Screening day comes on heels of alcohol study

By Steve Hill
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Do you remember where you were the last time you were drinking? If not, it may be your lucky day.

Today is National Alcohol Screening Day (NASD), an opportunity for students to learn about the problem of alcohol consumption by college students and to receive referral services for alcohol abuse upon completion of a screening.

The event is completely voluntary, free and confidential, said Bob Negranti, a computer science freshman, listens to friends of Brian Gillis speak at the Sigma Chi house Tuesday night while carrying a candle.

“The purpose is to promote outreach and education and to let the campus population know that help is available,” Negranti said.

NASD comes on the heels of a study released Tuesday by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The report highlights the fact that nearly 40 percent of college students nationwide are binge drinkers and condemns the "culture of drinking" on college campuses, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. Also contained in the report, titled, see NASD, page 10

PSA targets Nike, Gap, with tag-clipping campaign

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The University Union will soon be the site of piles of fashionable clothing. But this is no fashion show.

From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, the Progressive Student Alliance will have a table in the UU for the purpose of getting Cal Poly students and faculty to donate their old GAP, Banana Republic, Old Navy and Nike clothing. The clothing gathered will be sent to private groups in Guatemala and Mexico for distribution to people working in sweatshops.

Leah Bauer, a biological sciences junior and the PSA member organizing the event, said PSA is hoping to raise awareness of sweatshops while helping the people who work in them.

Bauer acknowledges that, although the workers do need clothing, she hopes that donating their brand-name clothing will help Cal Poly students to think about where the clothing came from.

“We won’t make a big dent in their needs,” she said, “but we thought it would be a good way to put a face on the people who are see SWEATSHOPS, page 2

Holocaust victims remembered by survivor on national dedication day

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Faith cannot be immoral. Or can it?

James H. Fetzer, distinguished McKnight professor of philosophy from the University of Minnesota at Duluth, will address this issue in a talk entitled, "The Ethics of Belief: Can Faith Be Immoral?"

His lecture, presented by The Leconm Lecture Series, will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Phillips Hall in the Performing Arts Center.

"Even if students aren't interested in the subject matter, I think they will find it worth their while to attend his lecture," said Phil Bellettini, a Cal Poly political science professor and James H. Fetzer's brother. "He is an outstanding scholar and a fine public speaker."

Fetzer's presentation will explore some of the consequences of the position taken by William Clifford, a 19th century British philosopher, who suggested that "we are morally entitled to accept a belief only if we are logically entitled to accept that belief."

Also in his presentation, Fetzer will address the idea that people are entitled to hold beliefs about ethics only if they can logically back up those beliefs.

Fetzer approaches this issue by clarifying that the current controversies in regard to abortion, stem-cell research and cloning. At the same time, he will suggest that the politics of religion can adequately be qualified as immoral.

"The belief in religion and politics is very important to all of us these days, especially after 9/11," said Harry Hellenbrand, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

He added that Fetzer's background in the areas of science, technology and ethics is important for Cal Poly students, since the campus is highly regarded for its science and technology departments.

Fetzer has published more than 100 articles and reviews, as well as 20 books on the philosophy of science, specifically on the theoretical foundations of computer science, artificial intelligence and cognitive science.

"The Ethics of Belief: Can Faith Be Immoral?" is sponsored by the philosophy department. For more information on Fetzer, visit his Web site at www.d.umn.edu/~fetzer/.

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National Briefs

Policeman allegedly kills five neighbors, self
TOMS RIVER, N.J. — During a nighttime dressing spree, a home¬
armed New Jersey police officer killed five of his neighbors and wounded his police chief before killing himself, authorities said Wednesday.

The bodies of the dead were found in two different homes near the town of Toms River after 9 p.m. Tuesday. The body of the officer, Edward Lutes, was found dead, apparently of a self-inflicted gunshot wound about 60 miles south of New York City on Wednesday morning.

Police declined to speculate on a motive for the shooting. A newspaper reported that Lutes had an ongoing dispute with a neighbor over one of the officer’s family members. It is not known if that neighbor was one of the slain.

Lutes was a 15-year veteran of the Seaside, New Jersey, police department. He was also a senior member of the local SWAT team.

