay.

"Biofuels focus fits into my forestry background. It's about extending the use of our forest," Piirto said. The goal will be to collect information on how wood can be considered as a source of biofuel.

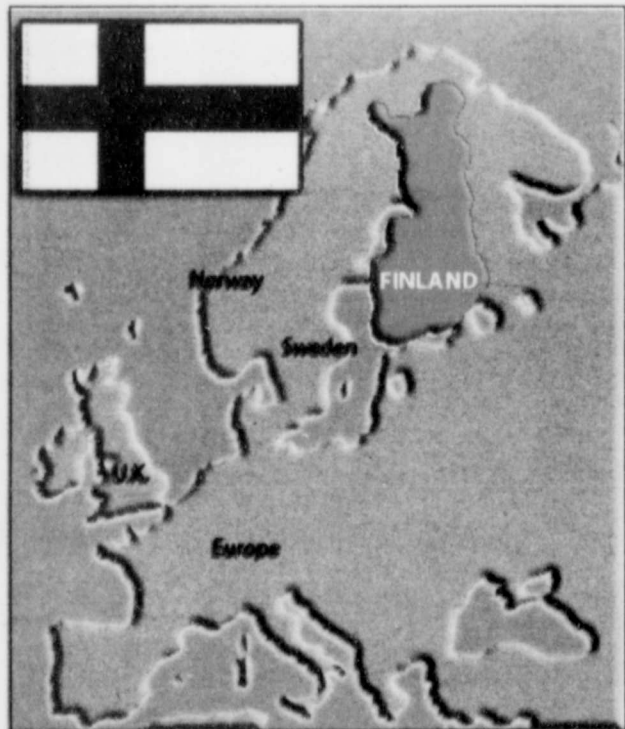
Piirto visited Finland and the university last summer and returned with a positive report for Wehner. The plans for an exchange program agreement have been expanding ever since.

Along with Cal Poly faculty, students will be conducting research of their own at the overseas university. Animal science sophomore Kari Reina and soil science sophomore Kiana Amiri-Davani will spend next summer in Finland. The two met each other in high school and were reacquainted here at Cal Poly, Reina said.

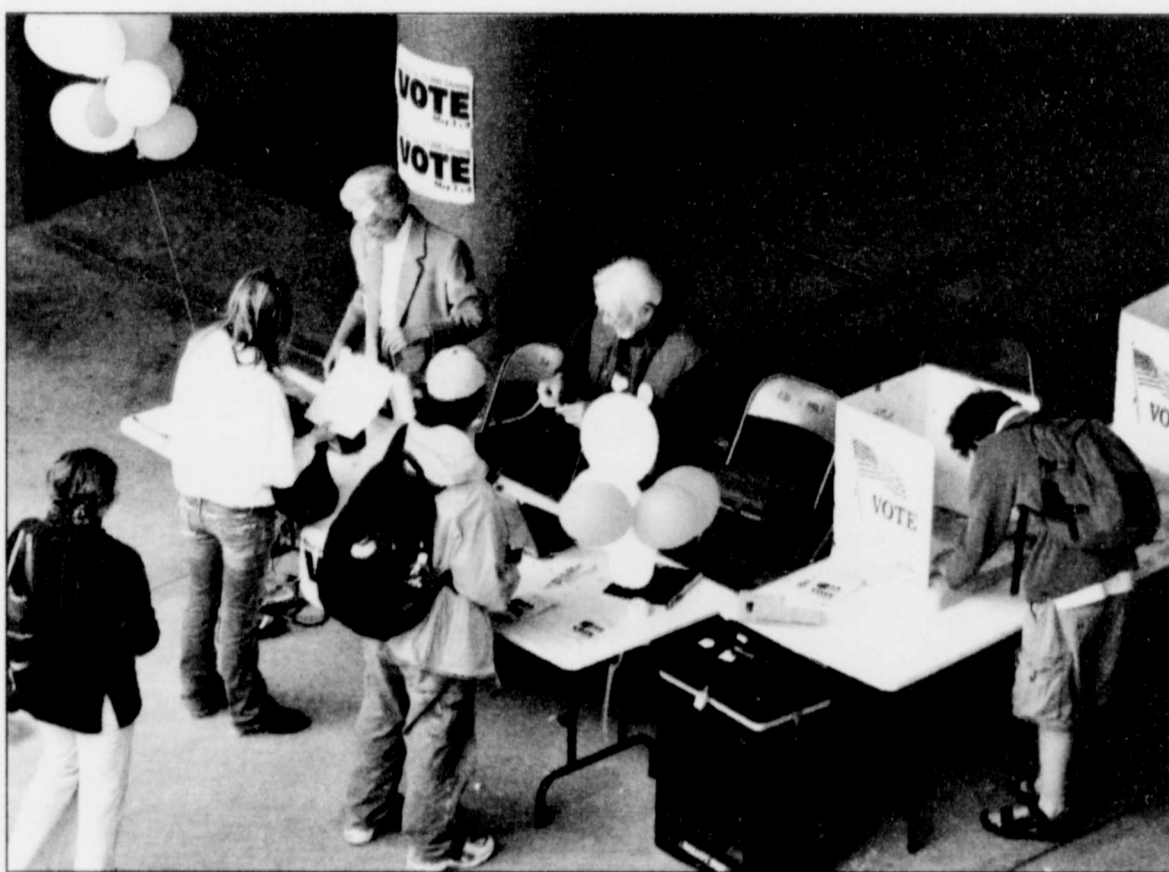
"I am definitely excited," Reina said. "I have never been to Europe before. Kiana is the same way. Nervous and excited, but mostly excited."

The pair will learn about growing crops in a northern region under different types of agricultural conditions. According to the Cal Poly news release Reina and Amiri-Davani will study

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## 2006-07 ASI ELECTIONS



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY

The 2006 Associated Students Inc. elections began Wednesday and voting will continue today. From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., students can vote at the Ag Bridge, Fisher Science/Science North, Kennedy Library and Campus Market. From 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., students can vote at the Education Building breezeway and downstairs in the University Union. Students will only need their Cal Poly ID cards to vote for the 2006-07 ASI president and for the board of directors.

## Activism brings immigration debate

Mario Burciaga and Katie Plourd  
DAILY 49ER

While people across the nation took to the streets in protest Monday for the "day with out an immigrant" movement, students and faculty throughout Cal State Long Beach supported the movement.

Written messages were spread across campus on buildings and on the ground. Some professors cancelled classes, students walked out of class and the Campus Progressives, Chicano and Latino Studies Student Association, Feminist Organization Reclaiming Consciousness and Equality, La Raza Student Association and Muslim Student Association led an intense student rally showing support for the movement.

A number of messages were written in chalk all over campus, notifying students of the events that would take place during the day. There were messages such as "No human is illegal," "History is now. Do the right thing," "Would you deport your mother" and "El mundo sin fronteras (The World Without Borders)."

At noon, a crowd of roughly 50 students gathered in front of the University Bookstore to rally

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## Cyclists get festive downtown

Kathrene Tiffin  
MUSTANG DAILY

The excitement on a child's face when they finally receive their first bike doesn't seem to fade for some people. Bicycles of every shape, size and color can be seen peddling through the streets of downtown by bicycle enthusiasts of all ages.

Some become very involved in the festive spirit.

The first Thursday night of every month is home to the Thursday Night Bike Happening. The ride, which is not sanctioned or promoted by anyone, is a word-of-mouth event and an opportunity for members from the surrounding communities to come together and enjoy a few laps of fun, this month with an '80s theme, said rider John Altman of San Luis Obispo.

We do it "because it's a sense of community and fun," said Scott Okeefe, 49, of Los Osos. "I'm into electrical vehicles so that's why I'm here. It's fun, it's great."

Cal Poly student Jensen Hovsepian, a senior civil engineering, said he learned about the event through a friend a few years ago and now tries to attend on a regular basis.

"From what I understand, the event began almost six years ago when a few men got together and went for a ride around town," Altman said. Usually anywhere from 200 to 300 people come out every month to enjoy the ride, but "this month we'll have 300 because schools in and it's bike month and the weather's good."

Many people, mostly high-schoolers and older gather at Mission Plaza to enjoy two laps



WHITNEY GUENTHER MUSTANG DAILY

Cyclists Brian Mahoney, John Holcomb, Dan Bryden, Jensen Hovsepian and Mike VanMiddle ride in costume the first Thursday of each month as part of the Thursday Night Bike Happening.

of nothing but "carefree community fun." After the laps, some of the riders gather in a separate location for other events including bike sumo.

During bike sumo the riders make a small arena-like area with their bikes. Two riders do almost anything possible to eliminate the other rider by making them touch their feet on the ground.

"I've never competed in it (bike sumo)

because if you ever saw it, it's terrifying. These guys do wheelies into each other. They go crazy and kick each other. It's quite dangerous. If you're a first timer they'll go a little easier on you, but they get quite aggressive," said Cal Poly alumnus, Mike VanMiddle, 22, from San Luis Obispo.

Since December 2005, the group that calls

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## Finland

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crops like barley, oats, wheat and rye on small farms of less than 100 acres.

"I'll get the experience of working with people from a different country and seeing how they approach things, and more experience with farm animal interaction," Reina said.

Research and development director for Seinajoki Polytechnic Asko Peltola visited Cal Poly recently to help create the exchange program.

"The students will experience a new culture," Peltola said. "That's good. You always learn something when you are away from home." Both Reina and Amiri-Davani met with Peltola during his stay and were able to set up an internship during that time.

Faculty from Seinajoki will visit Cal Poly next year as part of the exchange program, Piirto said. Similar research, teaching and learning experiences will be available to participating visitors in the field of agriculture.

Sabbatical leave is designed to make teachers better at what they do and

the knowledge they have, Piirto said. The last time he took sabbatical leave was in 1996, when he spent time working on ecosystem research projects, a hiatus that earned Cal Poly several major research grants.

"I am very excited. It's new for me," Piirto said. The research may be new but the Finnish culture is not. Aside from spending time there last summer, Piirto's grandparents were from that region and he is able to trace his family lineage back to a famous man from Finland who was influential in the 1500s.

This is not the first contact Cal Poly has had with the Finnish university. Cal Poly's College of Business also has a Memorandum of Understanding with Seinajoki.

