El Corral vs. Aida's — business partnership

By Kristy Charles
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

"Lowest prices guaranteed!" "Highest buyback!" "All titles guaranteed in stock!"

When it comes to buying textbooks at bookstores, how do students know which claims are accurate and where they'll truly get a better deal? Finding out is much harder than it seems.

El Corral, for example, claims to lower prices on certain books at a specific period during the quarter. "The top 100 titles for the first four weeks before class and the first two weeks of classes are cheaper (at El Corral)," said Frank Cawley, El Corral store discounts its textbooks during this period.

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El Corral does not.

"We also carry three times the amount of books that Aida's does," he said. Despite conflicting claims, El Corral has among the lowest profit margins in the California State University system, Cawley said. Most CSI bookstores’ margins, or how much they make on each book, are set in order to make a profit, range from 25 percent to 34 percent. Cal Poly's margin is around 25 percent and has not been increased in 10 years, he said. Aida's would not disclose what its margin is. Even though having competition may seem detrimental to El Corral, Cawley said it has improved the services the store offers to students.

"It has made us more competitive and I seriously wonder if we would discount books at all if Aida's wasn't here," he said. "Without Aida's we probably would not offer many of the services we do, like VIP buyback and the shop-once program."

Textbook reservations

As appreciative as Cawley is for the competition, Aida's has to pay to be a part of that competition. Cal Poly professors will use each quarter. The cost is around five cents a page. "We have to edict the information from the faculty and constantly call the departments," he said. "We have four people that do nothing but that and it takes a lot of time. I don't think what we charge is outrageous, and the owner of Aida's has never complained that it was." Some universities offer the list free of charge to competing bookstores because the information comes from

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Design contest updates bike racks

By Amber Hodge
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Grand prize winner Noel Gatter designed a rack with staggered sections so that the bikes would not become intertwined.

"About a year ago, I was locking my bike," said Gatter, an industrial technology senior. "When I came back to get it, the handle bars were stuck in somebody's cables because they were about the same length. I was having a bad day and was irritated that I was having difficulty getting my bike out."

Gatter worked on four different prototypes, with variations of height, lock applicability, staggered sections and convenience of not having to reach down to lock one's bike. His final version consisted of all of these concepts, and he was awarded a 24-speed mountain bike from Capeland's.

After the designs were submitted, industrial technology students manufactured the designs.

Rodney Hoodley, an industrial technology professor, said that after seeing the potential for each design, the group of students would modify it. Gatter's design has staggered sections to cut down on bikes getting tangled.

Marketing team takes first at national competition

By Stephanie Perry
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

While many students were sitting in classrooms listening to their professors' lecture, five agribusiness students packed up and headed east to demonstrate why Cal Poly is one of the top schools in the nation.

The students are part of the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA). NAMA is a professional organization that seeks to enhance knowledge, skills and contacts associated with agrimarketing. It consists of both professional and student chapters.

Professors Tom Frawley and Phil Doeb coached this year's team. It is the eighth time in 25 years that Cal Poly has won the competition. Last year's team placed second at the National Agri-Marketing Conference and Trade Show, April 17 to 19, in Nashville, Tenn.

The students conducted a project that required the students to design a way to export yellow tomatoes to the Japanese market at a premium price. Finding a marketing solution was challenging, once Sun Roma currently has the only processed yellow tomato in the world.

Students worked on the plan for about six months, during which time they conducted focus groups and surveys to research components of their plan. They also presented their plan to various faculty members, four classes and two clubs. All of the responses helped prepare the team members for the questions they would encounter during the competition. Lagier said.

"They tore us apart and they did that to make us stronger," he said.

In the first two rounds of the competition, the team gave a 20-minute presentation to a panel of three judges, which was followed by a five-minute question period. The final round consisted of another 20-minute presentation, this time to a panel of five judges, and a 10-minute question period. Not only did the NAMA team present its plan at the competition, but it also gave a three-hour presentation to Sun Roma, Inc., showing the company all of its research.

The company has already begun to implement some of the strategies created
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Juana cigarettes were found by police when Detective Brandon stepped into a Warwick residence Sunday on charges of marijuana possession, police said.

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"It was a but of marijuana, particularly joint, a but police said.

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"The case was brought to the Warwick court. She was en route to Los Angeles' LAX Sunday morning, police said.

Disbarment of F. Lee Bailey

"A recent lawsuit has been filed against F. Lee Bailey by the Arizona Civil Rights Project. The lawsuit alleges that Bailey committed malpractice in the representation of a client who was subsequently convicted of a crime.