— Reuters

Alcohol plays major role in deaths, injuries of college students, report says
WASHINGTON — About four college students die every day from cir¬
cumstances stemming from the use of alcohol, another 1,752 are injured and almost 200 are sexually assaulted, said the director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism in a statement released this week.

The findings appear in the March issue of the Journal of Studies on Alcohol.

“Those pretty highly functional kids are having a lot of trouble from alcohol. The colleges might not be paying as much attention as they should to some pretty serious conse¬quences of college drinking,” said the editor of the journal.

In 1998, 1,400 students died — 1,000 were in traffic accidents, 200 were injured and 200 were victims of sexual assaults or date rapes in incidents related to alcohol use, the study found. There were 9 million college students in the United States in 1998.

College students are more likely than their non-student counterparts to say they binge drink, reported the study. Forty percent of students are then consumed five or more drinks at a time at least once a month and 25 percent admitted to driving while intoxicated.

— HealthScoutNews

100th death row inmate freed due to DNA evidence
PHOENIX — Ray Krone, a former death row inmate, was freed from prison this week after serving 10 years for a murder he was found to not have committed.

It is the 100th U.S. death row inmate to be freed since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976.

New DNA testing revealed, a few weeks ago, that saliva on the murder victim’s tank top did not belong to Krone, but to Kenneth Phillips, 36, who is serving time for an unrelated sex crime.

Krone, 45, had been accused of sexually assaulting and killing a Phoenix bartender in 1991. The death sen¬
tence was based on testimony that bite marks on the victim matched Krone’s teeth. The conviction was overturned once, but he was later found guilty a second time and given the death penalty.

Maricopa County Attorney Rick Romley agreed to free Krone with apologies Monday.

Upon release, Krone gave his con¬
dolences to the bartender’s mother, and thanked three who helped gain his release. He also said that he believes that capital punishment is wrong in all cases, with the exception of treason.

— The Arizona Republic

Stamp rate increase approved by Postal Service
WASHINGTON — Postage increases were given final approval by the U.S. Postal Service on Tuesday. The rate change will cause the cost of mailing a standard domestic letter to rise by 3 cents June 30. The new 37-cent stamp will boost annual postal revenue by $550 million. The aim is to help cover losses from rising costs and slowing mail volume.

The increase will be the second since January 2002 to meet the higher costs following the Sept. 11 attacks and anthrax contaminations in the system.

The cost of sending a postcard will rise two pennies to 23 cents. Priority mail will increase 10 percent to $3.85 for a one-pound package and Express Mail will jump 9.6 percent to $13.65.

The First Class rate of 3.17 billion in fiscal 2001 and Postmaster General John Potter told Congress last month that losses this year would likely exceed $2 billion. In the second quar¬
ter, ending Feb. 22, the Postal Service delivered 1.6 billion fewer pieces of mail than it did during the same peri¬
od last year.

— Reuters

International Briefs

North America
MONTREX, Mexico — Working conditions for women at for¬
egrowned factories along the Mexico-U.S. border may improve now that Mexican President Vicente Fox and industry leaders have decided to take action.

The agreement calls for as many discrete centers as possible at the plants, and enforcement of laws pro¬hibiting employers from requesting women to take pregnancy tests before being hired. The agreement also encourages factories to give preference for daytime shifts to mothers.

The foreign-owned factories, known as maquilas, were started in the 1960s and are now the industrial back¬bone of the 2,000-mile border between the United States and Mexico. The maquilas number more than 3,500 and employ 1.2 million people, the majority being women.

Fox promised to improve education levels, health and job opportunities for women.

Many of the factories already pro¬
vide bus service and self-defense courses. The services began after a series of gruesome rape-murders of women workers happened. The victims were walking home from late-night shifts.

— Associated Press

South Pacific
CABRERA, Australia — About 230 Afghan asylum seekers broke out of an Australian detention camp poli¬
cial with rocks before being returned to the compound, officials said Wednesday.

One asylum seeker and several police and security officers sustained minor cuts and bruises before the detainees returned voluntarily, an immigration spokeswoman said.