Seinajoki Polytechnic of Finland is much like Cal Poly with regards to its programs offered and the wide variety of majors. A few years ago the Finland government tried to implement a system similar to the California State University system. The result was not as widespread, but was successful in uniting several smaller schools to create the modern university Seinajoki, Piirto said.

## Bikes

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itself Los Cajones Locos, has been dressing up in Speedos and holiday costumes for the event. March's attire included pink Speedos, bunny ears, noses and bandit masks, which are a must, said rider and Cal Poly alumnus Brian Mahoney, 24, of San Luis Obispo.

"It sort of all started in my bedroom. We came across red Speedos and it all started Dec. 1 — red for Christmas," Mahoney said. "This month is Cinco de Mayo. We'll come up with something festive and we'll

do it again."

"This is my first time," said another member of the group, Daniel Abbot, 25. "I got roped into this. They knew I did crazy stuff in the past. They needed a fifth so I filled the gap. I'm going out in style."

People begin to gather at the Mission around 9 p.m. and the event kicks off around 9:30 p.m., after the streets have been re-opened from Farmers' Market. "The plaza's just wall-to-wall packed," Altman said.

The event "is a way for people, or students in general, to interact with people they don't know," said Patrick Smith, a horticultural landscape

design major, who attends the event regularly. "There is something energizing about that, about people who don't know each other coming together and having fun in a positive atmosphere."

The Los Cajones Locos boys are not the only ones who dress up for the event. "There are many people who wear costumes and dress up," VanMidde said. "There are some pretty cool looking bikes as well."

This month's ride takes place one day before Cinco de Mayo. Although the theme is '80s, "we have a few tricks up our Speedos this month," Hovsepian said.

## Activism

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support. As leaders of the event pulled out signs, drums and a loudspeaker, more students began to accumulate.

After an opening address by the organizing members, the crowd marched toward North Campus chanting in Spanish and English,

"What do we want? Justice. When do we want it? Now." By this time, the crowd grew to about 100 protesters. Demonstrators held up signs stating, "A Nation of Immigrants," and "Ningun Ser Humano es Ilegal (No Human Being Is Illegal)."

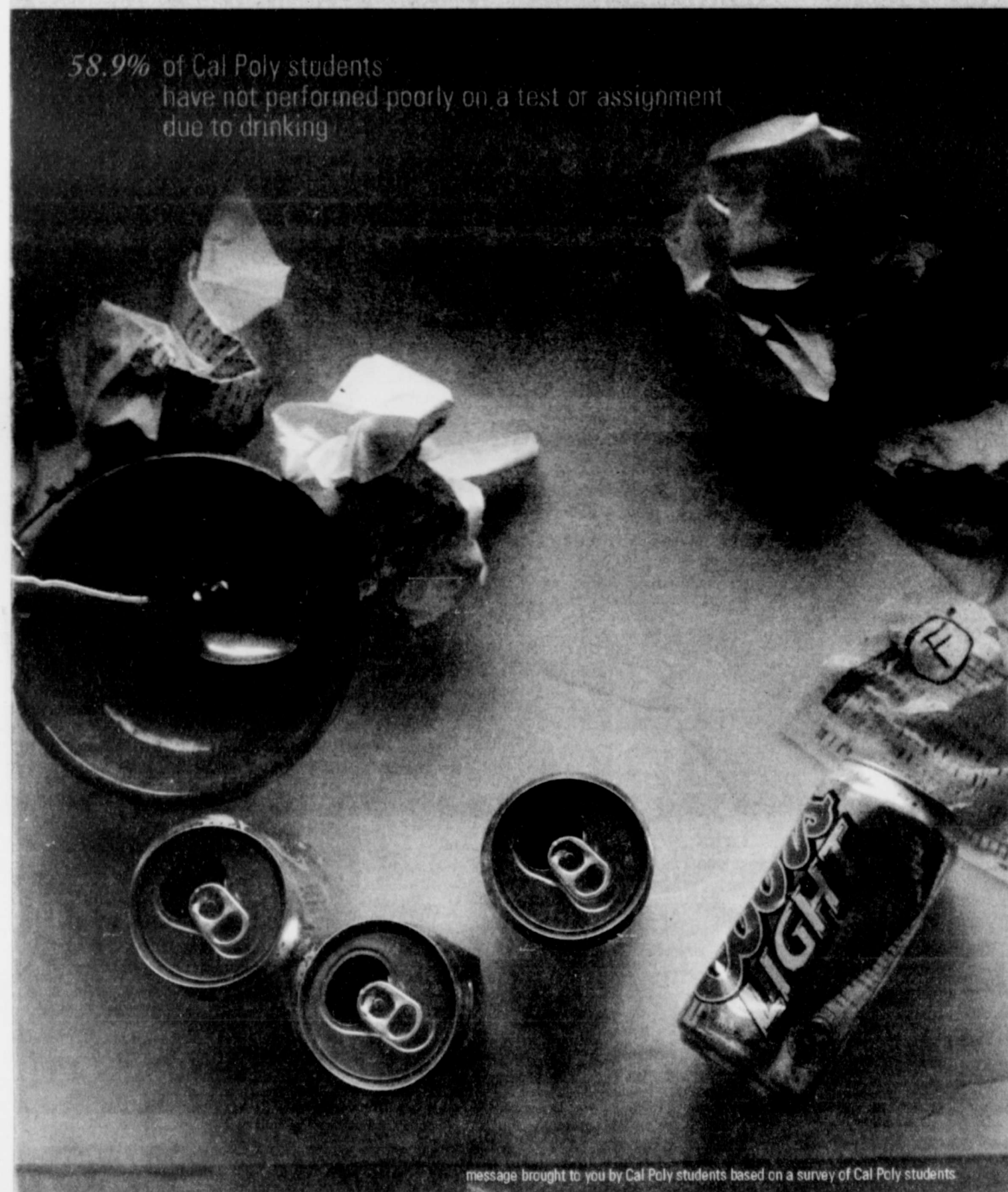
The crowd soon arrived at the USU Food Court, getting every student's attention. It stirred up students who were calmly eating their lunch-

es. At one point, students were taking pictures of the protesters with their camera phones and calling friends to tell them about it. Protesters urged students to stop eating and take part in the economic boycott outlined by the immigrant movement, but after a fire alarm in the University Student Union went off, the protesters were peacefully escorted out by coordinating officials.

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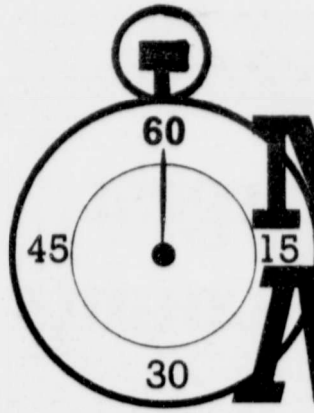
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## WHO SAID THAT?

Never continue in a job you don't enjoy. If you're happy in what you're doing, you'll like yourself, you'll have inner peace. And if you have that, along with physical health, you will have had more success than you could possibly have imagined.

— Johnny Carson (1925 - 2005)

The true secret of giving advice is, after you have honestly given it, to be perfectly indifferent whether it is taken or not, and never persist in trying to set people right.

— Hannah Whitall Smith, 1902

The government consists of a gang of men exactly like you and me. They have, taking one with another, no special talent for the business of government; they have only a talent for getting and holding office.

— H. L. Mencken (1880 - 1956)

## Wordly Wise

**Temerity:** unreasonable or foolhardy contempt of danger.

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— Coke or Pepsi?  
Pepsi

— Righty or lefty?  
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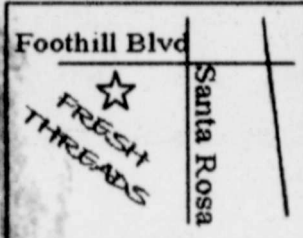
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## Cal Poly motorcycle club holds largest event of year, cruises through the county

Jandy Jones  
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly motorcycle club, known as the Penguins, held its largest event of the year over the weekend when about 400 people rode on a 130-mile course across North San Luis Obispo County.

Jason Diestel, an agribusiness junior, and Pat Bert, an agricultural systems management senior, coordinated the event that involved both pavement and dirt road riding. The combination of dirt and road riding, known as dual sport, uses street legal motorcycles with off-road capabilities, Diestel said.

The event was previously an endurance race but is now done in a more relaxed environment, he said, adding that some riders race amongst themselves but most just enjoy the ride.

"It creates a really neat riding experience for the riders," Diestel said.

Although the club has the Cal Poly name, it does not receive financial support from Associated Students, Inc., he said. The club had a motorcycle storage facility on campus but was recently told to relocate because a new building will be constructed in its place.

The club also helps fight the stigma that motorcyclists are troublemakers, he said, and it is the club's goal to help rid the community of that belief.

"We might get a bad name from what you see on television," he said, attributing that to organizations like Metal Mulisha and other trick riders who create a false mark for clubs or organizations that are rude.

Former county supervisor Mike Ryan allows the group to ride across his ranch and has been working with the group for several



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the Cal Poly Penguins Motorcycle Club rode over bricks near Pozo in the weekend's hi-mountain dual sport competition.

years.

Ryan owns one of five private ranches the group is allowed to ride on. This year he hosted a barbecue lunch during the race.

Sunday's race kicked off at 8 a.m. and riders were able to depart from anywhere on campus between 8 to 10 a.m.

The riders' route started at Cal Poly and headed up to coast to the North County, where they travelled through several towns and highways. Ranches, such as Ryan's, were available for the riders to stop at and refuel before heading back to Cal Poly.

Though the riders' ages vary, most are over 40 years old, Diestel said, and it is great experience to be able to throw on a backpack and ride on property most people don't

even get to see.

"It is just a relaxing day out in the country," Ryan said.

For more information on the Penguins check out their Web site at [www.penguinsmc.org](http://www.penguinsmc.org) or attend one of the meetings held in Science North, Room 201 at 8 p.m. on May 1, 15, 29 or June 5.

Participation in the group's events are open to anyone interested in riding. Preregistration is available through the club but on-site registration is held the day of the event. Proceeds are used to support the club, other motorcycle organizations and as funding to maintain riding trails on the Central Coast.

"We are totally self-sufficient," Diestel said.