Study: Vegetarian teenagers eat more healthily than peers

"A new study has been published in the Journal of Nutrition, Health, and Aging, which found that vegetarian teenagers eat more healthily than their non-vegetarian peers.

Teenage vegetarians were also found to have a lower body mass index and to consume more fruits and vegetables.

International Briefs

Arafat promises Palestinian independence

"President Yasser Arafat has promised to hold elections in the Palestinian territories by the end of the year, according to a statement issued by his office.

"Arafat said that the elections will be held in all parts of the territories, including East Jerusalem.

"The elections are scheduled for September 15, Arafat said.

Taipei: residents water cut

"Residents of Taipei, Taiwan, are facing water cuts due to a severe drought that has affected the island.

"According to government officials, approximately 420,000 residents are affected by the water cuts.

"Some businesses have reported noticeable declines in their sales.

"One business owner explained that their sales have dropped by 50% due to the water cuts.

"Another business owner stated that their sales have fallen by 30% due to the lack of water.

D.C. tourism recovery

"A recent poll conducted by the Washington Convention and Visitors Association found that 84% of respondents said they would visit Washington, D.C., in the next 12 months.

"The poll also found that 71% of respondents said they would visit the city for leisure travel, while 29% said they would visit for business.

"These findings suggest that the tourism industry in Washington, D.C., is recovering from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The poll was conducted from March 23 to April 7, and it included 1,000 randomly selected respondents.
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By Steve Hill
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It’s a bit punk and a little bit metal. Singer Brooke Schleisner affectionately dubs the style “petal.”

Classifications aside, Manic Lounge is ready to rock the San Luis Obispo music scene. After only nine months of playing together, the band comprised of Schleisner, guitarist Morty Lopez, bassist Danny Sando and drummer Brian Galley — already boasts a repertoire of 14 original songs and a five-track demo full of petal good- ness.

Interlace Lopez’s punk rock guitar and Sando’s heavy metal bass lines, and you’ve got the essence behind the whole idea of Manic Lounge. “It’s like cheesy-cliche thing to do to have your name be an oxymoron,” said Lopez, a music senior. “So we thought it was funny, but then it stuck.”

What’s also stuck is the band’s penchant for female-fronted power. “I’m not like a dainty girl, but I love wearing lipstick and getting cute, too,” said Schleisner, a fifth-year student. “That gets them kind of more into it.”

Since Lopez began playing guitar at age 17, he could tell that Schleisner, with whom he had been friends since seventh grade, had the ability to sing well. But before Manic Lounge, he had never pictured himself sharing the stage with a woman. “I never really thought I would want to have a chick front my band,” Lopez said. “But when we play it doesn’t seem like we have to accommodate for a girl.”

Having a female vocalist has proved to be an advantage, he said, as Schleisner has been able to crush audiences’ preconceived notions that women don’t make suitable, er, frontmen.

“I think it’s really effective (having Brooke as a vocalist) in that people come and they’re like, ‘There’s a chick that’s gonna sing,’” Lopez said. “Then we rock house and they’re like, ‘A chick just did that.’”

Everyone in the band said they feel that this twist upon the traditional punk band helps Manic Lounge reach a wide-ranging audience, especially women. “I think girls actually end up liking it more,” Schleisner said. “They’re just all ‘It’s so cool to see a girl rocking out!’”

Even men can get in on the band’s female vibe. “I think most guys dig a chick that just rocks out on the mic and sounds good and gets the crowd going,” said Sando, a third-year student. “That gets them going it more,” Schleisner said.

But before getting too caught up with the idea of a female lead singer, just take a listen to the band’s new demo, “Lucid.” With poppy gems like “Walking Lines” and the straight-up rocker “Leaving Dreams,” this band commands its sound so well that, as soon as your head starts bobbing, you forget who is singing and just rock. And that’s what Manic Lounge is all about.

“We’re like upbeat, fast, party-type music, having a good time,” Sando said.

For Lopez and Sando, this band isn’t their only focus — Lopez also plays in local ska band Velvet Jones, while Sando handles the bass duties for hard rockers Twomp. But both feel that devoting their time to two bands instead of one makes their music even stronger. “I could never be in a band where people were just like, ‘You play with just us all the time, that’s it,’” Sando said. “You can’t get a good enough experience.”

“We’re getting better at being this band by playing with other people,” Lopez added. And while both admit that if the band were to obtain a record deal that Manic Lounge would become their sole focus, for now, they just want to play as much as they can. “If we played for nobody but ourselves in (Danny’s) living room, we would still meet twice a week to do that,” Lopez said.