The breakout was stagayed by an announcement on Monday that seven of the 292 refugees at the camp were granted refugee status by the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees.

As of yet, a total of 129 of the 1,118 detainees held on Nauru by Australian immigration authorities have been processed. Of the 221 Iraqi cases handled, 126 have gained refugee status.

The 285 Afghans who were denied asylum had claims based on persecu¬
tion by the Taliban regime, the UNHCR said. They will have a sec¬ond chance to present their claims.

The camp was built on the island of Nauru after Prime Minister John Howard declared last August that no more asylum seekers coming on boats by way of Indonesia with the help of smugglers would be allowed on Australian soil.

— Associated Press

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contribu¬
tor Anne Guilford.

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# Distinguished Educator Award Nominations

The Cal Poly chapter of the California Faculty Association (CFA) is seeking nominations for the “Distinguished Educator Award.” The “Distinguished Educator Award” is being given this year for the first time, to recognize faculty and educators who are not yet tenured. Tenure-track faculty, s, and counselors are ineligible for most teaching awards, yet they deserve recognition and distinction for outstanding service as they work to achieve tenure at Cal Poly. We encourage students and faculty to nominate a tenure-track faculty member, a, and/or a counselor they think is deserving of special recognition. This is your chance to make your voice heard. Three $500 awards will be presented at CFA’s end-of-the-year banquet in June.

Below is a list of tenure-track faculty members, s, and counselors at Cal Poly. Please take a moment to peruse the list to see if there is someone you’d like to nominate. Then write or e-mail the nominee’s name and reasons supporting your nomination to the address below. The CFA Distinguished Educator Award criteria may include teaching, scholarship, service, and leadership. Thank you.

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Deep-sea diving is no match for 72-year-old photographer

By Amber Hodge

Dorothy Cutter was caught in a strong current 60 feet under the ocean’s surface. With her weight belt knocked off into the darkness, she had no choice but to hang on to the coral. By letting go, her lungs would burst trying to rise too far to the surface.

This is just one of the situations Cutter has faced while capturing the vibrant world below the water’s surface in her photography. As a guest artist at the San Luis Artists’ Gallery, Cutter’s photographs will be on display until April 29。

"I was about where the belt was,” 72-year-old Cutter said about her dilemma. "I just grabbed the reef to stop myself and think of what to do next. You can’t panic. The minute I let go I’d be in trouble.”

She then put the camera down, knowing she was sacrificing the device as a trade for her life. With both hands clutching the reef, she slowly went back to the location where she had lost her belt. After searching, Cutter found her weight belt in a 10-foot deep area. Once she struggled to get the belt on, she went back to find her camera.

It had happened during her first year of diving, she probably would have done everything wrong, she said.

During Cutter’s underwater classes, she learned to not listen to her immediate instincts.

"Your instincts will tell you to do all the wrong things,” she said. "You have to think about what you are doing. It’s a little intimidating at first.’’

Educated at various art schools, Boston-born Cutter had been painting for more than 45 years and had sold more than 1,100 paintings when she decided it was time for a change. She wanted to concentrate on photography.

Cutter began deep-sea diving in 1988 after taking snorkeling trips with her husband, Fred.

“When I saw all of the great stuff, I thought, I just have to take pictures,” she said. At first, she tried painting what she saw, but realized that her paintings did not come across the way a photograph would.

During one of her first dives in Fiji, Cutter lost her flashlight and was engulfed in a sea of blackness. Even though she was traveling with a group, their flashlights could not over...
Jordan McKinley, a sophomore, enjoys coffee at Two Dogs Coffee Co. and Internet Cafe in Morro Bay while surfing the Web.

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By Steve Hill

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She was two weeks before Filipina guerrillas came in and kidnaped a group of divers, said Cutter. "With the Philippine Islands only 45 minutes away by boat, Cutter is not sure when he will be going back."

One dive in Borneo always stands out to Cutter, involving a subject that was very difficult to find: a blue-ringed octopus. She only saw it once. "I was always looking for one and suddenly, there it was," she said. "Seeing a blue-ringed octopus was pretty exciting."

