More bounce to the ounce

By Jenny Hubbard

"I check ID cards, flirt with girls and get in fights for a living," said Giloid McGee, a bouncer at Bull's Tavern downtown.

McGee, who has been a bouncer for a year and a half, works every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night as the only bouncer at Bull's.

"It's my job to protect the bar from lawsuits, physical damage and fires," he said.

In his time as a bouncer, McGee said he has confiscated 75 fake ID cards and caught four people doing drugs, three marijuana users and one cocaine user. When he finds people doing drugs, the drugs are flushed down the toilet and the users are escorted out of the bar. People selling drugs are reported to the police and arrested.

"Selling and distribution of drugs is absolutely unacceptable," he said.

Despite the challenges associated with controlling a crowd of 50, McGee said being a bouncer is "fun and exciting."

History senior Wade Green, a bouncer at Tortilla Flats, agreed.

"When it comes to night jobs, this is the best there is," he said.

Currently, Green is taking 16 units and working three part-time jobs. He works at Tortilla Flats on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Over the last four months, he has had to stop three fights. On average, he encounters five to 10 fake ID cards a week.

Unlike McGee, Green works with a group of bouncers. On busy nights, there is one bouncer at the see BOUNCERS, page 2

ASJ Elections

Candidates identify their issues

By Allison Terry

Campaign season has begun, which means it is time for Cal Poly students to decide who will be the best representatives for next year.

The job of the Associated Students Inc. president and vice president is to represent the views of Cal Poly students to the university administration, California State University system, Cal Poly Academic Senate, city council and state legislature.

The campaign brings three main issues to the forefront: Allocation of student fees, parking problems and advocating the needs of all students.

"ASI Your Way"

Allison Anderson and Olga Berdial

Anderson and Berdial are running their campaign on $500.

"We wanted to show students that anyone can run," Anderson said. "Students have so much power that they don't even understand that they have." said Anderson.

"These running mates combine leadership experience from the ASI Executive Staff, ASI Board of Directors, college councils, WOW and Student Community Services, as well as other service organizations."

"We want to represent students and really get things done," Anderson said.

"We want to know that the average student is feeling the effect of ASI student government, so we are not just some office workers up there who students don't know what we do." said Berdial.

Berdial said one of her main goals is to make sure that the campus community is informed about what really happens in student government.

"A key factor is getting more information out to students," said Berdial, a journalism senior. "Students don't really know about everything that is going on, and I think if they were more informed it would be a happier climate, and more people would vote.

"Information is important."

Anderson said an asset the team possesses is more experience outside ASI, which will help them better represent the entire campus community.

"We bring a new, fresh look to ASI," Anderson said. "Instead of how can ASI be better, (it's) how can ASI assist with other programs to make student life and the college experience better."

"Breaking Barriers"

Kaitlin Ayers and Pedro Vazquez

Determined to make ASI more accessible to the concerned voices of students, Ayers and Vazquez said they are committed to making positive changes at Cal Poly.

"We define our theme as we want to work on issues that frustrate students on a day-to-day basis and break barriers down," said Ayers, a business sophomore.

"Most of the students wonder if the research undertaken by their professors has a direct impact on their learning experience and future careers," Vazquez said.

He said research ensures that the professors are current in their fields and can bring the latest developments to the students.

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"We are a really good team, and as a team we could really make change," said Ayers. "We definitely have the drive and determination to do this job."

Ayers currently serves as ASI vice president and has been involved in student government since her freshman year. She has also been involved in the Greek community, WOW, Open House and Homecoming activities.

"We are not only professional, but we are approachable," said Vazquez, a business major. "We are willing to hear the concerns that students have."

Vazquez runs his own marketing business, is a member of the ASI Executive Staff and is the recruitment chair for the Hispanic Business Student Association. He also offers off-campus experience.

"Breaking Barriers" is the big factor in determining the true ASI leader is who will be able to carry the campaign passion and enthusiasm to next year.

"There's a fire in my belly, and no, I don't need TUMS," he said.

"Every Student, Everyday"

Luke Parnell and John Paasch

Parnell and Paasch said students deserve more: More access to classes, more student services and more parking.

"The motivation for (Paasch) and I see ELECTIONS, page 10
Crime Round Up

April 23: A $70 textbook was stolen from a student in the Robert Kennedy Library. In a separate incident, a woman left her purse on campus and when she returned it was gone.