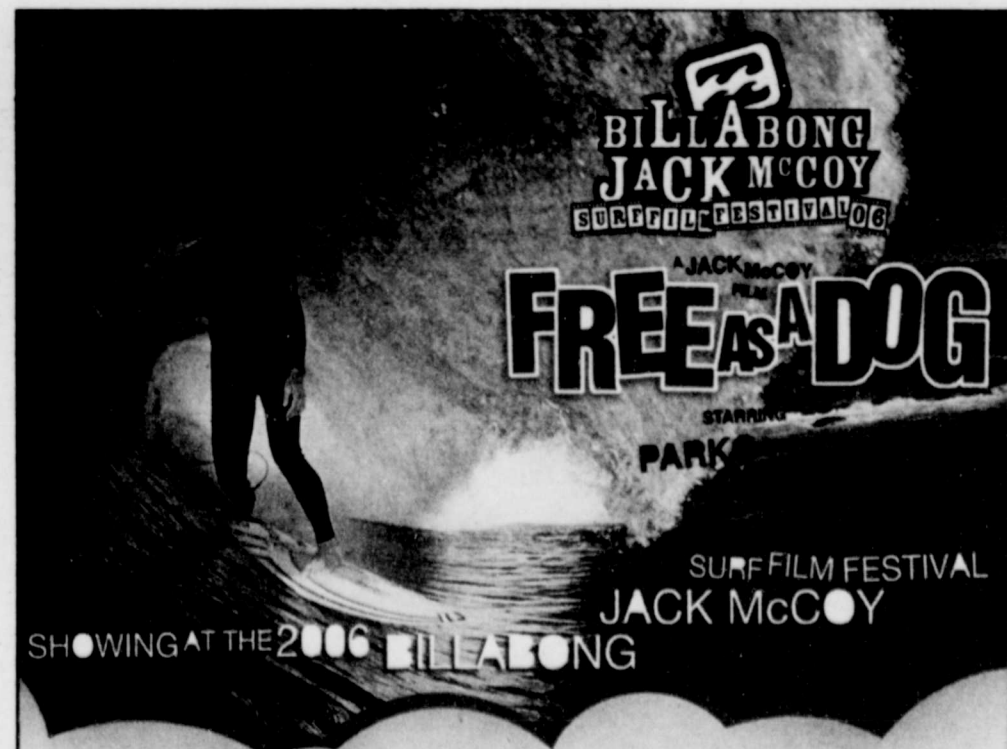
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# Moussaoui sentenced to life in prison, taunts: "America, you lost"

Michael J. Sniffen  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui escaped the death penalty Wednesday as a jury decided he deserved life in prison instead for his role in the bloodiest terrorist attack in U.S. history. "America, you lost," Moussaoui taunted.

After seven days of deliberation, the nine men and three women rebuffed the government's appeal for death for the only person charged in this country in the four suicide jetliner hijackings that killed nearly 3,000 people on Sept. 11, 2001.

Three jurors said Moussaoui had only limited knowledge of the Sept. 11 plot, and three described his role in the attacks as minor, if he had any role at all.

Moussaoui, as he was led from the courtroom after the 15-minute hearing, said: "America, you lost. ... I won." He clapped his hands as he was escorted away.

Some victims' families said he got what he deserved.

Carie Lemack, whose mother, Judy Larocque, died on hijacked American Airlines Flight 11, which crashed into the World Trade Center, said her mom didn't believe in the death penalty and would have been glad Moussaoui was sentenced to life. "This man was an al-Qaida wannabe who could never put together the 9/11 attacks," Lemack said. "He's a wannabe who deserves to rot in jail."

Rosemary Dillard, whose husband Eddie died in the attacks, said of Moussaoui: "He's a bad man, but we have a fair society." She said of terrorists: "We will treat them with respect no matter what they do to us."

From the White House, President Bush said the verdict "represents the end of this case but not an end to the fight against terror."

The verdict came after four years of legal maneuvering and a six-week trial that put jurors on an emotional roller coaster and gave the 37-year-old Frenchman of Moroccan descent a platform to needle Americans and mock the pain of the victims' families.

Judge Leonie Brinkema was to hand down the life sentence Thursday morning, bound by the jury's verdict. Offering assurance to the losing side,

she told prosecutors: "The government always wins when justice is done." Moussaoui smiled at that.

Prosecuting attorney Paul McNulty told reporters: "The jury has spoken and we respect and accept that verdict."

The jury did not reach the unanimity required for a death sentence against the man who claimed a direct role in the Sept. 11 attacks even though he was in jail at the time on immigration charges.

During the trial, no one contested the contention that Moussaoui came to the United States intending to do harm and that he received flight training toward that goal. But his lawyers contended he was an al-Qaida outcast who was not trusted with the knowledge of the Sept. 11 plot.

Outside the courthouse, defense attorney Gerald Zerkin said of the jurors: "It was obvious that they thought his role in 9/11 was not very great and that played a significant role in their decision."

The jurors agreed unanimously Moussaoui "knowingly created a grave risk of death" for more than the intended victims of Sept. 11 and committed his acts with "substantial planning" — accepting two of the aggravating factors necessary for a death sentence.

But they did not give sufficient weight to those findings to reach a death sentence, balancing them against mitigating factors offered by the defense. No jurors, however, accepted defense arguments that Moussaoui was mentally ill or that he wished to be executed to achieve the radical Islamic vision of martyrdom.

When the verdict was announced, Moussaoui showed no visible reaction and sat slouched in his chair, refusing to stand with his defense team. He had declined to cooperate with his court-appointed lawyers throughout the trial.

When the jurors came into the room, a couple of them looked directly at Moussaoui but most did not, looking at the judge instead. They all wore sober expressions. One dark-haired young man shook his head no before the verdict was read.

When the judge asked the jurors if their verdict was the same on all three counts, the forewoman, a high school math teacher, was joined by several

other jurors in answering, "Yes."

The verdict was received with silence in the packed courtroom, where one row was lined with victims' families.

The jurors were divided on the 23 mitigating factors in the case, from whether the defendant's role in the Sept. 11 attacks was only minor — three said his role "if any" was minor

— and whether the Moroccan was subject to racism as a child — three said he was.

The closest the jurors came to unanimity in finding mitigating factors was on two questions. Nine found that Moussaoui's father had a violent temper and physically and emotionally abused his family. Nine also found that his unstable early childhood and

dysfunctional family resulted in his leaving home.

In their successful defense of Moussaoui, his lawyers revealed new levels of pre-attack bungling of intelligence by the FBI and other government agencies. By the trial's end, the defense team was portraying its uncooperative client as a delusional schizophrenic.

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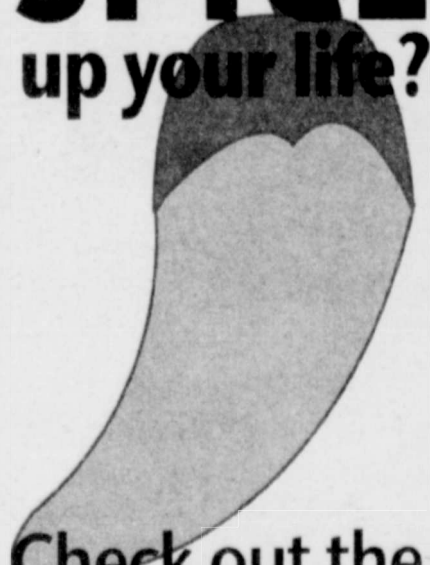
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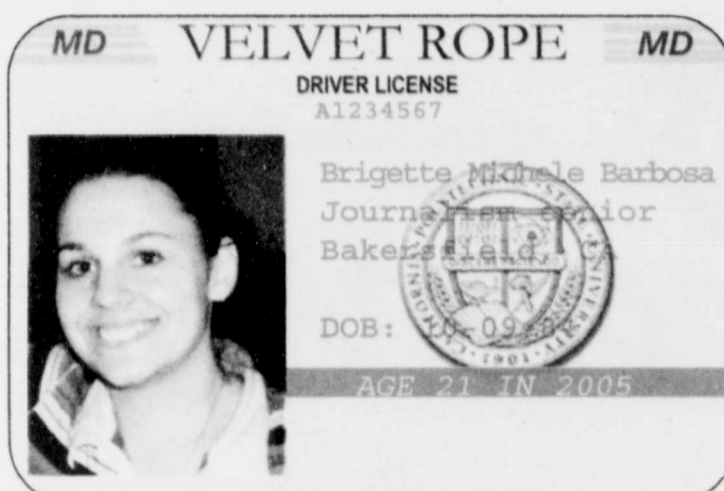
## Don't judge me because I'm brown

Cinco de Mayo. For some, a day of celebration, unity and appreciation for an entire culture.

For others, it's just another reason to have a party and drink margaritas until the smell of tequila is enough to induce vomit for weeks.

I'll never forget when I was 15 years old and I was picked up by my friend's family from driver's ed class. As if spending half my Saturday learning about speed limits and how to respect authority wasn't bad enough, my day was about to get even worse.

The day was May 4, one day prior to Cinco de Mayo and truthfully, I had forgotten about the upcoming holiday. When I got into the car my friend introduced me to her family, and her mother (being the nice woman she was) turned completely around in her seat to stare right in my face and ask, "So Brigitte, what are you doing to celebrate tomorrow? Any fiestas?"



True story.

Though it was a perfectly legitimate question, for some reason it was at that point I realized her ignorance and unintentional disrespect.

Sure, she was only trying to be nice and maybe I am overreacting, but at the same time how dare she assume I was celebrating the holiday, with a fiesta nonetheless. It's because my skin's brown right? At that point I could have told her I was planning on making quesadillas and smacking piñatas from a tree in my backyard, but I sat there in silence while my mortified friend apologized for her mother the rest

of the ride home.

My reaction, though to some may seem unwarranted, was the result of growing up in two different societies.