Cutter always dives alone because photographers dive different than a regular diver. Even though she travels with her husband, they dive in different areas. While he is zipping around on his underwater scooter, she is taking time to look at things. Cutter explained that it doesn't always look like that under water.

All of this energy is in an effort to balance the two crowds: Two Dogs' will have to cater to it to the new San Luis location — the daytime businesspeople and the students. It "works perfect for Two Dogs because you have so many different walks of life," Cutter said. "San Luis Obispo (is) a little more upscale — the professionals are there. We need that business during the day, and then we can boom up (at night) and still have fun."

And so the fate of the new store has been exactly what manage­ment wanted.

"Customers come in and they check it out, and they come back," Fenton said. "That's all you can ask for."

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By Kelly Foster

Diverse materials aid sculptor's work

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The sculpture 'God, the Mother,' by artist John Olt, will be on display at the SLO Art Center until May. In his exhibit, Olt uses materials from marble to fiberglass to construct his pieces.

By Ryan Shadforth

Gypsy group gears up for Poly concert

"When I heard Burhan's music, I thought it was a fresh approach to the music that our society is pretty ignorant about."

Ralph Hoskins
Cal Poly Arts director

In addition to mass appeal, music critics in the United States and abroad rave about the musical talent of the Istanbul Oriental Ensemble. They say that Olt is the most talented darbuka (finger drum player) in the world.

"That may not sound like a big deal to an American," Hoskins said, "but in the Eastern nations, the finger drum is huge."

The Istanbul Oriental Ensemble includes some of Turkey's leading Gypsy musicians. Their style of music is influenced by Gypsy's love of nature and their path of lengthy migrations.

"The Istanbul Oriental Ensemble is a part band," Hoskins said. "They're up-tempo. They are not a concert band—they are meant for parties and dancing and weddings."

Other members of the band include Erem Bodi on darbuka, Yasar Mutaf on the nay (a predecesor of the clarinet), Macaferi Coskuner on the kanun (the kanun (violin or fiddle)).

"They are up-tempo. They are a music lover, or a student of music, seeing Burhan is a great way to expand your knowledge and experience of music," Hoskins said.

Tickets are $24 and $28, with student discounts available. Student rush tickets will be available at 7 p.m. for $5. Check out www.calpolyarts.org for audio and video samples of the Istanbul Oriental Ensemble and for more information.

The Lycceum Lecture Series Presents

THE ETHICS OF BELIEF: CAN FAITH BE IMMORAL?

A Talk By

PROFESSOR JAMES H. FETZER
(Philosophy, University of Minnesota at Duluth)

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 11, 2002
Phillips Hall in the Performing Arts Center

(Grand Ave. side entrance to Cohanz Center)

A 19th century British philosopher, William Clifford, suggested that we are morally entitled to accept a belief only if we are logically entitled to accept that belief. This presentation will explore some of the consequences of this position, including that we are entitled to hold beliefs about ethics, no less than other beliefs, only when we are logically entitled to hold them. This approach clarifies and illuminates current controversies over abortion, stem-cell research, and cloning, for example, while suggesting that the politics of religious right properly qualifies as an immoral.

James H. Fetzer, McKnight Professor of Philosophy at the University of Minnesota, teaches on the philosophy of mind and artificial intelligence. He has published more than 100 articles and reviews and 20 books in philosophy of science and on the theoretical foundations of computer science, artificial intelligence, and cognitive science.
Eclectic characters make local comedy compelling

By Carly Haselinhuhn
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

THE SISTERS ROSENSWIEG bring the script to life, making it largely a comedic play. However, its themes are defined through dramatic elements that are revealed in the sisters' lives.

Playwright Wendy Wasserstein fuses history, culture and family when she brings the three sisters, who lead separate lives, together for a birthday dinner.

The first scene unfolds in the London home of the eldest sister Sara Goode, who leads an executive lifestyle as a British representative for a Hong Kong bank. Her politically-conscious daughter Tess is also present. The youngest sister, Peri, arrives first, bringing gifts from her travels abroad as a wandering journalist. The tension relationship between Tess and Sara is evident through Peri, as Tess favors and admires Peri. Chaos ensues as Geoffrey, Peri's bisexual and lively lover, sweeps onto the scene, bringing an unexpected and initially unwanted party guest. This nuisance is Mervyn, who immediately falls for the intelligent and strong Sara. Completing the eclectic reunion is the third sister, Dr. Gorgoeus Tettelbaum, who works as a radio advice host, samplers in spurting about her husband and her wardrobe.

