Halisky takes over as interim dean of CLA

**Stephanie Ikel and Rachel Musquiz**

Cal Poly President Warren Baker and Interim Provost and Vice President Robert Detweiler appointed a new interim dean for the College of Liberal Arts, Director of International Education and Programs Linda Halisky will take over the position beginning in August. She will fill in for the current dean, Harry Hellenbrand, who will begin a new position at California State University, Northridge. The position is temporary and Halisky has not yet decided whether she will apply for the permanent position. Halisky was nominated by faculty members for the job. “I’m not concerned about the college under her leadership,” Detweiler said. Halisky will fill this position for the rest of the year while the college conducts a national search for a permanent dean. Detweiler does not expect applications for the position to come in until September or October. This will give Halisky time to decide if she wants to apply. “It will depend on how I experience the job since I’m in it,” Halisky said. She served as the chair of the English department from 1994 to 2000. She is currently an English faculty member, the director of International Education and Programs and the director of the London Study program. “I have sat on the college council with a number of present chairs, so I have experience working with them,” Halisky said. She is hoping that the time spent as the English department chair will prepare her for the new position because of the significant number of faculty members she managed. The English department is one of the biggest on campus, so she has had to juggle many different hats, she said.

**ABORTION**

Anti-abortion perspective brought to campus

**Aimee Anderson**

Fliers portraying dead fetuses advise students that today is Abortion Awareness Day. The posters are sponsored by Cal Poly’s Newman Catholic Center in honor of Abortion Awareness Day, which was created to educate students about abortion from an anti-abortion perspective. Chris McGlone, director of Lifeline Crisis Pregnancy Center in San Luis Obispo, will speak in the Performing Arts Center, room 124, at 7 p.m. in promotion of the anti-abortion movement.

“In the time that I’ve been here, this is the first event like it that is not pro-choice,” said mechanical engineering senior and event affiliate Jim Coles. “We want to get information out there. There are a lot of misconceptions about abortion,” event participated and math senior Theresa Migler said. “It’s OK if people are pro-life or pro-choice, as long as they’re informed.”

Still, other students hope to convey a predominantly anti-abortion message. “Abortion is not better for women,” McGlone said. “People simply don’t have the facts.”

McGlone said if people stopped “speaking in euphemisms” and began using plain language when discussing abortion, people would be more receptive to the anti-abortion message. He cited partial-birth abortions as an example. “Don’t call it an ‘intact dilation and extraction,’ she said. “Don’t call it an ‘intact dilation and extraction’ when we looked at the plaza we saw a very unique opportunity to bring people together,” said Amy Hewes, director of publicity and publications for the College of Engineering. It is privately funded through alumni donations and other fundraising activities.

“Like most places, you could just put up buildings and throw a lot of cement down and call it a day, but when we looked at the plaza we saw a very unique opportunity to bring people together,” said Amy Hewes, director of publicity and publications for the College of Engineering.

The plaza will be set near the library, among existing buildings, such as the Advanced Technologies Laboratories and Engineering III, and planned buildings, such as the Bonderson Student Projects Building and Engineering IV, both scheduled for construction next year. “The plaza goes in conjunction with other buildings that are going up,” Hewes said. “The buildings create this space.” Engineering III and IV are both state-funded projects, but the Bonderson Student Projects Building is funded largely by electrical engineering alumnus Paul Bonderson, who donated $5 million in funds matched by the state.

The plaza, however, is the brain-child of Jeffrey Gordon Smith, a Cal Poly landscape architecture alumnus. Smith told Engineering Advantage, the College of Engineering’s biannual publication, that he hopes the plaza will not only unify the facilities themselves, but also “foster conductive and interdisciplinary collaboration.”

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— AMY HEWES COE director of publicity

I think the students ought to know that this is a project that really raises the College of Engineering above the ordinary, and it works to further our notion of what project-based learning is,” Hewes said. “That alone makes us a leader in undergraduate education.”

The plaza is also an artistic venture. Because the space between the buildings roughly resembles the shape of California, Smith decided to create different regions of landscaping meant to represent different areas of the state. Regions will be dedicated to Northern, Central and Southern California, along with a Sierra Nevada Region. “Jeffrey Smith was extremely instrumental in pushing forward this very creative design, but people embraced it right away,” Hewes said. “Like any other generation of students, a lot of students want to both express their own views and identify with the region they come from.”

