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Students join international cause

The campus fundraiser asks people to give up non-water beverages and donate the money to the H2O project in Zambia

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Mercy On-Campus has launched a weeklong fundraiser to raise money for the H2O Project and Lifewater International. The project will provide training to people in Zambia, Africa, to create and sustain pure and healthy water.

To raise the money, three booths have been set up around campus, where students can pick up donation cups. Students are to put money that they would have spent on non-water beverages in the designated cup during the week.

The booths are at Dexter Lawn, Kennedy Library and the University Union Plaza. The money saved will be collected at the same locations next week, said Bryce Moore of Mercy On-Campus.

The H2O Project, Lifewater International and Mercy On-Campus are partners in the effort to provide a safer water supply to Zambia. All are separate organizations working for the same purpose.

The H2O Project is a not-profit company that provides fund-raising supplies for companies such as Lifewater International. Mercy On-Campus is the campus-affiliated organization. Zambia is a candidate for this project because of the poor water conditions in the country.

The group's goal is to raise $7,000. The money raised will supply the necessary tools, equipment and hygiene training for water sanitizing in Zambia.

"Currently, there is no infrastructure by the government so people are finding their own way to get water in areas like Zambia," said Elizabeth Limpic, communications coordinator of Lifewater International.

Lifewater International sends trained volunteers all over the world to spend three to five years training residents on hygiene sanitation, drip irrigation and hand pump repair, Limpic said. Volunteers stay about three to four weeks at a time.

"We are trying to get it to a state of sustainability so they can profit on their own," Limpic said.

The purpose is to help make people in Zambia self-sufficient, to a point where they do not need any outside assistance from Lifewater International, Limpic said.

Lifewater International sends volunteers who also train in small business development. Some of the leftover supplies for companies such as Lifewater International are sold at Mercy On-Campus.

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History junior Stefanie Blanco pledges to drink only water.

Homeless student moves to dorms

University sets him up with a dormitory room after reading online-journal entries about his living situation

NEW YORK (AP) — A college student who says he spent eight months sleeping in a library because he couldn't afford campus housing has been relocated to a free dormitory room.

University officials eventually discovered an online journal that he kept about his experiences as a homeless student and relocated him to a free dorm room last Tuesday.

"When students who have needs and concerns get in touch with the university, we have ways to help," NYU spokesman John Beckman told the campus newspaper, Washington Square News, this week. "The last thing students should do is assume nothing can be done."


"I thank everyone who helps me get through the day, and makes me realize that although I'm poor and live in a library ... that I'm learning a lot about life, and that I will make it through this," reads an entry dated April 15.

Stanzak, who dubbed himself "Bobst Boy" on the Web site, says he washed in the library's bathroom and took occasional showers at friends' apartments and dorm rooms.

Although he works four jobs and has several student loans, Stanzak said he received no financial assistance from his family.

He pays his bills only able to cover the cost of classes. Tuition at NYU amounts to $31,000 a year for full-time undergraduates.

Wealth report

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'Battle of the Bands' on campus

UU Plaza filled with improv and solo artists

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Witness describes violent death

Michelle Locke reporter

HAYWARD — Transgender teenager Eddie "Gwen" Araujo died a slow and violent death, a witness testified in a chillingly detailed version of how the 17-year-old was killed.

According to Jason Nabors, who says he was present during much of the assail, Araujo was choked, slashed, punched, kneed and kicked. She was hit on the head with a can and a flying pun. She was tied up, and he saw one of the defendants start to pull a rope toward her neck.

Araujo, Nabors helped bury the body.

Nabors, the chief witness against the three men accused of killing Araujo, portrayed a grim scenario of seemingly remorseless attackers.

Araujo started to bleed profusely; she was offered off a couch to keep her clean. Later, she was carried into the garage because blood was getting on the carpet, he said. By helping to bury the body, Nabors said he changed into an old shirt so he wouldn't get his good one dirty. He didn't want to leave the house with the body. The men were hungry so they stopped at McDonald's for breakfast.

Michael Magidson, 23, Jose Merel, 24, and Jason Cazares, 24, are charged with killing Araujo. Nabors, 21, who led police to the body, initially was charged with murder but pleaded guilty to manslaughter and has been promised an 11-year sentence for testifying.

Defense attorneys say Nabors is lying, and they were expected to engage in rigorous cross-examination.

Nabors and the three defendants became friends with Araujo, whom they knew as "Lida," in the summer of 2002. Nabors said Merel and Magidson had sexual encounters with her and they begun to suspect she was biologically male after comparing notes.

On Oct. 3, 2002, the men confronted Araujo at Merel's house in Newark, a San Francisco suburb Araujo was shocked and returned suggestions that she physically prove her gender, Nabors said. She tried to leave the house on the excuse that she wanted to smoke a cigarette, but Nabors said he stopped her and pulled the door shut.