The depth and diversity of the characters come out through the sisters, and the characters subsequently find that they are all searching for their true identities. Though the sisters are Jewish-Americans, they have fought to deny their roots and have attempted to lead distinct lives from their mother. Only with the gathering at Sara's house do they each discover the dysfunctional relationships they've been ignoring, the inner strength they possess, what they truly want in life, and hence, how similar they are.

Brett Worsham, director of "The Sisters Rosensweig," finds the importance of family to be the undeniable theme of the play.

"When all else fails or succeeds, you can still make it if you have family and don't ever give up passion," Worsham said.

This is the first play Worsham, a Morro Bay resident, has directed at the SLO Little Theatre, though he spearheaded a theater group that performs original works at Cuesta College.

In his director's note, Worsham divulged that he chose to direct "The Sisters Rosensweig" because of the female roles. "These women are strong, resilient, intelligent, passionate and just a bit over the edge," he said, "and they're not written at the expense of men."

He explained that women, are typically portrayed as mild or as extremely harsh in plays.

A few actors noted the overwhelming complexity of the characters, as they were required to write detailed backgrounds of their past, such as their relationship with others, while assuming the character's identities. However, these characters were not pulled thin at all times.

In her realistic style of writing, Wasserstein modeled the main characters after her family, and many historical references made in the story relate to her own childhood. Several other playwrights, such as Tennessee Williams, author of "The Glass Menagerie," use autobiographical characters.

"Her Jewish upbringing, or lack thereof, is very prevalent in the script, as Gorgeous constantly alludes to the instructions of "Rabbi Pearlstein."

Wasserstein's intellectual dialogue and complex characters have been widely accepted and she not only won the Pulitzer Price for "The Heidi Chronicles," but for "The Sisters Rosensweig," she received the Outer Critics Circle Award.

Wendy Edson, executive director at SLO Little Theatre, said that she believes everyone can feel a connection to the "witty script."

She wrote about her attachment to the play, "Perhaps it's because I'm the eldest of three sisters, all of us as different as the Rosensweig siblings."
Opinion

Israel must end occupation

by Erica Tower

Before one analyzes the current violence in the Middle East, it helps to be informed. With a little knowledge, it’s not hard to understand why so many denounce Israel.

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mitled which are defined as war crimes, such as murders, massacres and rapes." Israel blew up an American diplomatic facility in Egypt and attacked a U.S. warship in international waters (the USS Liberty, June 8, 1967), killing 33 and wounding 177 American sailors – and the United States did nothing about it. And just recently, Nelson Mandela called Israel a regime.

Israel doesn’t sound like a good "partner for peace," let alone a good U.S. ally, does it?

The recent initia is not a renewed call to attack Israel, but rather an outpouring of resentment and frustration at Israel’s 34-year oppressive rule. Palestinians are frustrated at being policed,ignonised and killed. When you watch television, look beyond the sensational

edge and focus on the millions of Palestinians under military rule who are denied their basic human rights to things like water, safety and housing.

Palestinians are only reacting to injustice; they’re merely defending themselves against a thrity savages as portrayed by the media. Palestinians have suffered, and they continue to suffer today. Israel uses its power to stop water, soldiers to protect them, and never suffer the day-to-day humiliation of Israel’s apartheid regime. On top of all that, many Israelis live on illegal Israeli settlements that are condemned by the rest of the world (U.N. resolutions 242 and 405).

It is unfortunate that Palestinian radicals violently protest these illegal settlements, but Israel uses planes, tanks, bombs and guns (paid for by us) to terrorise innocent civilians as well.