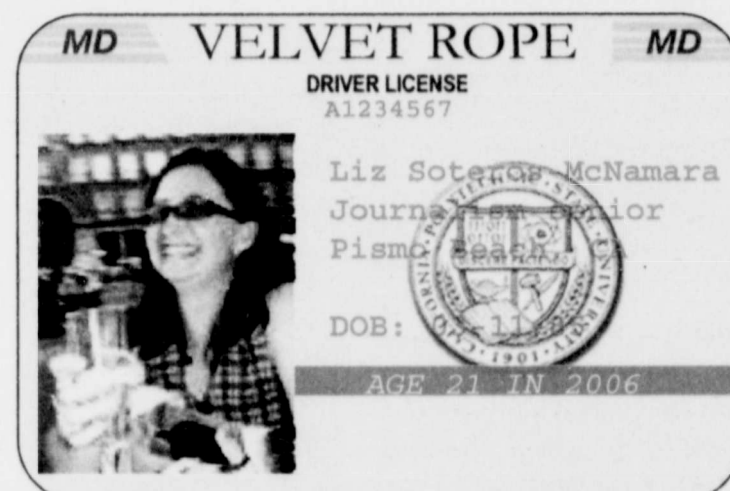
At the age of 8, I moved from a city just east of Los Angeles to farm country USA: Bakersfield. I went from being part of the majority to an instant

minority. I don't believe it was until then that I began to realize that I was different from other people. I'm not trying to play the race card and I don't believe in affirmative action in today's society; I'm just telling it from my specific situation.

So you can understand that years later when my friend's mother asked me a seemingly innocent question, I almost lost it. And the best part is I'm only half Mexican. My mother is Italian and my father is Mexican. I'm tan, sorry. I have always believed that my race was not something that held me back.

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## Another excuse to drink it up



El Cinco de Mayo. Or the fifth of May for all of you who opted to take French or German in high school instead of Spanish.

It is a day worthy of celebration and a true holiday for those who consider themselves Americans. Celebrating Cinco de Mayo embodies American ideals and should be, at the very least, a tradition in California, if not across the whole county of San Luis Obispo.

Cinco de Mayo is NOT Mexican Independence Day, however. Mexico was liberated on Sept. 16 back in 1810, in case you want to celebrate that day, too.

Instead, Cinco de Mayo celebrates a Mexican victory against the French when they invaded Mexico in 1867, expecting to take over and place Maximilian of Austria as king (thank you socialstudiesforkids.com). It is important to note that the Mexicans owed the French a lot of money from this little thing called the Mexican-American war.

So, what is wrong with celebrating the underdog?

Well, critics would argue that Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican — not an "everybody" — holiday, and leave it at that. But isn't mixing of cultures and traditions another great point of American heritage?

Cultural and immigration issues are huge right now. But that should not stop people from celebrating this holiday. I know my relatives did not come to the United States legally, but when they were given the opportunity, they became citizens who held legal jobs, paid taxes and received education for themselves in this country of opportunity.

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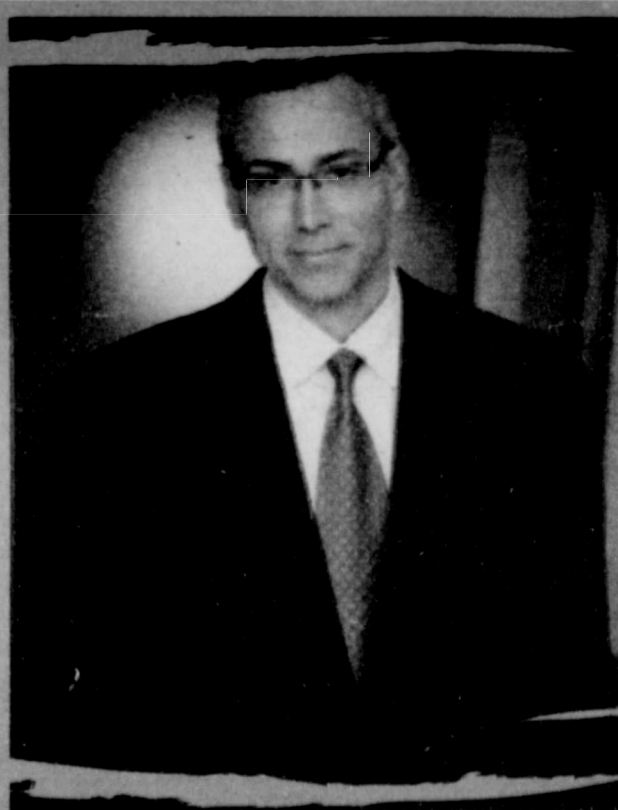
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## SLO guide to Margaritaville

**Brittney Peloquin**  
MUSTANG DAILY

Cinco de Mayo is coming up and it's time to go out and consume massive amounts of margaritas to celebrate what we gringos think is Mexican Independence Day. (By the way, it isn't.)

I'm not much of a margarita connoisseur, but I was willing to learn about the "tradition."

In the name of research, I set out downtown with a few "assistants" to take stock of the selection.

**Vallarta's**, 1761 Monterey St., is by far the best choice for margaritas in San Luis Obispo. The overall taste is well-rounded; not too strong, too sweet or too much lime flavor. The price isn't bad either, at about \$7. Or, grab a couple straws and split the 60 ounces for less than \$20.

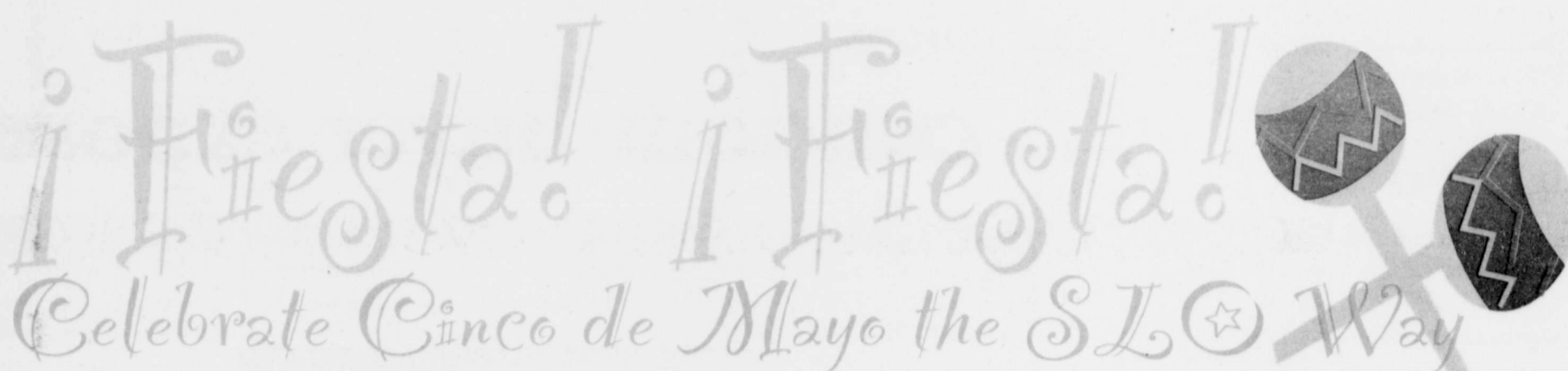
**Pepe Delgado's**, 1601 Monterey St. in San Luis Obispo, also serves up an acceptable margarita. It was a little on the strong side, so don't forget to eat first.

**Tortilla Flats**, 1051 Nipomo St., will do if you're downtown, but is nowhere near the quality in taste as the first two. But despite the fact that the margaritas were too sour, they were the cheapest at \$4.50, and the ambiance feels more conducive to a party vibe, whereas the other places are more like family restaurants.

If you find yourself in the mood for the nationwide chain-restaurant type of margarita, check out **Applebee's** located at 305 Madonna Rd. They serve what they call the "Perfect Margarita" in a shaker, so you can strain it yourself into the martini glass, complete with olives and salt (Is it a margarita or a martini? Margarini? Martita?).

Personally, however, I'm sticking to my old stand-by for Cinco de Mayo: **La Casita**, a little house converted into a restaurant on 9th St. in Los Osos. Great, cheap food and a whole pitcher of my favorite blended strawberry margaritas for \$8. See you there.

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**Jemma Wilson**  
MUSTANG DAILY

For those in search of the perfect Cinco de Mayo celebration, worry no more. Several faithful bars and restaurants in San Luis Obispo have yet to let us down for another year of cheap booze and good food.

To some, May 5 is just another Friday.

To others, it represents the day that Mexico overthrew the French forces in the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

But to the select few, it is just another excuse to get your drinking shoes on.

Let's start the morning off right. **Vallarta's** restaurant, 1761 Monterey St. in San Luis Obispo, is opening at 6 a.m. for the festivities complete with breakfast burritos, bikini-clad waitresses, and of course, their infamous 60-ounce margarita.

"We're known for our 60 ounces and since it's a lively bunch that

works here, it makes for a fun atmosphere for customers," said Kalie Howard, a Vallarta's server.

"If it's anything like last year, we'll be busy all day and night," she said.

Howard said that there will be lots of decorations to make for an authentic

**"If it's anything like last year, we'll be busy all day and night."**

—Kalie Howard  
Vallarta's server

Mexican restaurant along with drink deals and free appetizers from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The drink

specials include \$1 draft beers, \$1 off shots and well drinks, \$12

buck-ets for five domestic beers or \$15 for import-

ed beers and discounts on their 60-ounce margaritas.

Now it's time for lunch. Head on over to **Cabo San Luis**, located at

981 Foothill Blvd., and open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., for their \$1 tacos and 99-cent

Coronas, an unbeatable price. Sip back on a cool one while dining on their patio or

inside watching their eel and tropical fish through the fish tank as you maintain your beer buzz.

Still hungry? For those with a designated driver willing to make the trip, Cinco de Mayo is also

the grand re-opening for **Cad's Bar and Grill** in Los Osos at 1056 Los Osos Valley Rd. There will be beer and wine happy hour from 5 to 7 p.m. plus drink and dinner specials all evening. It may seem a little far, but that makes it all the more fun when you're bar-hopping.