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**LAST DAY TO VOTE IS TODAY**

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ideas, you might have a spark created by just the opening of the plaza itself, and you have somebody who comes up with an idea, and people work together to build a collaborative vision.

The plaza is also a means of permanently honoring engineering alumni, who, by donating various amounts of money to the project, will have their names engraved in the plaza stones. Hewes said a number of tiles have already been sold.

Current engineering students who wish to contribute are encouraged to do so.

"If they want to get in and have their name remembered for all eternity, they can buy a tile or go in and extract," call for what it really is, which is essentially a doctor sticking a needle into the back of an unborn baby’s skull, swirling around his brains, dismembering him and cutting up against the wall of his skull, swirling around his brains, dismembering him and cutting up against the wall of his skull and to make sure that college-based money for the college.

We selected all of the information booth on Dexter Lawn from 9 a.m. to noon and from 12 noon to 3 p.m. in the University Union.

"We selected all of the information for the booth to be non-confrontational with no graphic pictures," Migler said. "We want this day to be welcoming to both pro-choice and pro-life students."

McGlone said he feels students will be very receptive of his group’s message.

"I think both sides like to bat the other side and say that people are close-minded, but I think people simply don’t have the facts," McGlone said.

UmMcGlone said lively fiddler often seen playing downtown, will perform near the information booth during UU Hour to make the event more festive and draw more support.

"We just really want to give a good name to the pro-life movement," Migler said. "It seems like with the anniversary of Roe v. Wade there has been a lot of vocalization on the pro-choice side, and it doesn’t seem there has been much of a response on campus for the pro-life side," Migler said.

"We want to show that there is a pro-life presence here on campus."

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"(Halisky) has a great reputation as a teacher and a wonderful reputation as an adviser," Hellenbrand said. "I think she will do a great job."

The biggest challenge, she said, will be handling the state's education budget crisis; however, she is looking forward to working with the students.

"I think the students will be the ongoing turbulent changes in the college and familiarization new faculty with Cal Poly. Before leaving, Hellenbrand will help with Halisky's transition and provide tips on how to handle the budget, tenure promotion and advancement issues, including money for the college."

Hellenbrand will continue carrying out his responsibilities through spring quarter.

"The main thing we’re trying to do is make sure the IRA (Instructional Related Activities) budget is decent for the next year and to make sure that college-based fees are delegated properly," he said.

Other issues Halisky will face will be the ongoing turbulent changes in the college and familiarization new faculty with Cal Poly.
State Briefs

LOS ANGELES — The amount of trade moving through Southern California's air and sea ports should hit record levels this year, but the added cargo will worsen traffic and railway jams unless infrastructure improvements are made, according to a study released Wednesday.

The value of goods moving through the Los Angeles Customs District, which includes the ports of Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Diego Harbor and three international airports, should hit $262.3 billion this year, an increase of 11 percent more than $235 billion in 2003, according to the study by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp.

But despite the favorable trade forecast, the study raised concerns over the potential loss of 28,000 jobs by 2006 if steps are not taken to expand the infrastructure at the Los Angeles-area ports and the railways and highways used to ferry goods.

SACRAMENTO — A much-anticipated plan to reform the state's mammoth public health program for the poor will be ready for review next week as part of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's revised budget proposal, officials said Wednesday.

The Medi-Cal reform plan, which needs approval of both the federal government and the Legislature, is expected to call for higher co-payments and new limits on care for enrollees of the system. The governor also wants to impose new regulation on care for blind and disabled and may also seek a cap on enrollment.

Medi-Cal reform comes forward as key lawmakers Wednesday also considered new legislation aimed at preventing fraud in the $30 billion public health program.

Meanwhile, a state watchdog agency issued a report critical of the state's oversight of health and human service programs.

SACRAMENTO — Plymouth voters have recalled the mayor and two city council members who supported a pact with an Indian tribe that wants to build a casino in the gateway town to Sierra foothill wine country.

It's the latest reminder in a long-running battle that has split the town, Amador County and the tribe, and led to twin recall elections that made, according to a study released Wednesday, the only way to avoid another disputed presidential election in November.