It’s unfortunate that Israel is not as complicated as many people make it out to be. Before 1948, the place you know as Israel was inhabited by 5 million Palestinian natives. Israel now occupies the whole of Palestine and this has displaced 3.2 million people (the largest refugee population in the world). The U.N. did partition Palestine, but in no way did it condone the systemic ethnic cleansing of Palestinian homes and villages that followed. Right from the start the displaced hundreds of thousands of people, Saddam was attacking for invading another country and Hitler was immorally right about the he didn’t. So why aren’t Americans standing united to condemn Prime Minister Ariel Sharon for what he represents - massacres, occupation and ethnic cleansing?

Arabs have a legitimate reason for deploring Israel’s actions, one that is not based on religion, money or some inherent hate. Arabs are Semitic and come from the same lineage as the Jews. It is Israel’s policy of ethnic cleansing, targeting civilians, destroying infrastructure and imposing curfews that breeds hate against it. Israel claims its actions are strictly "defensive," yet with all this high-tech weaponry, they find a way to kill more civilians than soldiers. A shocking five to one ratio A war is a conflict between two parties; what is happening today is a reaction to the occupation by the Israelis. Palestinians are rightfully defending the land they were stripped of. Wouldn’t you?

With the Internet at your fingertips, there is no excuse why you shouldn’t know more about this issue. Just hop on to Google, and type in key words of this article (U.N. Resolution 242, Ariel Sharon, U.S. Liberty). If we were all better informed, there is no rational way we’d accept sending $6 billion of our tax dollars annually to Israel while our education system crumbled. Alas, sometimes even we Americans are blind-sighted by events in the world.

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Yasser Arafat is per se one of the world’s leading terrorists. He and his counterparts, Serr, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran, are part of a state-sponsored terrorist network. It is he who is poisoning the minds of young affluent Palestinians and breeding terror. He is the one who controls the media and dictates to them exactly what images that will make even me, an Israeli, question my own country – but thankfully I am better informed.

Thursday, April 11, 2002

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Wednesday, April 10, 2002

OUNTERPOINT

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Who is to blame for crisis?

by Erica Tower

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Cigarette pack price jumps to $7.39 at USC

By Esme Bermudez

(L-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — James Lee slammed his wallet on the counter and cursed after picking up a pack of cigarettes at Commons on Tuesday. The cashier said the total would be $7.35 with sales tax.

"What?" he asked in disbelief, making her repeat the new price. He handed her the money and walked away with a disheartened look on his face, swearing he would never buy a pack of cigarettes at University of Southern California again.

"It's ridiculous," said Lee, a freshman majoring in business, who buys about a pack a day. "Seven thirty-five for a pack of cigarettes. That's unheard of."

A $1.94 increase was imposed on all cigarettes Monday in Commons, USC's shopping center, because of an unplanned 34-cent hike Philip Morris introduced last week, said Ronald Ranasighhe, director of retail operations.

Core-Mark, USC's cigarette vendor, informed Ranasighhe two weeks ago of the 33-cent rise. Core-Mark added its 5 cent fee for holding costs, which brought the total increase on USC cigarette sales to $1.25.

Because of this increase, Ranasighhe said he was forced to add $1.56 to make up for losses. He had kept cigarettes at the original $4.85 price, USC would be at a 74 percent loss in labor and storage costs.

"I would have never increased the price if our vendor would not have increased it," Ranasighhe said. "I try not to make any price changes, but when there's a huge difference like this I have to pass it down. A 26-percent profit isn't even enough to pay for labor costs."

Ranasighhe said until Tuesday afternoon he was under the impression that the price increase ultimately was caused by a California cigarette tax increase passed down to Phillip Morris. Phillip Morris consumer affairs representatives declined to comment on whether prices were caused by tax increases mandated by the state.

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the right thing," said Brian Sorett, an agriculture-freshman and Gillis' friend.

While Edwards defined Gillis as "cool," others focused on Gillis' smile, optimism, or heart.

Soderstrom, a political science freshman and organizer of the memorial, said the event spoke for itself and the fraternity could send it to Gillis' mother.

NASC

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"A Call to Action: Changing the Culture of Drinking at U.S. Colleges," is the statistic that an estimated 1,450 college students are killed yearly in alcohol-related accidents.

A booth will be open in the University Union Plaza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today to administer the screenings and distribute informational pamphlets. The information is free to attend for the general public, not just students.