Eventually, another woman at the house ended the debate by grabbing at Araujo's genitals. Chaos ensued. As the attack began, Araujo begged for mercy, saying "No, please don't. I have a family," Nabors said.

Nabors described Merel as wielding the can and skullet and said Magidson choked, punched and kneed the teenager. He said Cazares kicked Araujo after she was down. After Araujo had been tied up and taken to the garage, Nabors said he saw Magidson pulling a loose end of rope toward Araujo's neck. He said he left the garage to go into the house, where he saw Merel scooping blood from the carpet. Nabors said he returned to the garage to find Magidson and Cazares carrying Araujo's body out to a pickup truck.

The four drove about 150 miles east to a remote area near Lake Tahoe, where they dug a grave, putting Araujo's body in and throwing rocks on top, Nabors said.

At some point on the drive, Nabors said Magidson talked about having twisted the rope. According to Nabors, Magidson said he hadn't been sure Araujo was dead until Cazares hit her over the head with a shovel.

Little was said at the grave site, said Nabors. But he does recall Merel saying something: "That he was so angry that he could still kick her a couple of times."

POMONA (AP) — A Claremont McKenna College psychology professor who claimed someone vandalized her car with racist and anti-Semitic slurs was charged Monday with filing a false police report and a misdemeanor, and was expected to appear in court Tuesday.

Dunn explained through a prosecution of the individual or individuals responsible for the vandalism.

University officials declined to further discuss Dunn's employment.

Dunn claimed that she discovered the vandalism of her car on the night of March 9 while she was on campus preparing a lecture for a forum on racism.

The next day, she called her insurance company about the vandalism and theft of items from the car, prosecutors allege.

Also that day, faculty canceled classes and thousands of students staged sit-ins and chanted "ignorance has got to go" in protest of what was believed to be a series of racial incidents at the Claremont Colleges. Dunn told students at a night-time rally she was haunted by their support.
State Briefs

SAN DIEGO — Errors in judgment by a San Diego-based squadron commander and flight crew caused a jet to plunge off the flight deck of USS Constellation last year, according to a Navy report obtained by The San Diego Union-Tribune.

The two pilots aboard the V-3B Viking safely ejected during the April 2003 mishap, but the $27 million aircraft sank in the Persian Gulf after refueling several fighters and bombers over Iraq.

An investigation found Cmdr. Sean Kelly, the squadron's commanding officer, failed to recommend that the aircraft, which had developed hydraulic problems, be towed after landing. While taxiing to a parking spot, the twin-engine jet suddenly swerved and plummeted from the deck.

EL CAJON — A jury has awarded $4.5 million to a driver who repeatedly was stopped by California Highway Patrol officers after lodging a complaint against one of them.

Jurors in the six-week trial said they hoped the punitive damages awarded to Steve Granelli, 44, on Monday would send a message to the CHP.

The lawsuit named specific CHP officers, but the agency typically pays monetary awards when its officers are sued, said Greg Garrison, one of Granelli's lawyers.

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The number of substantiated incidents of child abuse rose by 30 percent between 1997 and 2001. However, these statistics probably only represent a fraction of the children who are victimized every year, most by their parents. The implications of this phenomenon are staggering. Abuse and neglect are linked to behavioral problems, poor school performance, poverty, and, later in life, criminal activity. Two-thirds of teenage runaways are fleeing abusive homes, and 97 percent of the women who report being abused as children. Parents who love their children often know no other way to treat them but the violence of their pregnancy. The highest percentage of terminated pregnancies is for women aged 15 to 25. While not all unplanned children are abused, and not all abused children are unplanned, the correlation between unprepared family life and abuse is logical. Unwanted pregnancies and early parenthood aggravate the circumstances that lead to abuse. Even Republicans can find reasons to be pro-active about child abuse. According to the Institute for Women’s Policy Research, in 2001, a pregnancy carried to term cost an average of $10,430, compared to $380 for an induced abortion. Generic birth control pills cost $240 per year, while a copper intrauterine device can cost as little as $30 per year over 10 years.

Condoms are the cheapest and easiest birth-control method to obtain, but they are ineffective and should not be considered for long-term use. With the purchase of diapers, formula, clothing and childcare, raising a child to adulthood will cost tens of thousands of dollars. For children in poverty, a significant portion of those costs will be borne by taxpayers. Furthermore, taxpayers will also cover more than $24.3 billion in costs directly associated with child abuse every year. America faces two huge problems. The first is what conservatives call a moral problem, which is the violence of their pregnancy. The second is what liberals call a political problem, which is the lack of access to adequate health care.