But the commission's chairman said he didn't expect the bipartisan panel would issue national standards requiring paper receipts when it makes preliminary recommendations next week, followed by more detailed guidelines next month.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Coffee giant Starbucks has been trying its best to promote socially responsible corporate policy on grower rights and environmental ethics, but it apparently fell on deaf ears in a neighborhood where devotion to social causes runs high.

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A Starbucks spokeswoman emphasized "this type of incident is extremely rare."

National Briefs

WASHINGTON — Private employers are introducing domestic-partner health insurance benefits to gay workers at the rate of three companies a day, according to a study by the educational arm of a gay rights advocacy group.

The analysis by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation found more than 1,000 private employers and colleges and universities added domestic-partner benefits in 2003, 18 percent more than the year before.

Some 40 percent of the Fortune 500 companies now offer domestic-partner benefits, including nearly 70 percent of the 50 top businesses.

Employers in all states should soon expect to see an effect from the Massachusetts Supreme Court decision legalizing marriage for same-sex couples, according to the report being released Thursday.

WASHINGTON — Scientists told a federal panel Wednesday that electronic voting isn't completely reliable and suggested a backup paper system might be the only way to avoid another disputed presidential election in November.

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World Briefs

JERUSALEM — Israel's Housing Ministry has spent millions of dollars on unauthorized construction in the West Bank, a government report said Wednesday, leading the attorney general to impose a new way of monitoring settlement spending.

Also Wednesday, the Palestinian legislature fired a high-ranking official it accused of corruption. It was the first time lawmakers dismissed a senior official for corruption.

In Gaza, two Palestinians were killed and 16 — including a news photographer — were wounded in Israeli-Palestinian violence.

ABU GHRAIB, Iraq — The commander of U.S.-run prisons in Iraq apologized Wednesday for the abuse of prisoners by American guards and said he will invite observers from the Red Cross and Iraqi government into Abu Ghraib prison.

Inmates shouted protests about mistreatment as Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Miller led journalists through the lockup, the scene of photographs that showed Iraqi prisoners being abused by smiling U.S. guards.

STAR CITY, Russia — American astronaut Michael Foale, just back from six months aboard the international space station, said Wednesday that only a demanding work program would justify spending a full year in space.

Russia is pressing NASA to agree to extend crew stays on the space station from the current six months to one year, which would free up places on its Soyuz crew capsules for paying space tourists.

ATHENS, Greece — Three bombs exploded outside a police station Wednesday in a series of timed blasts, causing serious damage and rattling security forces just 100 days before the Olympic Games. No injuries were reported.

The pre-dawn explosions, which occurred within a half-hour, came before events to mark the final stretch to the Aug. 13-29 Olympics. An anonymous caller to an Athens newspaper warned of the attacks about 10 minutes in advance, but gave no motive or claim of responsibility.

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**CPTV**
Grant language could limit academic freedom

Top universities protest foundation's language, changes could prohibit partisan lectures or films

Justin Pope
Associated Press

When evidence surfaced last year that grants from a prominent charitable foundation had funded a radical Palestinian group, Jewish leaders called for new restrictions to prevent grant money from being used to support terrorists.

But now some top universities are presenting language the Ford Foundation has added to its grant conditions, saying the changes could threaten academic freedom by inhibiting campus presentations of partisan lectures or films.

In a letter sent to the New York-based foundation last week, the presidents of nine prominent schools — including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and MIT — said they're not in a position to regulate everything said by students and faculty members who benefit from Ford grants.

"Whatever university administrators may think of the merits of the political views expressed, these fall under the protection of freedom of academic speech," they wrote.

Several other universities, including the University of Michigan, have privately raised similar concerns, though the Ford Foundation said more than two dozen universities have signed the new grant agreements without comment.

A similar protest was lodged with the smaller Rockefeller Foundation, which implemented similar changes in its policies. The two foundations donated a combined $3.8 billion to higher education last year.

The controversy began last fall when the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, a news service, reported that Ford money had supported several groups that engaged in anti-Israel activities at a 2003 UN conference.

In November, after meeting with Jewish leaders, Ford announced it would cut funding for a group called the Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights, and would add language to grant agreements prohibiting recipients from promoting violence, terrorism, big-otry or calls for the destruction of any nation-state.