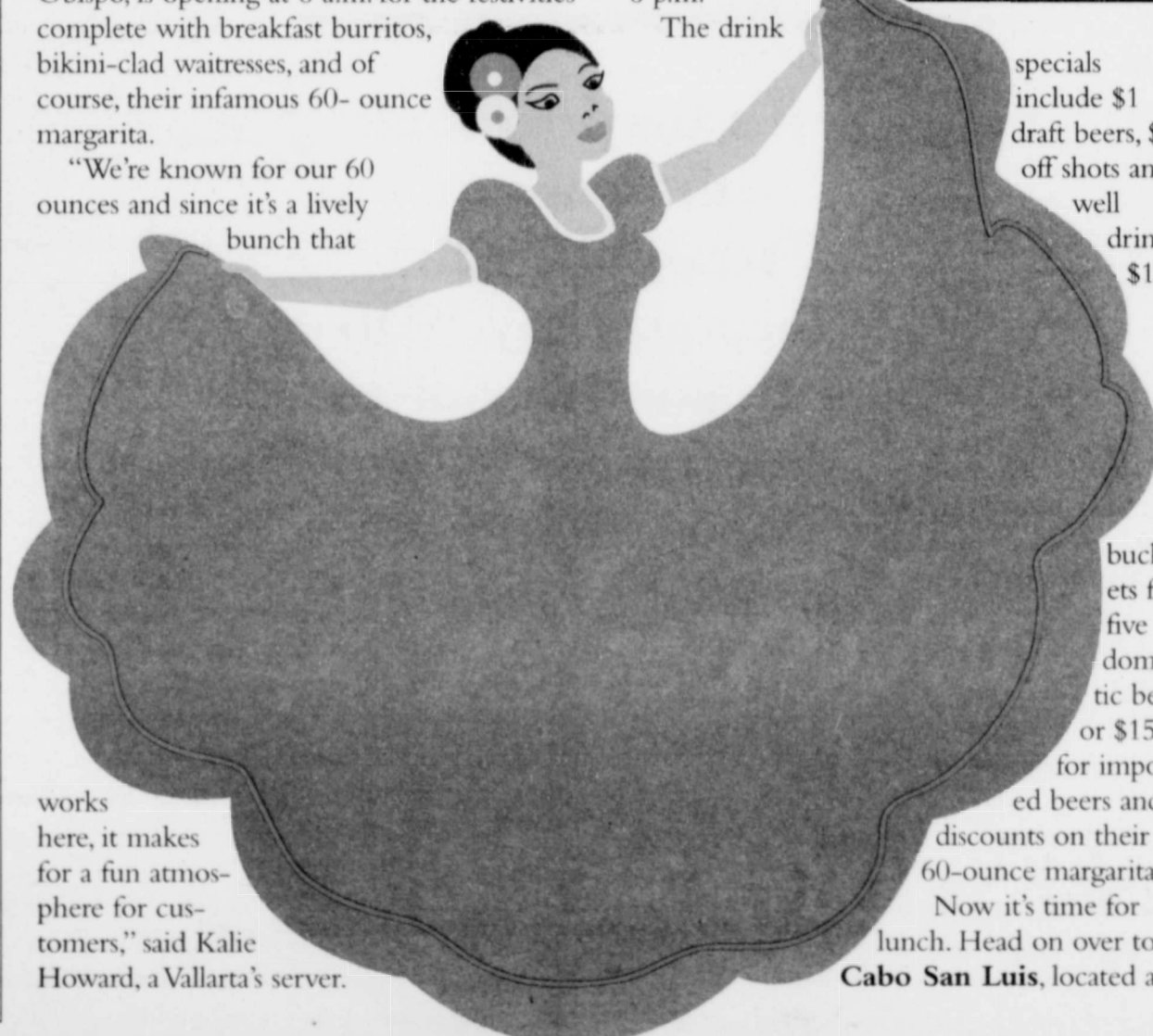
So now it's dinner time or perhaps you're just thirsty for another round of margaritas. Back at Vallarta's, the Corazon Tequila Girls will be making an appearance from 8 to 10 p.m. where they will be handing out tequila shots and merchandise. Howard said that customers should expect to hear a whistle being blown while tequila is being poured down someone's throat — yes, just like in Mexico.

"All people come here for is the alcohol," Vallarta's server Amy Plank said. "We've got the strongest margarita in town."

So now it's 10 p.m. and you may find yourself quite tipsy. Where to go next you ponder? Downtown, of course!

Bars like Downtown Brew and Black Sheep will be serving \$3 Coronas all night, plus Black Sheep's \$2 Tecate beers.

So if you want to live it up for Cinco de Mayo and you've got a designated driver, you sure won't find yourself bored ... or sober.



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## Drink

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The problem with America today is not our celebration of holidays but our avoidance of them. The point of holidays is to commemorate the important times in our lives. Anyone who says that they have never had a reason to celebrate when they have once been an underdog is lying to you.

Take the opportunity to kick back; ditch class, skip work or flake out on whatever would prohibit you from having a good time, and grab a margarita — or two. It is time to put all differences aside and celebrate the good times in life.

And while you're at it, be sure to clear your calendar for Chinese New Year, Eid, Hanukah, Bastille Day, Canada Day and Kwanzaa.

## Brown

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Yet, here was a woman (of Caucasian background) reminding me that the way I look is the first thing that gets noticed. What kind of a message is that?

I don't make it a point to fly the Mexican flag or even have a margarita during Cinco de Mayo because I would rather not participate in a holiday that most people, of all races, use as an excuse to get drunk. I can do that any night

of the year now that I'm 21. If you plan to go out and have a drink or two while sampling some Mexican cuisine go right ahead.

I, on the other hand, will be at home calling my grandparents (from both ethnicities) to remind them that I love them, and thank them for the struggles with race issues they put up for generations before it was my turn. Because if the only race issue I have to deal with is being asked if I'm having a fiesta, then I have something to truly celebrate.



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"Did he mean to poke you?"

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# SEX COLUMN

# A condom buyer exposed

**B**uying a condom these days is like running the gauntlet. And by running the gauntlet, I mean a punishment formerly used in the military in which somebody was forced to run between two lines of men armed with weapons who beat him as he passed. It's hard to look the cashier straight in the face and say "Do I make this out to Albertsons?" when you're filling out an \$8.11 check for sunglasses, rubbers and a jar of pickles.

But I'm getting ahead of myself — that's toward the end of the gauntlet.

The automatic doors tower before me like the gates to Hell, and slide apart eagerly as though they can taste my fear. I make a laser to the pharmaceutical section thinking it'll be quick and dirty, but Murphy's Law rears its ugly head. As I turn the corner, I nearly collide with an idle grandmother, who quietly debates what flavor of Metamucil to purchase while I awkwardly reverse direction and hide myself in the next aisle over, anxiously spying on her through gaps in the condiments.

But now a mother and her 6 year old to my immediate right see me peering through the jarred goods at an old woman, and the mother tries to be polite and tugs on junior while he drools and points his scornful finger at me. "Googoo-loo!" he gurgles. But in my guilty fervor, it sounds more like "Excuse me, sir, are you planning on putting that penis somewhere?" So I grab a jar of dill pickles off the shelf and shake it at them like that's what I was there for in the first place. Just shopping for and comparing pickles, people. Grandma has moved on, but now that I've manhandled the pickles for several minutes I feel it would be wrong to not buy them.

So I step toward the aisle again and, oh NO! I see my ex-girlfriend walking toward the aisle out of the corner of my eye, and I certainly can't have her spot me buying prophylactics. I speed-walk to safety and yank some generic sunglasses down off of a nearby rack to protect my identity as I flee. Now it's dark, but there's still enough light to discern as grandma walks by and smiles having chosen Metamucil Orange.

The improbable opportunity has arisen. I close in on them and reach out fast, only

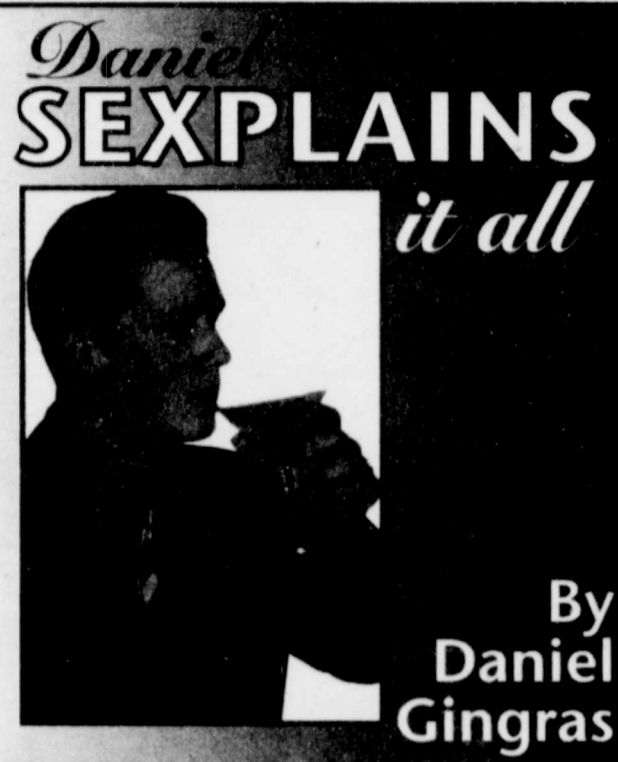
to discover Albertsons has encased the condoms in some kind of invisible ethical forcefield. I take off my sunglasses and realize that it's actually a locking glass case to discourage theft. Now I'm extremely frustrated and I just want to get laid, so I stomp furiously to one of the wall phones and access the P.A. which crackles as it comes to life. "Attention Albertsons employees! Will somebody come let the condoms out of their cage?"

A checker girl who looks old enough to be breaking several federal child labor laws is the one to whom they have given the condom key. She walks over, though she looks like she would have been more comfortable riding a tricycle. She suppresses a smile the whole time. "Yes, I will take the pink magnums, please. The ribbed. Ribbed for me, not for her. I DON'T CARE WHAT IT SAYS ON THE PACKAGE!"

I get to the check-out and set my items on the conveyor belt. The cashier picks up the pickles, then the sunglasses. When he lifts the pickles, the condoms aren't heavy enough to suppress the sensor and they dance on the end of the conveyor. I stare at them and sigh. I sign my check and scribble "protection" in the comment section. The

next time I need to envelope my member in latex, I may find it easier to hop on a jet to Thailand and chop down a rubber tree myself.

For questions, comments or a do-it-yourself home vasectomy kit, write to dgingras@calpoly.edu.