April 24: Amber lights (yellow emergency lights) were stolen from the top of a state vehicle.

April 25-28: Thirty-five arrests were made during Open House weekend, 24 of which were for alcohol-related crimes. Police made 12 arrests for public intoxication, eight for minors in possession of alcohol and four for driving under the influence of alcohol. Five were arrested for possession of marijuana.

April 26: A student was arrested for public intoxication in the C-2 parking lot on Grand Avenue. The subject was booked into San Luis Obispo County Jail at 2:43 a.m.

April 27: An officer from the University Police Department made an arrest for public intoxication on Slack Street and Longview Lane at 1:07 a.m.

— A stereo was stolen from a white Chevy Tahoe in the R-1 parking lot.

April 28: Two vehicles were cited for having altered parking permits, one in the H-2 parking lot and the other in the Grand Avenue parking structure.

Compiled by Mustang Daily staff writer Andy Fahey

Bouncers
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door, one on the tower, one checking stamps at the bar, one in the back and one roaming. The bouncers rotate stations.

"I work with a good group of people," he said. "We all have each other's back."

As a bouncer, Wade is able to hangout with other bouncers, meet interesting people and listen to good music, he said.

One thing Wade said he doesn't like about his job is the pay. Bouncers usually make minimum wage plus tips, which range from $6 to $10 a night.

The dress code for the job varies. The bouncers at Mother's Tavern come to work in suits and ties.

"We don't have a lot of problems because we present ourselves in a classy way," said Will, a bouncer at Mother's Tavern.

The bouncers from all three bars said their craziest experiences involved finding couples engaged in sexual activities. Will has caught a few couples upstairs in Mother's Tavern, and McGee stumbled upon a couple in the street. Green hasn't actually found a couple engaged in sexual activity. However, he has heard from bouncers who have.

"I don't think you really want to know what goes on in the bathroom," he said.
National Briefs

Report: Sharp increase in number of black children in extreme poverty
WASHINGTON — The number of black children living in extreme poverty has risen sharply since 1999, according to a report released Wednesday by a children's advocacy group.

About 932,000 black children under 18 lived in extremely poor conditions, up about 50 percent from 1999 and about 25 percent since 2000, according to an analysis of Census Bureau data by the Children's Defense Fund. The number is at its highest level since 1979, the earliest figures available.

The group defined "extreme poverty" as kids living in families with after-tax income below half the poverty line. Poverty thresholds differ according to the size of a family. In 2001, half the poverty line for a family of three was $7,064 a year.

The increase came even though Census Bureau data released last September showed roughly 3.4 million black kids living in poverty decades ago. But he said the university's investigation bears responsibility for the management failures that have come to light recently.

"Given that responsibility and the widespread nature of the problems uncovered at Los Alamos, I intend to open the management of Los Alamos to full competition when the contract expires," he said. The contract is due to lapse in September 2005.

Tyco says problems uncovered in audit will force it to take additional charges
NEW YORK — Tyco International said Wednesday it has uncovered a new round of accounting problems, just months after assuring investors an internal probe of its books had failed to find any "significant systemic fraud."

Tyco is preparing to absorb substantial new charges partly "arising out of the company's intensified internal audits and detailed controls and operating reviews," the company said in a written release.

The announcement came after The Wall Street Journal reported in Wednesday editions that the company had hired roughly $2 billion in fees accounting problems.

Tyco did not directly address that figure. But it said it was prepared to take a charge of 55 cents per share against its second quarter earnings to reflect the accounting problems.

As a result of those charges, the company said it would report a second-quarter loss of 23 cents per share. Analysts had been expecting Tyco to report a profit of 32 cents per share.

The Bermuda-based company said the new charges resulted from internal audits, as well as two accounting changes involving its ADT fire and security systems subsidiary. It said revenues for the second quarter were $9 billion.

Tyco, which has about $36 billion in annual revenues, makes electronics, medical supplies and a host of other products.

International Briefs

North Korea says any U.S. move to seek sanctions is a prelude to war
SEOUL, South Korea — North Korean officials said Wednesday they would regard any U.S. move to seek UN sanctions against the communist country as "the green light to a war."

The warning came after South and North Korea agreed to try to peaceful resolve the nuclear crisis, though Pyonong has said it would regard any U.S. move to seek sanctions as a step toward war.