Jewish groups reiterated this week that they consider the foundations' steps reasonable. They also emphasized that, as private entities, the foundations can attach any strings they wish to their contributions.

"My first reaction was that this was a bit of a scare tactic, that if universities are in fact sponsoring or promoting film festivals which in some way celebrate violence or bigotry, then perhaps they've begun to lose their moral compass," said David Harris, executive director of the American Jewish Committee.

Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, called it a "perversion" to suggest support for terrorism falls under academic freedom.

Other schools to sign the protest's letter were Stanford, Cornell, Columbia and the Universities of Chicago and Pennsylvania.

Alex Wilde, a spokesman for the Ford Foundation, said his organization is committed to academic freedom and plans to discuss the concerns with the schools.

A Rockefeller spokesman said he believes the language is reasonable. He said it was added as part of a regular review to make sure its funds are used appropriately, as well as in response to federal rules that govern dealings with organizations that support terrorism.

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Justin Pope

appetite suppressant smoothie. exploding blender drenched his paper with an excuse. That was a three-strikes-you're-out rule.

That's partly because students work hard there and carry a heavy extracurricular load, so claims of stress ring true. The school also has a strong honor code, so excuses are assumed legitimate. When a student died recently, one teacher offered students an extension, but trusted them to use it only if they were genuinely affected.

"Our life isn't just about being a student. We're daughters, we're friends," said Lisa Gitragost, a sophomore neuroscience major from North Scituate, R.I.

Life crisis aside, many think plain old sloth is the real problem.

A national student survey recently found that nearly two-thirds of students spent 15 hours or fewer per week doing coursework, and about 20 percent of both freshmen and seniors claimed to spend fewer than five hours per week. For the truly lazy, a feature on the Web site student.com generates automatic excuses requesting e-mails. Users pick the phrases they want, asking for "a bit of slack" or a "slight favor" because they "have SO much work to do" and could never finish the assignment "in the complete way you deserve."

As an isolated phenomenon it might not be so serious, but it has to be seen in the overall context of diminishing expectations," said Bradford Wilson, executive director of the National Association of Scholars, a group that wants, asking for "a bit of slack" or a "slight favor" because they "have SO much work to
drafts. If a final version is lost in a computer crash, he expects an earlier version.

The change has cut back on the excuses he hears.

"I do think (students) need to learn how to manage their time; they do need to meet their commitments. That's one of the things we hope to teach them," Joseph said. "But there's also a recognition that everybody's human."
Award winners will receive $500 and a plaque. These awards will be presented at the "Distinguished Lecturer Award." The award is given annually to Cal Poly lecturers in all departments. Criteria:

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Nomination Deadline: May 14, 2004
To nominate someone, send your nomination through campus mail to: Dorothy Pippin, CFA, Building 38-141 or email your nomination to: dippin@calpoly.edu. Award winners will receive $500 and a plaque. These awards will be presented at the CFA End of Year Barbecue to be held in Cuesta Park on Tuesday, June 8.

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So many have them, nobody wants them. But working through roommate struggles takes more than pointing fingers. STORY BY DEVIN KINGDON. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY NATHAN CASWELL.
When it comes to roommates, confrontation isn’t the key

Everyone has roommates problems. Some have had hygiene. Some leave the kitchen destroyed. Some have just something annoying about them. Sometimes the issues are funny, but sometimes they are serious and possibly dangerous.

"I met my roommate through a current roommate’s family friend from the Valley," agricultural science senior Hilary Beck said. "My first impression was weird, but tolerable. I soon found out that he had the mentality of a 15-year-old in a 26-year-old’s body. He had never lived more than a mile away from home."

Beck said he was to go by a different name, and himself constantly and like to fry everything he ate. He called it his "whorehouse, get tramp out of here!" He was impossible to reason with, nothing could calm her down. She went screaming out of the house. She said two hours later she returned crying with chocolate and a long letter of apology. She said he let it go the first time, but the repeated the behavior often. He got the point that he would not leave his room.

"I saw her out to the bars the night before and got back around 2:30 a.m.," he said. "I was at a party and came home earlier and passed out in my bed. The next day she came into my room and told me that last night her room was so cold and because mine had a space-heater, she pushed me over to the side of the bed and got in with me. She woke up earlier than I did and left before I even knew she was there. This was the point where my parents told me I needed to leave the house."