Many people have gotten plastic surgery to take years off their face, and when they speak, their voices reveal their true age. Do you realize how many events are happening every day? The matching and popular bands play at every event. Sometimes a voice may sound squeaky, or it may not be the same vocal range as it once did. Julie Andrews, who is best known for her vocal performances in the musical "Mary Poppins" and the film "Sound of Music," suffered the loss of her astounding singing abilities after surgery. Andrews did not have surgery for cosmetic reasons but because she was having trouble with her voice. Simply put, the right to an abortion is not good enough.

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Prohibitive costs of college

Commentary

The cost of obtaining a college education is growing out of reach for many Americans. Representative John Boehner, R-Ohio, has proposed the Higher Education Act, which will slightly increase loan limits to students while they are in school and increase the permissible consolidation of student loans at a 30-year fixed interest rate. It will not quench the college-cost crisis, but it will further fuel the flames.

U.S. secondary education tuition rose 32 percent between 1992 and 2002, according to nelliemae.com. In 2002, according to National Center for Education Statistics, the average undergraduate graduated $18,900 in student loans at a 30-year loan rate. Boehner's plan will raise current yearly loan ceilings by $1,000 per year. This cost will be spread over 30 years. This plan makes sense if you do not think the average student is going to finish college at the end of the year. Interest rates all other measures is increasing. There are far more diversity in almost all other measures is increasing. There is common to this administration. The wealthiest families. The federal government has proposed change to the Higher Education Act. The wealthiest students have the opportunity to receive a scholarship, which wants to protect its income and provide foresight and independent thinkers. Our security, as Americans and as international citizens, to question the motives of these thinkers. Our security, as Americans and as international citizens, must take precedence over loyalty to any political machine. Clarke was fired two years into the Bush presidency. Clarke resigned in protest in 2003, because he felt like he was being met an endless brick wall. It is a sad situation, I won't lie, but there is one thing the athletic department can do to make it up to some of us. That one thing is to improve. That right, we're all paying you, so stop celebrating and get to work. I don't throw my money away, nor does anyone else who attends this university. I'm inclined to give them the benefit of the doubt. The notion "you're either for us or against us" has been interpreted by some in the administration to mean that if an American opposed the war in Iraq, that person was obviously unpatriotic. This logic could probably be extended to folks like Paul Neil, Richard Clarke and Woodward, for them to ask the tough questions because they feel that the American people deserve to know the truth. The notion "you're either for us or against us" has been interpreted by some in the administration to mean that if an American opposed the war in Iraq, that person was obviously unpatriotic.

More Letters to the Editor

Good athletes deserve scholarships

I have sat back quietly reading letters confusing the athleticism and educate. Let me just say now how little these students really know about Cal Poly athletics. It's unfortunate for me to realize the number of Poly students who don't care about anything else at the school except themselves.

For the person who is angry because top athletes in the state and nation have receive scholarships when they are constantly working and studying: work harder. Any athlete who is student, motivation and great dedication is the same opportunity to receive a scholarship, whether or not they are academic; I would also like to propose to this person, and anyone else with a similar view, that it is so easy to be one of the top high jumpers in the nation, or to contribute to a cross country team that is seventh in the nation, just go ahead and see how long it would take you to achieve these goals. Most athletes have been working hard for years, continuing to constantly push themselves to grasp lofty goals, yet standing tall while struggling with so many aspects along the way. Sadly, these students at Cal Poly don't even have the support of their peers to encourage them on. Try to imagine competing at a Division I program against so many other top athletes — it's just not a walk in the park. Athletes work hard, putting in hours of practice as well as much study.

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A closer look at the White House tell-all

Commentary

As the debate rages about Iraq, the newly emerging genre of the White House tell-all gives Americans a view of the Bush White House that is both enlightening and infuriating. On one hand, they offer Joe Citizen an opportunity to view the policy- making process of the present Commander. On the other, these policies are made some to toss things at the television.

The president appears insulated from most of his staff by his inner circle who more or less make decisions for him by filtering what he hears from others. He decided early on that Iraq was priority one and refused to listen to any suggestions for things other than the Iraq war. Making white that can be detrimental, especially to world opinion. Plus it can alienate one's own citizenry. The notion "you're either for us or against us" has been interpreted by some in the administration to mean that if an American opposed the war in Iraq, that person was obviously unpatriotic. This logic could probably be extended to folks like Paul Neil, Richard Clarke and Woodward, for them to ask the tough questions because they feel that the American people deserve to know the truth.

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In Concert

Bands battle for pride, big opening gig

Residence hall-sponsored event attracts solo acts, improvisational artists for hot event under the Sunday sun

Christina Joslin
March 21

Last Sunday, the University Union Plaza wasn't only filled with insufferable heat, but also the soulful vibes of many different groups and solo artists competing in the "Battle of the Bands."