"This is a big catch. Al-Attash is wanted in the USS Cole bombing," a reporter's question Tuesday as to why the United States are useless unless it accordance.

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Menage a trois: 'Three's company or three's a crowd?'

The number three has a mystical power. It is associated with many
velous achievements like the first prime number, Neapolitan ice
cream and the 1980's sitcom "Three's Company." It is also connected with the only good thing to come out of France - the
menage a trois.

Group sex is the final frontier in sexual excess and exploration. It may
arouse visions of Amsterdam opium dens, or "Office Space" dreams of what you'd do with $1 million, but three-ways have become
increasingly mainstream.

Curiosity is perhaps the biggest motivator. We're young and entitled
to some experimentation. Our available years for orgies are waning as
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Opinion

Arming pilots isn't safer for fliers

We thought we were safe. With increased security measures, X-ray baggage
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Opinion

R. Kelly can't hide from truth behind 'Ignition'

When someone mentions the name R. Kelly, the first thing I think of is the song "Ignition. Remix.

My roommate and I have become obsessed with what we have affectionately titled the "booty, beep-beep" song. We listen to it while getting ready, we play it in our car, and we are the annoying girls who request it over and over again at the Z-Club.

"We're sippin' on coke and rum, I'm like, I guess I'm drunk," how could you not love this song?

Then one day he hit me. This man is about to stand trial for 21 counts of child pornography.

I soon began to question my own morality. If I have such strong opinions against pedophiles, why am I supporting this man by listening to his music?

Jenny Hubbard is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

More letters to the editor

Bush doesn't have best track record

Editor,

George W. Bush's acceptance to Andover, a private New England high school, and Yale were both based largely on his famous father's wealth. Nevertheless, he has received a C+ at Harvard in 1976 with a grade of C in algebra, an F in accounting, and an A in tennis.

The Bush administration's policy of using torture, the ban on CNN's "The Situation Room," the Thirty Days program, and the post-9/11 wire taps have led to the loss of democratic liberties. A bestowed C+ is not enough to earn the title of president.

I find myself hourly analyzing each sentence in my school's proceedings. I find myself hours later asking myself if the school is worth the time I spend there.

Tyler Middlestadt is an architectural engineering junior who wishes the United States would fund jobs, not wars, and that people would use the TVs.

Fear and war aren't the answers

Editor,

It only took 19 suicide bombers, 5,500 lives, a puppet president, a madman android, an artless man on the throne of power, an ignorant in the highest of places, and a puppet puppet to work our way into the mélange of war.

Knowing that no person could ever live up to God's standard, what is the end result of sinning and breaking one of them, then we are still guilty of breaking them all (James 2:10). The end result of sinning and breaking one of them, then we are still guilty of breaking them all (James 2:10). The end result of sinning and breaking them all (James 2:10).

I am not an American, I am THE American.

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Beautification Committee disregards truth

Editor,

I had an unpleasant experience on campus (last Friday night). I was putting in a late night at the lab when three members of the Cal Poly Open House Beautification Committee. Thinking that they were cleaning up or recycling garbage on campus, I commended their efforts. However, the true motivation behind their visit to building 21 soon became apparent. They were looking for a way to remove the bulletin boards of posters and flyers. Initially, they informed me that they were simply removing content that was no longer useful. I soon began to question my own morality. If I have such strong opinions against pedophiles, why am I supporting this man by listening to his music?

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take part in the endeavor through senior projects or simply by inquiring and learning about their professors' research interests.

"It is a win-win situation for both the faculty and the students," he said.

The senior project is the place where many students may learn how to conduct independent research and analysis. It is ideal for students to engage in faculty research to fulfill these requirements, Ramezani said.

"Faculty also benefit greatly, since professors simply cannot find enough time to look into every interesting angle of their research," he said.

To clarify his findings in layman's terms, Ramezani likened them to a baseball team.

"You can have a team with consistent hitters as your players that produce hits and runs, but while they're not sluggers, they get the other players moving from base to base," he explained. "Then you have the sluggers, who hit a lot of home runs, whereas some days they show up and have no hits."
I am not one to feel anonymous. Granted, I don't always jump at the chance to answer questions in class, but I try to stand out in other ways. I effervesce with enthusiasm, I personalize my wardrobe with plenty of Cal Poly paraphernalia. I attempt to loom above others by sporting those fantastically comfortable tall black flip-flops. I even slapped a NorCal sticker on my black Jetta, just to keep things fresh.