"It's an opportunity for anyone to check in and see where they are with their alcohol use," said Marc Peraccio, alcohol and drug specialist for Counseling Services. "Most people with drinking problems don't know they have a drinking problem."

With mainly close friends attending, Edwards said the fraternity "made it special because that's the way (Gillis) would want it."

Also, the ceremony was hosted at the fraternity house due to its importance to Gillis for the past two quarters and because the other members felt more comfortable there, the business senior said.

Despite the shock of the death and police allegedly investigating rumors of Sigma Chi involvement, Edwards said there has been a "tightening, support, unity — we want to learn from this."

"(Police) expect cooperation when all they give is accusation," he said.

Sigma Chi will hold a three-on-three basketball tournament soon, with proceeds going to an organization or program yet to be determined in Gillis' honor. Also, a tree will be dedicated in his name in Memorial Park on Arbor Day, as well as a bench downtown.

Students from Peer Health Education's Thoughtful Lifestyle Changes program and the Student Health Advocacy Council will staff the booth, a strategy that Negraniti hopes will spur the interest of students and make them feel more comfortable coming to the booth.

"We're hoping that when we have students involved in this, we'll have more student participation," he said.

Cal Poly's participation in NASD and the creation of Peraccio's position at Counseling Services is part of the college's commitment to tackling the alcohol issue, Peraccio said, as most schools in the CSU system do not have people in that position.

Negranti hopes that the day will help to make positive changes on campus.

"I think there's more of an awareness now," Negranti said. "It's more on the forefront."
Jeffries becomes the second player in as many years to leave the program early. Kirk Haston left IU after his junior season and was selected 16th by the Charlotte Hornets. Haston, who redshirted a season for the Hoosiers, earned his degree before leaving.

Jeffries, a communications major, will finish classes this semester at IU and said he plans to earn his degree in "four or five summers."

Jointing for the press conference were his mother, father, grandmother and brother. IU coach Mike Davis was not present, as he was home with the flu. However, Davis' wife, Tamalla, was there. Jeffries said he notified Davis of his decision Wednesday, but the two have not spoken in the last 48 hours.

"He was very supportive," said Jeffries. "I'm going to talk to him at all the time. We're very good friends. Maybe he will coach my son someday (at Indiana). You never know."

Jeffries is ready now. The Giants have a quality baseball team complete with a solid pitching staff and a lineup that contains the last two National League MVPs."

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Softball up and down at halfway point

By Christen Wegner

The women’s softball team.

"The next few games are extremely critical," said senior second baseman Kasey Poet.

"Each player is really excited about our chances this year, but all we have to do is play relaxed and focused and we’ll get the job done," said head coach Lis Boyer.

Boyero said the team performs better, "When we lose it is usually by a small margin, those games are heartbreakers," said junior first baseman Holly Ballard.

Another obstacle hurting the Mustangs has been the amount of games that have gone into extra innings, which make it hard for the team to remain focused.

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"Our team knows that the next few games are critical, but we have complete confidence in their abilities," Boyer said.

However, some of the team’s obstacles throughout the season have been consistency and remaining focused.

"We haven’t been consistent," Poet said. "Some games we’ll hit the crap out of the ball while other games will be filled with errors.

"In most of Cal Poly’s losses, errors are what plagued the team. In that respect, UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly, and out-played the Gauchos, but made two defensive errors which cost it the game.

"We should have beat Santa Barbara," said Assistant Coach Jossem Kendal. "We are a good team with lots of talent."

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"At the same time, she believes the team is successful because it is so well rounded.

"The great thing about our team is that we always have someone who steps up," Boyer said. "When players are down, we have others who come in to lead the team."

Fast start has Giants looking good

Although the Dodgers named San Francisco’s fantasies of an undefeated season Tuesday night, Giants fans still have plenty to be optimistic about.

With a theme of superb pitching through the first week and a half of the season, the Giants have answered many of the naysayers’ questions from spring training. In the team’s first seven games, Giants pitchers have allowed just eight

Commentary by Sean Martin

Obviously it is unrealistic for the team to keep up that pace, but it is definitely a solid foundation for the pitching staff to remain among the best in all of baseball.