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• The Right Way (Conservative view)

by Jack Ingram and Brian Eller

## Wednesday - Poly Point-blank

The ASI president writes about the issues he finds important to the student body.

by Tylor Middlestadt

## Thursday - Sex columns

• Daniel Sexplains it All (Male view)

• Under the Covers with Janice (Female view)

by Daniel Gingras and Janice Edman

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They've taken on President Baker, Scientology, love-making and Chuck Liddell. What will our humor columnists take on next?

by Mike Matzke and Doug Bruzzone

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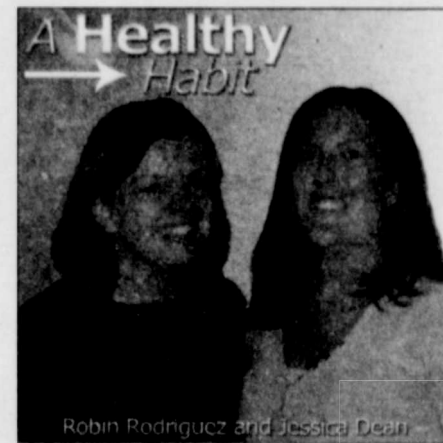
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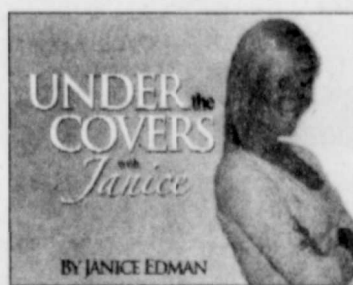
By Julianne Byer

## Thursday



Robin Rodriguez and Jessica Dean

**What does the other sex have to say?**



“It seems to be the voyeuristic element that is so appealing. Having a quickie in the car before calling it a night isn't exactly eyebrow raising anywhere...”



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Giapapas for president

I have had the pleasure of living behind a house full of five girls for the last year. For the most part, it has been a great experience and the underlying reason for this great experience has been attributed to one person in particular, that person is Anne Giapapas. Giapapas is precisely the type of person who could tackle the job of ASI president with the calm demeanor appropriate for the most prestigious of all positions of public service within the university. With close living quarters came insight into the true character of Giapapas. Not only has Giapapas tackled school work with a voracious tenacity fitting that of a tanzanian devil but has also juggled her scholastic work flawlessly with extracurricular jobs at one of the most popular restaurants in town as well as taking care of two young children for one of Cal Poly's own employees.

The simple fact that she has the ability to maintain a social life among her many activities commands respect but what has gathered the most respect from me has been her way with the young children she looks after. I can only hope that people are able to meet this young woman and realize that any doubt towards her experience should easily been extinguished due to the simple fact that her character will shine through in any situation. When it is time to go to the polls, realize one thing and one thing only, that each one of you are voting for the person and the character buried within that person and Anne Giapapas' character is one that everyone should feel undeniably confident with.

**Tom Magee**

*Agricultural science graduate*

### Maki - Because it's more than just experience

I'm supporting Todd Maki for ASI president because he's made a commitment to students for the past three years that exemplifies his dedication to the cause of student advocacy. Todd hasn't waited for the better part of four years to make a difference on

campus. Instead, he's taken his passion for student succession and made it part of his college experience. If the students of Cal Poly want someone who knows the ropes and won't waste ASI's time and resources to be trained on how to run a multi-million dollar non-profit corporation then Maki is the man for the job. In the working world, a mailroom employee doesn't apply to be CEO of the company overnight ... so why should the ASI presidential election be any different?

**Brandon Souza**

*Agribusiness junior*

### CP Democrats and Republicans unite

Yes, the Cal Poly Democrats and Cal Poly College Republicans finally agree on something. We both whole-heartedly endorse Todd Maki for ASI president. Only someone like Todd could bring our two clubs together. We are voting Todd because ... he has been working for Cal Poly students for the last three years. Few people on this campus spend as much time as him working to improve the lives of students. He's not just talk; he's been working through ASI, Engineering Student Council and the Student Campus Computing Committee. He not only has a plan for transportation, he has been working with students around campus to improve our situation. He not only has a plan for campus computing, his committee is the reason, come fall, we will have wireless on all the grassy areas on campus.

Maki has the experience and know-how to run a multi-million dollar corporation like ASI. Many people at Cal Poly don't really understand what ASI is and what we do, but Todd has intimate knowledge of the way things work. He also knows the history of ASI, and by working with past ASI presidents, he knows what is feasible and what is not. Importantly, he understands that ASI is not ASB. We do not plan rallies or fun events, we are a corporation. We need a leader. That is why we're voting for Todd Maki.

**Mia White**

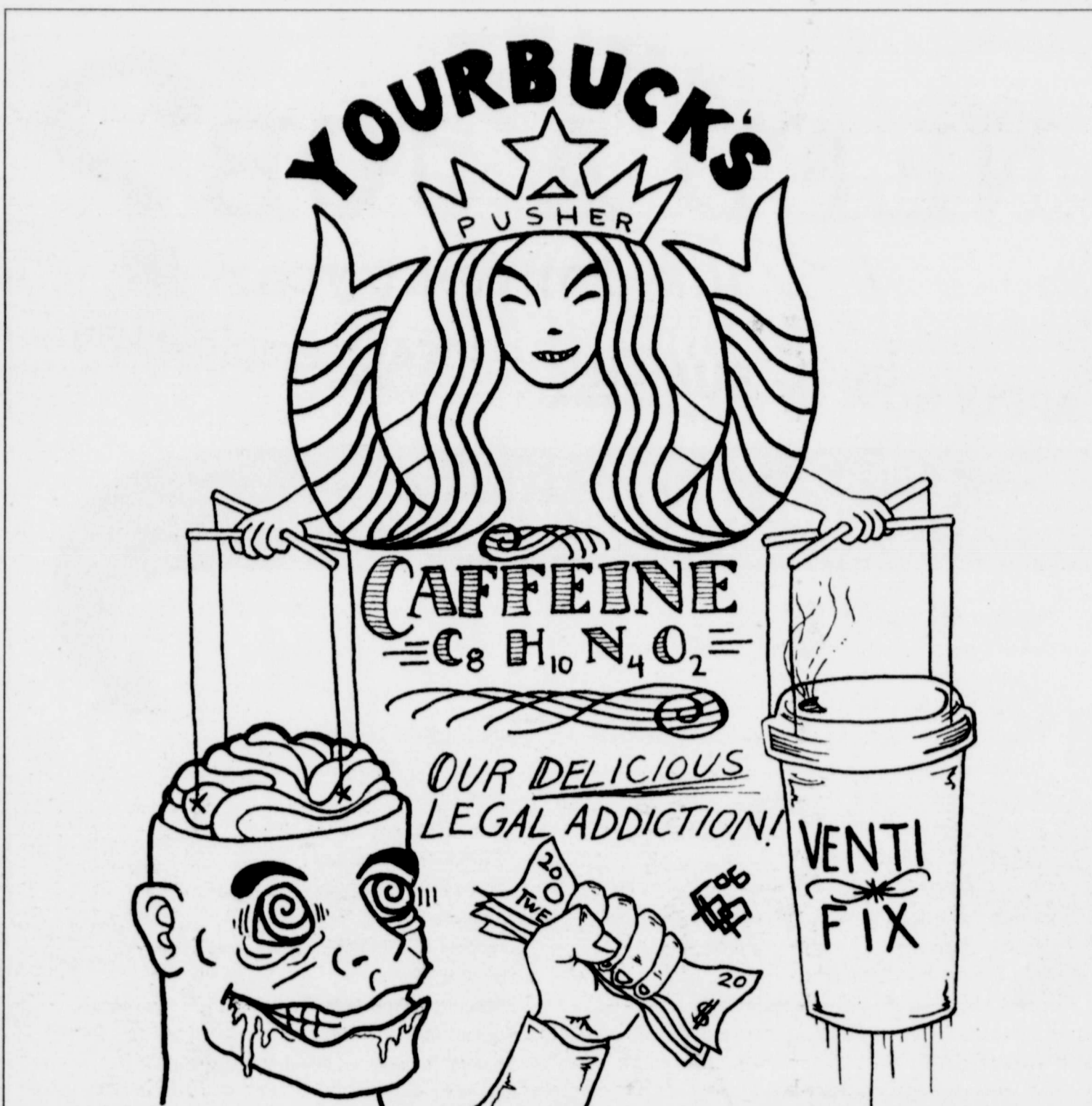
*Cal Poly Democrats president*

**Nick Motroni**

*Cal Poly College Republicans president*

### Todd Maki for students

In my involvement as a leader in a



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number of organizations on this campus, I have never come across anyone more qualified to be ASI president than Todd Maki. When I first joined ASI two years ago, I believed ASI only served its own self-interest and was ineffective at serving student needs. I was flat wrong. I realized that the work of student leaders is largely dependent on the work of previous leaders.

I understand that many may feel disconnected with ASI, or do not understand the involvement of ASI in the overall campus picture. This is exactly why you need to make your voice heard. Let's face it, Todd knows the job, knows the people and knows how to make every student's voice heard. Todd has the credibility within our community to make an impact on our campus.

Whether you are from the College of Engineering, Liberal Arts, Science

and Mathematics, Business, Education, Architecture and Environmental Design or Agriculture, you can rest assured Todd will be your voice. Todd has the ability to bridge gaps and find solutions to virtually any issue, he has even united the College Republicans and College Democrats for a single cause. Todd Maki has the motivation and desire to lead our student body and make our voice heard in and around the community.

**Mike Motroni**

*Chairman, ASI University Union Advisory Board*

*Civil engineering senior*

### Why I am voting for Todd Maki

In the short time I have had the privilege to work with Todd Maki, I have been impressed with his confidence, leadership, intelligence and

drive. He has proven himself to be an incredible leader, both in the office and out, and his record as a member of the ASI Board of Directors is indicative of that. The past 2.5 years he has spent on the Board of Directors make him the perfect candidate for the ASI presidency. Only Maki has the experience and ability to be the next president of ASI, to run a \$12 million corporation, to make this school the best it can be, and I know he will do a fantastic job in the position. Maki's ability to bring together a diverse coalition of students, including his endorsement by the Cal Poly Democrats and College Republicans, is proof positive of his ability to lead and motivate. I am PROUD to support Todd Maki, our next president of Associated Students, Inc.

**Zachary Austin**

*Political science sophomore*

## GUEST COMMENTARY

# Palestine Awareness Week needs to advocate peace

Since the assassination of Anwar Sadat in Egypt in 1981 by the Moslem Brotherhood for making peace with Israel, Egypt has been in a state of emergency, allowing it to arrest suspects without charging them and to restrict public freedom. Last week, their "parliament" extended this state for another two years. Israel has lived with terrorism, under threat of annihilation, assassinations, suicide bombings and economic boycotts all her life, with no such state of emergency against any of her citizens.

Arabs living in Israel enjoy the same rights as all Israelis and have 16 members in the Knesset. They are free to do as they wish, even if they advocate destruction of Israel. There are hardly any Jews left in any Arab country.