And after all that, I've only learned that establishing an identity with my car will take a lot more than a decal. In an environment reigned by sandals and Cal Poly sweatshirts, modified cars serve as a means of expression and combat social anonymity for many student vehicle owners. While many people modify their cars for performance purposes, cosmetic modifications effectively take an automobile from regular to recognizable, even to the untrained eye, with things like body kits, spoilers, rims, custom paint jobs, lifts, drops and personalized license plates.

But that is not the only reason people choose to change the appearance of what they drive.

"The standard Freudian explanation for tricking out or modifying a car is that it is an extension of the self," psychology professor Don Finnin said. "Just as with clothes or a style of dress, it's a way of self-expression."

Architecture sophomore Gordon Wong spent more than a month preparing his car for the custom paint job it now flaunts. The symmetrical design involves flame-inspired graphics that Wong drew up and then executed in sparkly bright blue paint.

"I knew I wanted to put a design on the car," Wong said.
ReMEbering victims through artwork

By Andy Fahey

Providing hope to those who need it most is sometimes best accomplished with the stroke of a brush.

Local artist Dorothy Riggs will attempt to help victims of sexual assault and domestic violence with her artwork today in the form of a CD-ROM, available to the public.

"The Garden of SHEden" is the use of art as healing. Riggs fell into deep depression and cursed painting following the deaths of her parents in 1995. Only with the urging of a friend was she able to get back into the studio and work. By creating art, "these buckets of pain just rolled off my back," Riggs said.

"I think it's like grief because I've lost people in my life," she said. "I think that my CD offers help and shows an example of how you could cope with adversity and how you could get through grief.

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Awareness of sexual violence is the first step before taking a firm stance against it, she said.

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"The Garden of SHEden" will be available to demo and for purchase today in the University Union Plaza as part of the ReMEber Week activities. Riggs said she uses her artwork as an emotional release and a tool for healing.

As a feminist, Riggs uses art as a therapeutic process. Many of her paintings are about women's rights and contain abstract figurative images of women.

"It's a really interesting aspect that will add to the whole dynamic of the week," said Harley Myers, an English senior and student supervisor at the Women's Center. "It will show people that they can have a creative outlet. They don't have to do more traditional things like poems."

Riggs described her painting style as "abstract symbolism" — with bold color and rounded forms.

"It's very eye-catching," Myers said. "People are going to wonder what the hell is going on with it."

Putting together "The Garden of SHEden," a three-year project, proved to be a personal experience for Riggs. She often writes poetry and keeps a daily journal and the CD-ROM provided a medium to display her writings, in addition to her paintings, in a high-tech and artistic manner.

"This CD has become an electronic autobiography," Riggs said.

"The Garden of SHEden" allows the viewer to see, hear and understand Riggs' work, a rare feature in the art world.

"If you were to go into a museum or in a gallery and look at a piece of art, you might think, 'Gee, I really like that, but I wonder what was in the artist's mind. Why did they paint that? Where did that come from? I wonder what motivated the artist,'" she said.

Compiling the CD-ROM gave her the chance to be vocal and tell stories of why she painted a certain selection, she added.

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"People need a way to speak or just get their feelings about sexual assault and sexual violence," Myers said. "There is a silence that surrounds these events in to break that silence so people will talk about it and thereby become more aware.

Awareness of sexual violence is the first step before taking a firm stance against it, she said.

"Thinking about it is good, but when you take your own energy and your own passion to create something about it," Myers said. "That shows that you care and you're not only thinking about it, but you care enough that you're doing something about it."

"The Garden of SHEden" will be available to demo and for purchase today in the University Union Plaza as part of ReMEber Week activities. Riggs said she uses her artwork as an emotional release and a tool for healing.

SKATEBOARDING HAS BEEN BANNED at Cal Poly and Cuesta College.

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From lowered trucks (above) to custom-painted cars (left), vehicles have evolved from a simple mode of transportation to a unique form of self-expression. These modifications, however, come with hefty price tags.

"Compensation is a form of defense," Royjin said when asked if people might use cosmetic or performance modifications to disguise insecurities. "In studies, people generally rate themselves better than they really are, and can't see any difference." But don't fret, car buffs. Royjin also said that expressing oneself in this fashion can be fun.