Normal people having a good time playing music — that’s the Manic Lounge formula. “We’re not trying to make a statement in the world, it’s just like this is what’s going on with us,” Lopez said. “We’re a microcosm of disturbed communities everywhere.”

Above, music senior Morty Lopez, Cuesta student Brooke Schleisner, and below, music junior Danny Sando are members of the punk-metal band Manic Lounge. The group, which dubs their style as ‘petal,’ has released 14 original songs and a five-track demo in nine months.

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Some people can run a pleasant movie experience

"Is she going to stick her finger up his a**?" the woman sitting behind us in the theater asked her date, as if he knew the answer. It was a steamy sex scene in a movie where digital insertion wasn’t out of the question and honesty, I was wondering the same thing. But I didn’t speak loudly during the movie. Instead, I let the scene unfold and kept my mouth shut, which is what people are supposed to do during a movie. Once the trailers end, talking in a theater should cease, and continuing to do so should carry a social stigma akin to smoking or necrophilia.

Unfortunately, banter is standard fare in today’s cineplexes. Blame it on a variety of factors, such as that as a culture we’re less polite, or that with the proliferation of increasingly sophisticated home theater systems, people think they’re on the couch at home.

I go to see a film because for 90 minutes or so, I am lost in the screen images, sound, story, characters and effects, totally immersed in the director’s vision.

Trying to enjoy the movie described earlier and frustrated by the surrounding chatter — she wasn’t the only one talking — and being the good school that I am, I catalogued three distinct types of verbal banter: the ‘‘questioner,’’ the ‘‘parrot’’ and the ‘‘narrator.’’

The woman behind me was a ‘‘questioner’’.

Apparently these people lack a specific cerebral membrane that helps a person filter and distinguish between whether they are thinking something or actually saying it out loud. Each thought exited her mouth in the form of a question. ‘‘Where’s he going?’’ she asked when the star got out of the car on a lonely highway, later adding, ‘‘What’s he doing?’’ Her date, I don’t know. I haven’t seen the movie and no one in this theater has seen it; consequently, no one knows what is going to happen.

While viewing ‘‘Cast Away,’’ I came across the next two types of talkers, the ‘‘parrot’’ and the ‘‘narrator,’’ with one sitting behind me and the other in front.

Parrots exhibit Tourette’s syndrome-type behavior, except the uncontrollable expellables are replaced with spams of repeated dialogue. On the screen in front of us was Tom Hanks, 12 feet high, eating goofy crab and talking to a volleyball while the ‘‘parrot’’ repeated ‘‘see ya later’’ or ‘‘ha ha Wilson.’’

During the same film, the narrator sitting behind me described everything for his date, pointed out the hard-to-find subtleties and nuances ripe in a film like ‘‘Cast Away’’. ‘‘Look, he made fire.’’ He also clarified for those within earshot of one of the film’s more difficult plot twists: ‘‘Look the plane is crashing.’’ Later he explained that this was his second time seeing the film, as he wanted to fully ‘‘get it.’’ I’m sure, but I wasn’t to get about ‘‘Cast Away’’.

Are you getting my point? Talking during films is advertising the fact that you’re not the brightest bulb on the Christmas tree, an excellent way of telling people in the movie house, ‘‘I am Sam, Rain Man and Lenny!’’

I’d like to think the woman behind us, the ‘‘questioner,’’ so frightened her date that they broke up later that week once he realized he couldn’t jeopardize his family’s gene pool by inviting her in for a nuptial swim.

If we condemned chastising during films, then the movie talkers, ostracized, would have to see films alone. With no one to talk to during a movie, the theaters would be silent and the problem solved. Until then, keep your mouths shut.

Bryan Dickerson is a journalism junior. Mustang Daily staff writer and the cranky guy in the movie theater who tells you to shut up.

Letters to the editor

The reluctance of change

Editor,

Stubbornness. We all know what it is and are all enamored by it. Everyone is stubborn, but we all vary in our degree of tenacity. Thus, regardless of our open-mindedness, we can still be very reluctant to change or to admit our wrongs. After recently having a series of debates and arguments with my friends, I have realized how rigid some people can be with their beliefs. I’ve come to realize that even if people say they do believe, like changes because it scares them. I would like to offer a piece of advice, however, to those willing to listen. Look to yourself and question your beliefs. If you call yourself open-minded, then truly prove it by sitting down and actually thinking about why you believe in what you do. Do you can convince yourself that you really do believe ‘‘in your beliefs,’’ then it’s all the better for you because you can truly claim to ‘‘know thyself.’’ If, however, you find that you really don’t firmly ‘‘believe’’ in what you say believe, then take the time to search out your true values.