India built a separation wall to combat terrorism from Pakistan in Kashmir. In fact, just a few days ago, another 35 Indians were killed by

Kashmiri separatists. Chinese emperors built a 5,000-mile-long wall to protect themselves against their enemies. All other countries build fences along their borders too. Israel too, after years of suicide murders against her civilians, built a fence/wall combination to combat terrorism.

Yet, during the Palestine Awareness Week, Amir Abdel Malik Ali, Imam of the Oakland's Masjid Al-Islam talks about Israel as an apartheid country, calls her a Nazi regime, and vocally advocates a one-state solution: Palestine. No Israel. The title of another speech by Jeff Halper refers to it as the Apartheid Wall.

What part of Israel is apartheid or racist? Arabs, Christians, and Jews live together under the same laws, they practice their religion freely, they live together, and you cannot even tell what background a person has as you walk on the street, as most of them

look alike. There are no places where Moslems, Arabs or non-Jews cannot enter. There are no laws against any one particular group. And although you would not be able to even travel to Saudi Arabia as a Jew, let alone live or vote there, the speaker has the audacity to call Israel apartheid and Nazi. This is nothing but to accuse Israel of all the atrocities that were perpetrated against the Jews in the past, and to say it enough times, and it will be believed as truth.

But at the same time, he has no words about the atrocities of Arabs in Darfur, where Moslem Arabs have killed at least 180,000 black Africans, have raped their women, and have displaced millions. Not one word from him or the professors at Cal Poly.

These speakers are advocating a one-state solution not peace and justice between the two people. They expect Jews to live under a govern-

ment such as Hamas, the Baathist government of Syria or a government like Saudi Arabia. Would you? Would they? They are living in Oakland and San Luis Obispo!

Israel captured the West Bank from Jordan and the Gaza Strip from Egypt in 1967 after years of terrorist attacks, and when Jordan, Syria and Egypt had amassed their armies at her border to annihilate her once and for all. In fact, she returned the Sinai to the Egyptians when Saddat made peace with her. Last summer, Israel withdrew from the Gaza Strip as well and is planning on withdrawing from the West Bank too. At that time, a group of philanthropists bought \$14 million worth of greenhouses from the Israelis and gave them to the Palestinians to grow vegetables and make money. Three days after the Israelis left, the Palestinians destroyed all the greenhouses. Now they complain

against the Israelis for their shambled economy because Israel has closed the border to Gaza, although they have been firing Kassam rockets into Israel every day.

Yes, you should be aware of the Palestinian leaders and the terrorists. They are their own people's worst enemies, not Israel. Israel built seven universities in the West Bank since 1967. How many were there before?

Instead of bringing speakers here for propaganda, for inciting hate and for advocating the annihilation of Israel as the president of Iran does, would it not be better to advocate for peace and against terrorism and hate?

Yes, Israelis are Jews, but even Jews have the right to live in peace.

*Ben Goodman is San Luis Obispo resident and Mustang Daily guest columnist.*



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## Strong earthquake off Pacific island nation of Tonga generates small tsunami

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There were no reports of injuries from the quake or tsunami, and a Tongan official said a few broken windows were the extent of the damage. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Honolulu lifted its warning for all areas within two hours. It said there was no data indicating that the 4:26 a.m. earthquake generated a giant wave.

The magnitude 7.9 earthquake, classified by the U.S. Geological Survey as "major," struck about 95 miles south of Neiafu, Tonga, and 1,340 miles north-northeast of Auckland, New Zealand. It occurred 20 miles beneath the sea floor.

But nearly 18 months after a tsunami in the Indian Ocean left at least 216,000 people dead or missing, sparking international calls for a better warning system, Pacific islanders got little or no notice of the latest possible tsunami. The failure raised troubling questions about protections in place for inhabitants of the sparsely populated islands scattered thousands of miles across the earthquake-prone region.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said its first alert went out 16

minutes after the earthquake but was not received in Tonga because of a power failure there.

Gerard Fryer, the center's acting director, said "there was problem in Tonga where there was a power outage and they didn't get our initial message."

Fryer said the center needs to work with Tonga to correct the problem. He said he did not know whether the power failure was caused by the earthquake.

Mali'u Takai, deputy director of the Tonga's National Disaster Office, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that no warning was received.

"Nobody got a warning through the emergency satellite system in our meteorological office," Takai said. "Judging by the location of the epicenter we would have been caught out without any warning at all because of the system's malfunction."

The Honolulu-based center's warning said it was possible a tsunami could strike Fiji within two hours of the quake and then, an hour later, New Zealand.

Speaking about the time a wave was forecast to reach Fiji, police spokesman Mesake Koro said in the capital, Suva, there had been no immediate reports of a tsunami.

In Gisborne, New Zealand, police Sgt. James Tasmania said civil defense authorities had been put on high alert, but he added that "none of the (ocean) monitoring buoys have reported anything significant."

Hundreds of New Zealanders voluntarily fled for higher ground after seeing TV reports but later returned home, the city's civil defense controller, Richard Steel, told National Radio.

Takai said that Tonga escaped unscathed.

"We have no reports of injury or fatalities or of structural damage throughout the (Tonga Islands) group," Takai said. "There are broken windows in a few houses but that's about it."

Mary Fonua, a publisher in Tonga's capital, Nuku'alofa, said it was the most powerful quake she had felt in 27 years on the island.

"It was rocking and rolling, the floor was shaking, the whole family stood in the doorway and we heard crockery breaking in the kitchen and books fell from the shelves," she said.

"It's very dark and the power went off during the quake ... staff are reporting big flashes as the electricity grid went down during the shake and lines were broken."

"It felt very close but we haven't heard a tsunami warning," she said.

Paula Chipman, a Seattle resident vacationing in Tonga, told CNN she felt the quake at her hotel. She said it "was a shaker, I mean it went up and down and back and forth and it was very, very hard."

When asked what kind of emergency response she saw, she replied: "Nothing. Zero." She also said she heard no warning of a possible tsunami.

Shelves were seen overturned in bookstores. Power in the city was restored after two hours, but most phone lines were jammed by incoming calls.



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## Wildflower

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normally draw huge crowds on Saturday.

A triathlon as big as this does not come without major traffic restrictions. According to Tri-California's Web site, "Lynch Road and Lake San Antonio Drive (in the park) will be closed on Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until the last bike

returns to the transition area ... All participants and spectators should plan on arriving before 7:30 a.m. (beware of long lines at the front gate) and staying at the lake until 4 p.m."

Although arriving and departing may be difficult to do in a timely manner, the Cal Poly Triathlon Team will surely make all the hardship worth the effort as they look to treat spectators and volunteers to an impressive showing this weekend.

## Kayaking

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other places to launch in the area include the boat launch at Embarcadero, Coleman Park or the state park marina when it is high tide.

Trips can be a great teambuilding activity for any type of group. Poly Escapes offers guided kayaking day trips to local areas, or combine it with other outdoor

activities such as climbing on weekend trips.

Katie Evans an environmental engineering junior, is a trip leader with Poly Escapes. She said that trips with poly escapes are great because your trip leader is less of a guide and more of a participant, since it is completely student-run.

"It's a great way to get away and meet new people," she said. "Everyone is on the same level."

Kayak rental shops typically offer tours starting at about \$60 per person. The price goes up based on what the tour centers around, such as exploration, fishing or picnicking.

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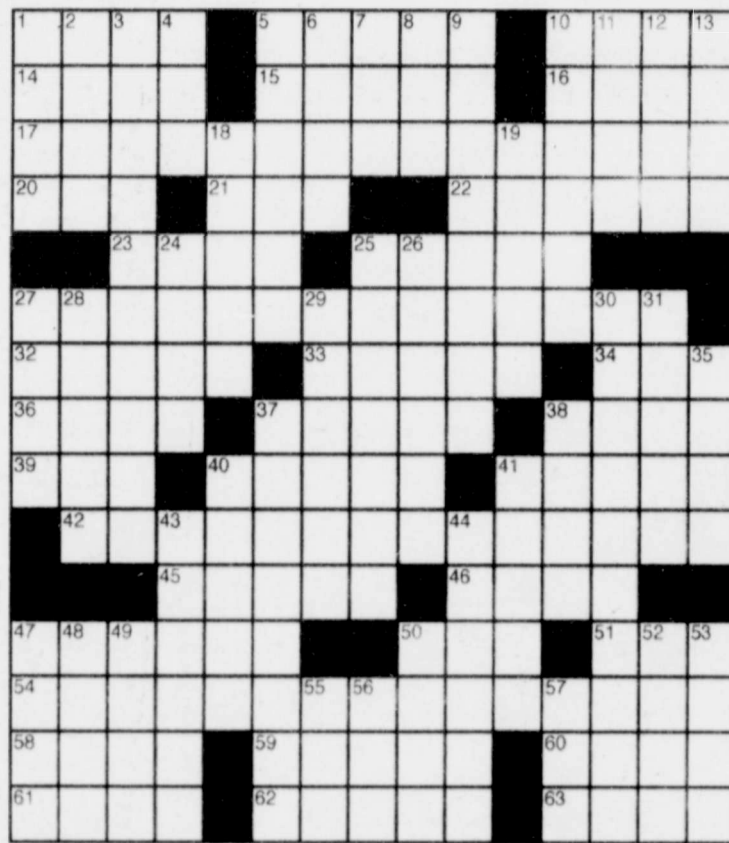
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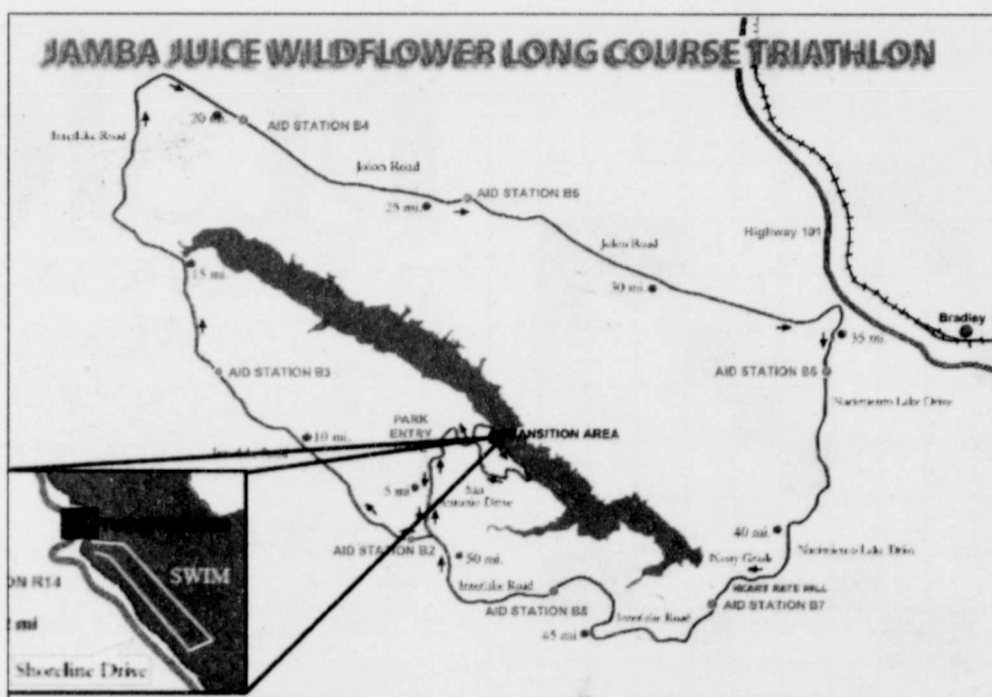
## Wildflower weekend at a glance