"Anything in an extreme stage might be unhealthy," he said. "But just making your car faster, or making it look cool, there is positive enjoyment there."

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Tricked Out

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Wong said, referring to the originally plain white 1994 BMW 318i. "But I didn't original-
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is the same,” said Parnell, a presidential candidate and agribusiness senior. “We have both taken so much from our experiences at Cal Poly. It’s just something we have built up over the last year working with ASI, students, faculty, the Academic Senate and all aspects of the campus. It is that we really want to give back.”

Parnell said the best way he and Paasch, bioresource and agricultural engineering senior, can give back to Cal Poly is by advocating for student issues and for what they need. “We have been here for four years, and we have experienced Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo,” he said. “We are in touch with students and what they want.”

While their platform emphasizes three issues, the team plans on fighting for student rights in every circumstance that arises. “Every year there are different situations, and we hope to tackle every issue with the most gusto that we can so that the student voice is heard and understood,” he said.

Currently serving as the chair and vice chair on the ASI Board of Directors, Parnell and Paasch combine four years of leadership experience. “In student government, the reality of the situation is that (President) Baker and the administration have the final say in what happens on campus,” Parnell said. “In student government, it is important that we realize that building the relationships that take us far in what we want to accomplish have to come first.”

During their past year’s involvement in ASI, Parnell said they built those relationships necessary to be the most efficient president and vice president. “We can complain, we can voice our opinions, but if we aren’t willing to sit down at a table and come up with a plan of action and come up with compromises in some cases to actually get things accomplished, then nothing is going to get accomplished,” he said.

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TENNIS

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seeded. USC will host the first two rounds of the Mustangs' regional in Los Angeles.

"It's just great because our whole team is from Southern California," Cal Poly coach Hugh Bream said. "and all their families are going to be..."

Senior Danielle Hastedt, the team's No. 1 singles player, is just as excited about the location.

"That was our No. 1 choice (for a place to play)," she said. "Everyone's really excited about being able to have a lot of fans. A lot of our parents live here and it'll be exciting for them to come out."

The Mustangs are 20-6 and on an emotional high from their conference championship. While it would be easy to have a "happy-to-be-here" attitude, they said they believe anything can happen, especially if they reach the second round and play the favored Trojans.

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The Cal Poly women's tennis team watches the big screen at The Graduate in San Luis Obispo as the Mustangs' first-round opponent is announced on ESPN News Wednesday.

They love L.A.

Mustangs open NCAA Tournament at USC with "homecourt advantage"

By Ryan McAdams
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

When the members of the Mustangs' women's tennis team saw "Cal Poly" on the television screen during ESPN's announcement of the women's national tournament bracket, they celebrated.

The Mustangs had reason to, considering they have won their first Big West Conference title in school history and may not have to board a plane to get to their first-round site.

Cal Poly will face unseeded San Diego State in the second round.

"Cal Poly was a great place to get a college education," said Stephanie Brown, an Atascadero native. "It's a perfect place for her to perfect her talent." Brown, who will graduate in the spring, said she loves L.A.

Cal Poly's Stephanie Brown

Throwing for the gold

By Devin Kingdon
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Like many young athletes, thrower Stephanie Brown has Olympic dreams. But the thing about Stephanie is that her dreams could easily become reality.

"Most people don't really understand just how good she is," Cal Poly throwing coach Pete Corkery said. "Because throwing isn't a popular sport on campus, people don't know that she is nationally one of the best at both the shot put and discus."

In fact, Brown is already a four-time All-American athlete and will probably end up as a six-time by the end of the season. The fifth-year engineering major also holds the school record for the shot put and is aiming for the discus record as well.

Brown, who will graduate in the spring, said Cal Poly has been the perfect place for her to perfect her talent.

"Cal Poly was a great place to get a great education and it allowed me to do track as well as basketball," said Brown, an Atascadero native.

Brown was a dual-sport athlete in high school until she blew out her knee playing basketball in the 10th grade.

"After my injury I decided to stick with just throwing," Brown said. "I thought it was the sport that I had the greatest potential for."

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Cal Poly will face unseeded Georgia Tech Friday (13-6) in the first round, with the possibility of meeting No. 5 seed University of Southern California or Sacramento State in the second round.

The NCAA women's tournament includes 64 teams, 31 of which receive automatic bids and 33 at-large berths. The top 16 teams are

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Cal Poly's Stephanie Brown holds the school record in the shot put.

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