They may be rude, but they’re not going away that easily. If you don’t approach your annoying roommate using a logical approach, the problem may never end.

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If you want to nominate a Cool Chick on Campus come to the Women’s Center- Upstairs U217
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A move opened up another house and he eagerly took it.

"Paying double rent for a month was nothing compared to what I had to go through in that house," he said.

Psychology professor Michael Selby said that when dealing with someone who has symptoms of bi-polarity and obsessive-compulsive behavior, the best thing to do is to recommend to a doctor about their problems.

"People experiencing these kinds of symptoms really need treatment and to be on medication," Selby said. "When living with someone like this it is best to be aware of the situation if they are experiencing the symptoms, avoid argument with them."

Selby said the actions and feelings they are expressing are the way they release their anxiety, and attempting to stop them can often exacerbate the problem.

"If you as a roommate can predict what kind of actions set them off, try to avoid those things," Selby said. "But once they are in that manic state, there isn't anything they can do, or anything you can do. Roommates are not clinical professionals; all they can do is talk to the person when they are less symptomatic and advise them to seek help."

Roommate Conway experienced the frustration of living with a difficult roommate.

"I think the hardest part was having to use my phone all the time," Conway said. "He was completely non-verbal, not talking at a normal voice for more than five minutes, early in the morning and just lay in bed talking at a normal voice for more than a half-hour. His girlfriend also stayed in his room for a full week."

"Even with all this and boogers on the shower wall, the main problem was his lack of communication," Rauch said. "He was completely non-verbal, and not only was he unable to communicate his problems to me, but he was unable to ever listen to what I had to say. He would put me on silent treatment waiting for me to approach him. I was tired of it."

In this situation, speech communication department chair James Conway said to try and make every opportunity available for interpersonal communication.

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Rauch said his roommate used to get up set when he'd come in around midnight and make some slight noises while he removed his belt buckle getting ready for bed.

"He wouldn't ever directly say anything about it, but he would make lots of groans and grunting noises and flip over violently in his bed," Rauch said.

Rauch said his roommate would also answer his girlfriend's phone calls early in the morning and just lay in bed talking at a normal voice for more than a half-hour. His girlfriend also stayed in his room for a full week.

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"But what if even this fails? "Giving up on a person is extreme and a ways down the road," Conway said. "It's reasons like these that there are so many roommate changes after the first year in the dorms."

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Censorship in cartoons reflects other bans

**Commentary**


But not according to some newspapers across the country that decided whether or not to print Garry Trudeau's Doonesbury comic strip that featured in lead character, B.D., having his leg amputated as a soldier in Iraq.

Some of the 1,400 newspapers in which Doonesbury runs, including the Lawrence Journal-World, debated whether or not to publish the comic strip because of some vulgar language it contained. After B.D. regained consciousness in the strip, he exclaimed "son of a bitch" when he found out about his amputated leg.

Brack, managing editor of the Lawrence Journal-World, said the newspaper decided to publish the strip after a long discussion.

The Lawrence Journal-World decided to run the comic, Brack said, because the opinion page, on which the comic would be published, had different standards than other pages. The language it contained was the context of the comic strip, Brack said.

Both The Wichita Eagle and The Topkea Capital-Journal printed an edited version of the strip. The Wichita Eagle ran B.D. saying "Son of a b---h." and The Topkea Capital-Journal wrote "Son of a..."

Phillip Brownlee, The Wichita Eagle opinion editor, said the newspaper edited the cartoon because it edited anything on the opinion page for language. A cartoon is no different, he said.

"People still knew, I think, what the character was saying," Brownlee said.

The editor of the Tallahassee Democrat said in an online discussion room run by the newspaper that his newspaper wouldn't run the strip. "It's the job, when the strip came out on April 23, Jerry Duff, an editor at the Tallahassee Democrat, and editorial staff members had changed their minds.

This newspaper decided to publish the strip because the day before it published a Mallard Fillmore comic that contained the letters "S.O.B." Duff said.

The Anchorage Daily News didn't run the strip because it felt the vulgar language was unnecessary. The Duluth News Tribune pulled the strip altogether.