Kelly Cope  
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's Triathlon Team will be competing with some of the best triathletes in the world this weekend when Lake San Antonio welcomes the Wildflower Triathlon Friday, May 5 through Sunday, May 7. An immensely popular event among those in its sport, the competition attracts many contestants as well as spectators and volunteers.

Triathlons traditionally involve a swim, bike and run portion. The Wildflower events incorporate all three segments with different lengths in which both individuals and relay teams can participate. The courses available to competitors are: the Long Course, which includes a 1.2-mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride and a 13.1-mile run; the Olympic Course, with a 1.5-kilometer swim, a 40-kilometer bike ride and a 10-kilometer run, and the Mountain Bike Course, which includes a quarter-mile swim, 9.7-mile bike and 2-mile run course for those who wish to ride offroad.

The event also provides an opportunity for college students to compete in their own category in the



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The 2006 Wildflower Triathlon will have nearly 7,200 total participants between the three courses: olympic, long and mountain bike. Above, the long course triathlon consists of a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike course and a 13.1 mile run.

Olympic distance triathlon and Cal Poly's Triathlon Team is taking advantage. With 65 members competing, Cal Poly will be well represented. Since winning the club competition in 2003, it has consistently placed in the top three for the last two years.

Although the races do not start until Saturday, festivities will begin the night before with the Pasta Party, held from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Colavita Pasta Pavilion. This is only one of many options for food and beverages, as many vendors will be

selling tri-tip, crepes, pasta, coffee, smoothies and other items throughout the weekend.

The event's volunteer staff is extensive, as many people are needed to help with registration, course marshalling and help at aid stations, transitions or medical tents, as well as at other areas along the course. Event organizers expect at total of 15,000 to 25,000 attendees this weekend.

The typical lodging of choice among Cal Poly spectators, volunteers and athletes alike is to camp along the race course. Although it does cost extra to camp, most participants find that the experience is worth the additional money.

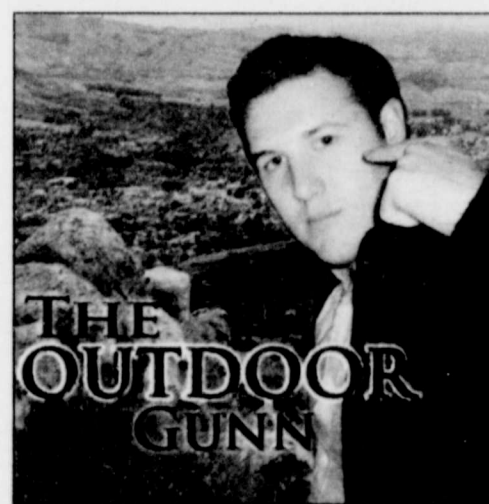
Two-time racer and three-time volunteer and attendee Brian Kurotsuchi said that "race morning is really neat. Everybody gets up at 6 or 7 a.m. and ... it's just a big stream of athletes with their gear."

He also observed that Saturday is typically the busiest day. "I can't wait to race on Saturday, since it basically means that the park is at full capacity," he said. The Long Course and Mountain Bike Course competitions

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## COMMENTARY

## The three gems of the Central Coast



A gust of wind ruffles your hair. To your left, downtown San Luis Obispo sits active and bustling with afternoon traffic. To your right, the calm of the end of Broad Street with open expanses of grassy fields, the San Luis Obispo Country Club and the airport. Directly around you weeds and wildflowers slowly climb and engulf small rocks, and a small unmarked tribute of rocks sits piled in organized disarray with a cluster of purple and yellow wildflowers at its peak.

This is a much simpler place, away from the stress of Cal Poly and daily rat race of small city life. It is calm, quiet and contemplative. The funny thing is that this place is only a 10-minute walk up the South Hills, which sits just above the neighborhood surrounding Meadow Park off South Street.

The South Hills are just one of a series of golden locations that are easily accessible, take little time to reach and offer a quiet retreat from daily life. The other two, Mount. Madonna and Bishop Peak, are just as accessible and offer even better views of not only the valley, but the beaches to the north and south as well.

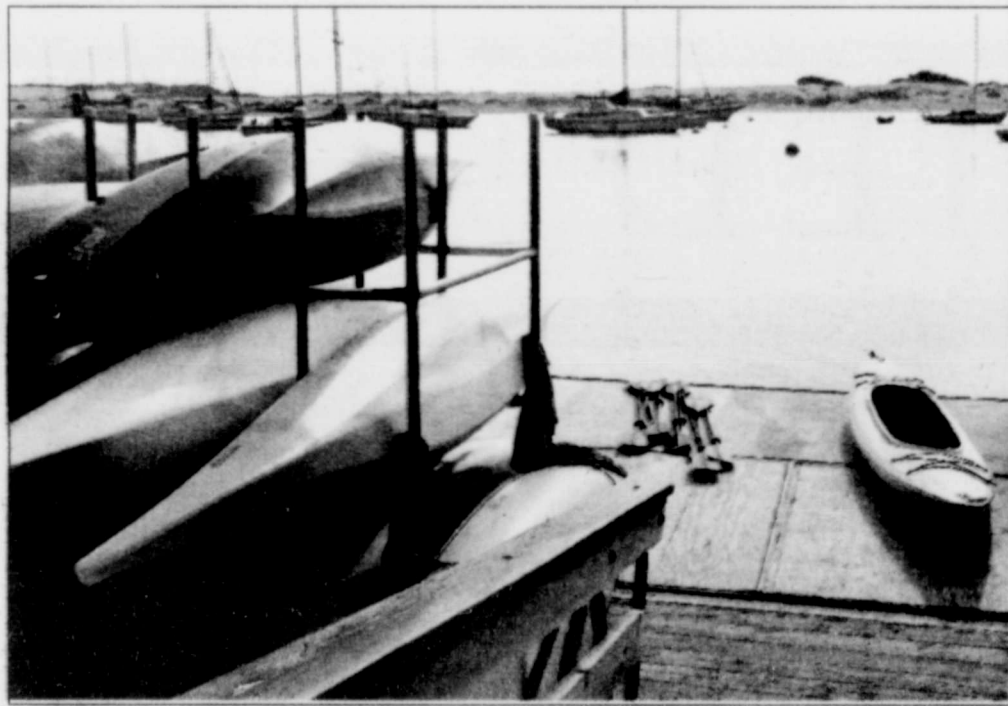
There are few places more beautiful in San Luis Obispo County than these three jewels, and one must admit that they are not only totally worth your time, but a must-do as a San Luis Obispo resident or a Cal Poly student.

Too often in my time here in San Luis, I have heard people openly admit that they haven't taken advantage of the splendor that surrounds us and taken an afternoon to walk up Bishop Peak, let alone any other mountain in San Luis Obispo.

So I implore you, take an afternoon retreat from school, work and life in general and take a walk up one of the three mountains surrounding San Luis Obispo. It will be worth your time, I guarantee it.

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## Kayaking on the Central Coast



BRITTONY PELOQUIN MUSTANG DAILY

Kayaking can be an inexpensive and fun way to explore the Central Coast's miles of pristine coastline.

Brittany Peloquin  
MUSTANG DAILY

The sun broke through an overcast sky as it sank toward the horizon in Morro Bay. An easy breeze blew across the bay. Two girls navigated their kayak around the boats that were docked out in the water and pointed out the wildlife to each other that they could see as they paddled around.

The two girls, Paso Robles High School students Roseanne Carter and Victoria Teck are no strangers to the water. They often

go boogie boarding near Cayucos Pier, but they decided to try something new for their Spring Break. They rented a kayak for the first time and were pleased with the experience.

"It was really comfortable," Carter said. "You can pretty much go as you please, it's really easy and it was really pretty."

Kayaking is a fun, easy outdoor activity that is accessible to people of all skill levels. It is one of the many ways to enjoy being out on the water and to explore all the Central Coast has to offer.

Kayaking trips can be as casual as spending the day cruising around with friends or as detailed as taking a guided tour with a marine biologist. It can also be a inexpensive activity for people looking to get away for a little while without spending too much money.

On campus, Poly Escapes offers discount rentals of kayaks for students, starting at \$10 per day for a single or \$15 for a double. They can also be rented for the weekend or an entire week. Local rental shops usually cost a little bit more, but a short instructional session is included.

Morro Bay is a great location for beginners, because the waters are calm, like a lake, compared to being out in the open ocean. It is a migratory spot for hundreds of

birds and there are plenty of opportunities for discovering other wildlife such as sea otters.

Dennis Krueger, owner of Kayak Horizons suggests taking a picnic out to the sand dunes that separate the bay from the rest of the ocean. The other side of the dunes is rarely crowded, and crossing on foot takes 5 to 10 minutes at most points of the strand.

"Each trip you take is different," he said. "The otters, sea lions and all the wildlife are used to the activity, so it's easy to get good pictures." He said that some of his patrons have even reported seeing deer out on the dunes.

Krueger's store on Embarcadero backs up to the bay, making it an easy place to launch. He suggests

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