I say this because I have seen and heard numerous people say they believe in something, but then in their own hypothetical fashion display that they really don’t hold too true to what they say. We can all say ‘‘what we believe,’’ but actions speak much louder than words.

It also amazes me how blind some people can be when they think about change. Recently, I had a debate with my roommate about his motives and intentions behind a certain course of action he was planning to take. After a long debate, which concluded the next morning, I went back on something I had previously said and admitted, “Fine, you are right in that respect.” Of course, after I had said this, he responded by telling me “weak” I was because I was back on what I had formerly said. It is, in fact, quite the opposite. I admitted my wrong and accepted that I was wrong. There is a great axiom that explains how this is not a weakness, but rather a noble strength. “It takes a great man to know when he is wrong, but it takes an even greater man to admit it.”

Scott Horwath is a computer science freshman.

Opinions on fries and God

Editor,

In all my years at Cal Poly, I have never seen such weakly supported and assinine letter than the two from Burger King. What you see as an excess of spirituality are in excess.

And, I might ask: What is a person defined by? You said, “I don’t like to be defined by my beliefs. I am my own person…” What are you defined by? ‘‘What you see as an excess of spirituality are in excess.

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the designs slightly to make them work.

"I'm really happy with the designs," Hoadley said.
The Bicycle Task Force was created a year ago to address different issues on campus, and it consists of police officers, students, faculty, staff, facilities services and people from the community, said University Police Chief Tony Aeilts. The task force looks at environmental, parking and designing infrastructure to make sure it coincides with the university's Master Plan.

"You have to get a good group of people together and look at these facets," he said. "It brings in a lot of different perspectives and finds the best solutions for everybody involved."

After hearing problems regarding the old racks damaging bikes, Aeilts said students would stop riding their bikes. He added that the contest was a perfect example of what the Bicycle Task Force is doing. Starting summer quarter and continuing into the fall, bicycle users can try out the racks and see what they like best. After the survey is complete, the industrial technology department will manufacture the racks in masses during next winter.

"We will build more than one design," Anderson said. "It's just a matter of what the user likes."

Nico Goldenberg, Patton Grove, Wayne Chen and Lee Bonner were awarded for their designs. Howard Weisenhal received honorable mention for his recycled bike design.

"I feel like everybody did a good job," Garter said.

This week is bike week, and Aeilts will hand out coins to people who are adhering to the bike regulations and laws on campus.

The Bicycle Task Force is connected to what the city and county are doing regarding methods of alternative transportation, Aeilts said.

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professors at a public university, and so they deem it public record. Other stores vary in how they handle the list.

The University of California, Santa Barbara, has one off-campus, private bookstore, in which it competes with, said Cynthia Ellis-Ran, manager of the store. UCSB provides the information about what books will be used for free.

CSU Northridge charges three cents a page for copying fees, said Chris Renhager, the customer service manager of the university's bookstore. He considers the information public record because the bookstore is part of the university.

Cal Poly Pomona doesn't provide the information at all to competitors. San Francisco State and Chico State do not have private competitors, but SPU used to charge around $25 for the list. Chico State also changed because of the work put into compiling the list, said Bob Paulcone, book division manager at Chico State.

Because Cal Poly is supported by Cal Poly Foundation, a not-for-profit organization, it essentially is a private bookstore. This means it does not have to provide the list for free, Cowley said.

Unsold books

At the end of the quarter, textbooks that were not sold and will not be used the following quarter are sold to a wholesaler. Books that cannot be sold back to the wholesaler or that are out of print go to a variety of destinations.

"Just last year we sent a semi (truck) of books to an organization in San Francisco called Asia for the World," Cowley said. "They send the books to students in Asia."

Even though El Corral cannot make any money on those books, they will give students $2 coupons. Cowley said, often, the store holds sidewalk sales and sells the books for $1, actually losing money in the transaction.

All other books are recycled and delivered to a company in Santa Maria. Aida's also donates books it cannot sell to an overseas program, Fryburger said. Otherwise, the books are recycled.

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by the team. It was an exciting experience because the project was a live marketing plan for a real client who expected high-quality work, Aspras said.

"It just shows how wonderful our agribusiness department is and how they prepare us for real world problems," she said.

Aside from taking home the honor of winning, Aspras said participating in the competition helps to create contacts within the agribusiness industry, which could be helpful once student starts looking for jobs.