These newspapers that decided to run the strip in its entirety upheld their obligation to the First Amendment and their readers.

For the entire life of the comic strip, which Trudeau created in 1970, the political angle has pushed limits.

There was a series of strips in which Trudeau called Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, R-Calif., "GonkenFurber" referring to the allegations made in the Los Angeles Times of Schwarzenegger's alleged groping scandals during his campaign for governor and his father's relationship with the Nazi Party of Germany.

The First Amendment is supposed to protect all speech, not just political speech. All of these obscenity issues have gotten out of hand — from Janet Jackson's exposed breast to Howard Stern being taken off the air it seems like there is a conspiracy against comics and magazines.

Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., has authored legislation to strengthen obscenity standards. Shouldn't the free market decide what to see or hear and what not to see or hear?

Let the free market decide if there truly is no place in society for minor offenses such as Trudeau's comic strip. If what is being shown offends people, then they shouldn't read the comic strip, buy the newspaper, watch the television show or listen to the radio show.

However, it can't impede other people's rights to watch, read or listen to it.

**Extreme slogans hurt movement**

**Commentary**

"Spider guns' a silly solution"

**Commentary**

Humanity has had some pretty bad ideas: let's see, the Nazi's, the Ku Klux Klan, the children's book, inventing things that actually were not deemed to be of "The Leprecoon" minus reality television, polka and those obnoxious arcade dance games.

But a spider web gun?

Here's an example of a cop who might have dropped the donut crumbs on his marvel comic book.

The "invention idea" stems from the California State Highway Patrol trying to solve the problem when a man held up traffic for hours threatening to jump off the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. Their hope is that a gun that is able to shoot a spider-like web — a spider gun — could be used to catch would-be bridge jumpers.

The idea (and most brilliant idea come from) was brought to light by a local radio talk-show host in the bay area.

Heck, maybe I'll be wrong in five years, but I can just see Officer Inspector Gadget running to a bridge, whipping out his Netfluster 6000 and firing a web at some person before they dive.

Have you ever seen someone who could give it a shot? I'm going to guess that's what firing a web in an attempt to rescue someone would be like 100 percent of the time.

"Stupid until the sugar jumpers, sans. Pepper spray, good idea. NIL 5000, probably too.

But as of now, there has been a request for the proposal to create one.

Why not, right? It could potentially work. Suicide is an evil and any tool to prevent it is a good idea to consider.

But what if it doesn't work?

Let's say there is a person who wants to end their life by jumping off a bridge. They obviously emotionally unstable, and there stand waiting on the edge of the bridge. Then they see an officer run until he's about 10 feet from them, whip out a funky looking gun and fire some flimsy looking web. What's going to happen?

A) They are going to be captured by the net and a life will be saved.

B) The startling presence of a huge gun pointed at them, and the even more unnerving experience of having a web shot in their general direction, will knock them off the bridge.

This isn't baseball — three out of 10 bridge jumpers are not good.

A "spider gun" probably will do more harm than good, if it is even possible to create. And how do you test something like this? It's not like a car crash dummy test. It is pretty hard to simulate what a potential jumper would do. Plus, if it really were that effective — saving bridge jumpers across the country — we wouldn't just find another way to harm themselves without dealing with the Whac-Teenager Delusion?

Money should instead be spent in an attempt to improve society and provide counseling and support functions for potential suicide victims.

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The end of romance at Cal Poly

Commentary

Ah, the timeless story of love at Cal Poly. It always starts the same. Boy meets girl. Boy seduces girl with Firestone's fries. Boy booty calls girl at 3 a.m. Boy bangs girl twice a day for three months. Boy endlessly dunks the "Relationship Classifying Hymn" inside her heart and runs away with a pool boy and sexy sorority seductress.

A girl swears off boys as worthless wretches and turns to a better fit of vibrators, porn and lesbianism. Does this sound familiar? Unfortunately, it happens all the time.

From an outsider's point of view, the blame for such relationship catastrophes easily could be placed on the shoulders of either partner. But both parties are guilty because they always go straight to the wandering nature of the college man, the eternal and virtual brute, the cause of womanly heartache since time immemorial.

Frankly, I think guys are getting a bum rap.