The battle was funded by the Cal Poly dorms and coordinated by Michael Pando, a resident adviser for Yosemite Hall.

"I've seen these kinds of competitions before, and I just thought it would be an interesting and fun event to put on," Pando said. "Not to mention that there is so much talent running throughout the dorms that it would be a waste if they didn't get the chance to be heard."

To compete in the "Battle of the Bands," at least 20 percent of each group had to be comprised of dorm residents.

Competitors included the bands Bourne Drift, Longview and Habanero. Scott Squared, A Hardwotxl Sound, Antagonist, Smooth Keb and Hrvan Kmi also performed.

The battle brought about quite several memorable performances. Scott Squared, a band comprised of two pianists, played together on the same keyboard and improvised all their music on the spot. Longview, a mix between rock and surf music, performed with high energy and included an impressive drum solo.

"We like to call our music 'whatever sounds good,'" Longview lead singer-guitarist Dan Curcio said. "We're influenced by groups ranging from Van Morrison to Sublime. We try to go back to the roots of music."

Each group and single artist was judged on a scale of 30 points in categories such as musicianship, originality and appeal. The panel of judges included resident advisers from various dorms, dorm residents and members of ASI.

"I think it's neat that the dorms are putting on this event," said Angela Schacatano, a judge and intern with ASI events. "It's cool to see the different bands and all their different styles of music."

Habanero, winner of the band section of the competition, received $100 and was offered the chance to play at the upcoming "BMX and Band Blowout" on May 22. The group boasted a very hard reggae sound, similar to the Expendables. Smooth Keb, who played acoustic guitar and sang, received $50 as the winner of the solo-artist competition. His voice was very soothing, with a slight jazz emphasis.

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Local band Longview (above) put up a good fight, but in the end it was Habanero who came out victorious in the Battle of the Bands.

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They have a history — when Jackson was coaching the Bulls and Van Gundy the Knicks.

"Who cares about us? We're just coaching our teams," Van Gundy said. "We never misconstrue the heat of competition. I have tremendous respect for their individual players, him as a coach and their organization."

Regarding animosity between the Lakers and Rockets, Van Gundy said:

"This is tame. This is good will among men."

Softball

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in our conference."

Hiively pitched six innings Saturday, picking up another close save, 3-2, by allowing one earned run, six hits and one walk.

Hiively pitched again in the first game of Sunday's doubleheader for a 7-1 win, and the Mustangs continued to trample UCSB, winning the second game 6-0.

The series sweep gives the team momentum heading into the upcoming Big West Games and increases their chances for nationals, Vaia said.

Four other starting freshmen are blossoming Hiively up — Jesa Gros, Jackie Gehke-Jones, Lisa Modglin and Kristi Alvers — who have all proven versatile and dominant on both the field and at the plate. It's a young team, and when in position, the entire left side of the diamond is dominated by three of the freshman starters.

Gros was out with an elbow injury for a couple games, is back and has been hitting hot lately, Vaia said. Although she's never satisfied, and always striving to be better play­er, Gevas admitted she is pleased with her efforts this season.

Gehke-Jones has been consistent at shorthstop and went 1-for-3 with two RBIs in Sunday's second game against the Gauchos.

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third quarter when the Kings came from behind to lead for good.

"He was aggressive and he got his shots," Kings forward Chris Webber said.

"We wanted him to keep shooting."

Dallas survived two seven-game series last season, against Portland and the Kings, to advance to the Western Conference finals. Now the Mavs have to win twice just to get to a seventh game, which would be Tuesday in Sacramento.

It's a good situation for the Kings — especially considering the Mavs are just 28-27 on the road, including losses in the first two games of this series.

"We've got three to win one. We want to do it as soon as possible," Webber said. "This is the position we wanted to be in, but we've got to finish it off."

There was more disconcerting news for the Mavericks, whose pre-game entertainment skit at Club 3 is under review by the NBA, a league spokesman said Tuesday.

The girls' softball team is clearly winning in some aspects of play.

The number of wins and losses can't measure success completely, team achievements made as a whole, and in its parts are part of the equation as well.

With a handful of young, talent­ed and enthusiastic players, the team has not always lived up to expectations, Gevas said. "This is a building sea­son," she said. "We've done well this year being young. It's just going to get better."

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him as the Houston coach. The two had an angry exchange during Game 4, with Van Gundy saying afterward: "We won't be smoking the peace
Baseball @ Cal St. Fullerton 5-4, 11 innings
Baseball @ Cal State Northridge 1-0
Baseball vs. UC Irvine 4-0
Baseball & Track & Field @ Stanford All-Comers Friday-Sunday
Softball vs. Cal State Fullerton 3-0
Softball @ Cal State Fullerton 1-0
Softball @ Cal State Northridge 6-0