Much of the weight, or lack there of, rests on the shoulders of Livon Hernandez. Coming into the spring physically shape for the first time in his career, Hernandez has pitched beautifully in his first two starts, returning the Giants fans to the dugout that he was named MVP of the 1997 World Series.

Joining Livon in the rotation are proven veterans Russ Ortiz and Kirk see GIANTS, page 11

Golf team swinging along in second year

By Sean Martin

Each Cal Poly golfer walked off the 18th green of Cypress Ridge Golf Course on Tuesday with a deserted look. The team was disappointed after shooting 899 and finishing fourth in the Fidelity National Title Championship, its host tournament.

Last year, this result would have been a highlight. Now it is a mediocre performance. This is just one example of the vast improvement both the men’s and women’s golf teams have undergone.

"The team is too better," sophomore Alex Brag said. "The returning players have improved about three strokes a round and the freshmen are good, too."

Sophomore Zack King is the leading returning player. His stroke average has improved from 77 to 74.4 strokes per round, with his best finish coming at the Commonwealth Home Loans Intercollegiate on Oct. 25-26.

King shot a 3-under-par 213 to finish in a tie for third.

Casey Shoobold could be the best freshman, and also the hottest golfer on the team. He has led the Mustangs in their last two tournaments with scores of 218 and 220, which includes two rounds of 69. His stroke average of 74.5 is second on the team.

"He has been a pleasant surprise," said men’s golf coach Scott Cartwright. "Ryan has really stepped up, especially in the spring."

Sophomore Tristan Gardner and junior Aaron Deshumer, along with King and Shoobold, form the core of the team. Gardner is averaging 75.7 strokes per round, while Deshumer is averaging 76.2 strokes.

"These are our main four guys," Cartwright said. "They’ve all had some pretty good finishes. Each has stepped up at one time or another.

The CSUB Eco Invitational had a successful conclusion for the two main contributors to the team. Davies’ 729-stroke average is a team best. She led the Cal Poly Spring see GOLF, page 11

The Big West Championship on April 22-23 at Semans Country Club is the team’s last tournament. The Mustangs are playing well as it approaches, as two of their three top-10 finishes have come in the past six weeks. Also, at the Fidelity, they had their best first-day total with a 299.

The players have high hopes heading into the tournament.

"I think we can win conference if everyone plays to their capabilities," junior Ryan Dwight said.

The women’s team has shown similar improvement, culminating in the victory in Cal Poly golf history at the Cal Poly Spring Invitational on Feb. 25-26 at Cypress Ridge Golf Course. The Mustangs shot 659 for two rounds.

"The win was huge for us," sophomore Heather McGinnis said. "It gave us lots of confidence. It feels good to win. We were especially excited to beat Cal State Northridge, our main rival.

Senior Ann Marie Costello and junior Staci Davison have been the two main contributors to the team. Davison’s 798-stroke average is a team best. She led the Cal Poly Spring

BRIEFS

Armstrong signs up for benefit race

By John Jeansonne

Two major stories of healing — Lance Armstrong and Manhattan — will be the focus of a first-time professional cycling race Aug. 4 that will benefit Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Armstrong, the 30-year-old three-time champion of the Tour de France, has signed up to participate in the 100-kilometer (62.5 miles) race planned on a 1.2-mile course in the financial district the week after this year’s Tour de France.

The race, billed as the New York City Cycling Championship and meant to feature between 60 and 70 of the top riders from American and international teams, will have a start/finish line at Wall and Water streets, just Blocks from the World Trade Center site.

Armstrong, diagnosed with testicular cancer in late 1996, has since established himself as the world’s premier endurance cyclist.

"The people of New York have always supported me in my effort to overcome adversity," Armstrong wrote to Mayor Michael Bloomberg in confirming his entry in the race, "and I would like to return the favor in some small measure. Competing with world-class professional cyclists on the streets of lower Manhattan in a highly publicized, well-attended race is one of the most valuable contributions I can make to you and your city."

The August race is one of 10 official events on the 2002 Pro Cycling Tour and one of only two U.S. races in which Armstrong will compete.