Winning competitions at the national level helps students get their resumes to the top of the pile, Freaney said. It also helps validate Cal Poly's agribusiness program to the industry since all of the competition judges were industry professionals and included chief executive officers of advertising agencies, media firms and marketing agencies.

Freyane said he was pleased with the fact that, in their win, the students were able to remain humble and professional.

"They are exceptional students," he said. "They are definitely Cal Poly. No flash, no nothing, they just deliver the goods. They executed when they had to."

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Women’s lacrosse wins another national title

By Leslie Edwards Mustang Daily Staff Writer

It was the perfect ending to an almost perfect season, when the Cal Poly women’s lacrosse team won its second consecutive national championship in St. Louis this weekend.

Goalkeeper Reina Varnet, who was named the 2002 Women’s Division Intercollegiate Associates All-Tournament Most Valuable Player, and All-Tournament team members Bridget Mulhern and Ashley Kiersted, led the Mustangs to the national title.

Mulhern said that winning nationals was a surprise, and being the only senior, she was happy to see the team succeed.

Mulhern and Lauren Chase. Varnet had 10 saves in the game, while Navy goalkeeper Natalie Fries had 12.

"It really did take a team effort in order to win," Varnet said. "Our second string players stepped it up when we needed them, offensively capitalized on scoring opportunities, and defense won us the championship."

In the final game of the tournament, the Mustangs took on the Falcons of the Air Force. The Falcons started strong with a 2-0 lead in the first three minutes, but the Mustangs came back stronger.

They went on to make five unanswered goals, as Kiersted, Marshall, Chase, Liz Mejia and Mulhern each scored, giving the Mustangs a 5-2 lead.

The subsequent eight minutes were scoreless until the Falcons broke through and scored with seven minutes left in the first half. Mulhern and Lindsey Kuenewiser each scored, closing out the half with the Mustangs in the lead 7-3.

In the final 11 minutes of the second half, Kiersted scored a goal and Mulhern scored two, giving their team a 10-3 lead. Air Force added two more, but the Mustangs went on to win 15-5, securing the title.

"If you're ever interested in boxing, you could probably end up one day enjoying boxing in a diligent way," Miller said. "I'm extremely disappointed for Chris," Arena said. "He will certainly serve as an inspiration to his teammates this summer."

The injury occurred in the 11th minute of the match. Overall, Dibiek attributed Miller's success to how well he managed the rigorous training.

"He's pretty good at it and I felt the knee go," Miller said. "That's probably what won me the fight more than anything — the fact that the guy squared up and I just had him in his body," he said.

When he's not busy training, Miller likes playing sports like basketball, football and baseball. He just joined a new semi-professional football team called the SLO Panthers, for which he'll play wide receiver.

After finishing his studies at Cal Poly, Miller said he considered becoming a pro boxer, depending on how his amateur career goes. In the meantime, he and Dibiek are busy training for the USA Soccer exhibition victory over Uruguay Sunday at RFK Stadium was any indication of what the Americans will present at the World Cup in a few weeks, there is clearly reason for both sober concern and giddy optimism.

The Americans must deal with the loss of defensive midfielder Chris Armas, who tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee and will miss the World Cup. Armas left in the 24th minute with what was believed to be a twisted ankle. An MRI exam late Sunday revealed the ligament damage. With the 29-year-old Armas out, U.S. coach Bruce Arena could move playmaker Claudio Reyna or John O'Brien, a left-side midfielder, to the defensive midfield role. Tony Sanneh and Fabio Massimo are also options. A roster replacement will be named soon, possibly Richie Williams.

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The injury occurred in the 16th minute as Armas was tracking Uruguay's Fabian Neill along the right wing. Dibiek said another eight minutes before being replaced by Massimo.

"It was a very odd play, a miscalculation that I have made a thousand times," Armas said. "I had just planted my right foot and I felt the knee go."

Armas's injury put a damper on an otherwise good day for the USA. They were 19-year-old DeMarcus Beasley's flambouyant dance on the left flank that led to both goals and veteran goalkeeper Brad Friedel's seven marvelous saves.

By Collin Hester Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Senior attacker Ashley Kiersted charges down the field during Saturday's title game in St. Louis.

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Tyrone Miller recently fought in his first amateur boxing competition. The kinesiology senior won by unanimous decision.

"My favorite thing about boxing is the fight," Miller said. "You get that feeling where you're trying to out-think your opponent — you're trying to be one step faster than them. It's huge if you can relax and let your punches fly."

"We'll see where we need to go and endure a certain amount of punishment," Miller said. "That's probably what won me the fight more than anything — the fact that the guy squared up and I just had