So, for the sake of harmony and love on this campus and everywhere, let's make love not war. Let's all just get on the same page for too long. You see, a box of condoms doesn't keep track of exactly how many women we've had sex with. We are constantly comparing this running total with that of other guys, as well the sexual benches we get from Maxim and gods like Wilt Chamberlain. Spending too much time dilly-dallying with the same girlfriend can cause us to slip in the standings and lose our much-needed machismo.

In addition, we divide our sex into categories: hot and nasty, drunk and sober, do-it-yourself and one-night-stands. As a man gets older he must balance these opposing forces. If a man feels like he's had too much relationship sex and isn't enough one-night-stands, his internal instinct will cause him to break up.

You see, guys are in constant need of someone I like to call "new sex," which coincidentally is the polar opposite of "girlfriend sex." And while either of the two is better than the dreaded "no sex," the desire for "new sex" is enough to put the itch into the pants of even the most devoted relationship man.

The end of romance at Cal Poly. It always starts the same.

Letters to the Editor

Heros are mostly good for business

Let us praise Pat Tillman. Let us admire and mourn him, our great fallen hero. Let us fill entire sports columns, talk shows and news segments with his name.

Let us grieve Pat Tillman's death and be awed by his sacrifice. Let us broadcast his personal history frame by frame, televise his memorial service. Let us lift him up as the great example for all to follow, the man who dared turn down money and instead followed his heart.

The end of vocationalism could easily be placed on heroes who make war taste good, thus he is good for business. Pat is unlike the shady bunch of characters. He makes war taste good, thus he is good for business. Pat is unlike the shady bunch of characters who fabricate for our rampant philandering.

Weary women, consider yourselves out of our svstem before we do something stupid like get married or have a child. And never think any of this is because of you personally. It has nothing to do with the particular girl. It's all about building memories when we hang up ourcondom sack and retire the sex age of the over 30. There's nothing more depressing than the thought of starting at a new workplace and experiencing the same old in the mirror, only to realize that you didn't bone enough back in the day to buy Porches and get divorces. It's the only way to cope.

If you are a woman, that men are as nimble and slippery as we are when it comes to commitment, every oil prices are less hook-up is actually bringing us one step closer to the women we'll be picking up when the Casanova wars, and celebrate in our selfish promiscuities. Some do not have children at all, and we'll need somebody to clean us up and civilize us on the other side. That somebody could just be you.

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A solution to the fossil fuel shortage

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Liza Sullivan 6-14-04

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The Mustangs powered through the first 10 minutes of the half, putting some quick points on the board as flyhalf John Kennard passed to sophomore Chris Williams for the first try of the game. Cal had no problem matching that with a try of its own just three minutes later.

The rest of the half was intense. Cal had some good breaks at their end of the field, while Cal Poly captain John Kollerer and flanker Tony Ferrella led the team and helped keep the game close with some good tackles and setting up good opportunities.

But even key Mustang players like Ronnie Rosser, who was playing with a sprained ankle, or Laurenites, who played after suffering concussions and Loren Brown could not come down with a few big plays by the Golden Bears, who scored two more times.

Before the end of the half, though, Williams plopped through three defenders and scored between the posts, putting Cal Poly back into its groove, only to be squashed by a Cal penalty kick that ended the half.

Down 22-14 at the start of the second, Cal Poly gave up another quick try that forced them to play catch-up the rest of the game. Showing true heart, hurting with several injuries and exhausted from a fierce game the day before, the Mustangs never gave up and did not disappoint.

Ferrella, who played with a broken right hand in a cast, Wes Salter and Kollerer hooked up for one last try on a thrilling play, bringing the score to 32-19. With only a few minutes remaining, the Bears scored again and won the title 46-24.

“It really fulfilling because we have overcome a lot and worked really hard — there’s no shame in second,” prop Kevin Lowns said. “We made some minor mistakes, Cal’s a great team and you can’t make mistakes against teams like that.”

“Both teams played really good, we just ended up on top,” Cal lock Colin Wilker said “I thought it was one of the better games we played all season.”

For the most part Mustang players and the tons of fans that came out to support them weren’t too disappointed with the loss.

The rugby team finished second in its first-ever trip to the Final Four.

Commentary

You think you know, but you have no idea: This is the life of an intramural referee. Intra-mural sports, where do we begin? Watching it is like staring at a bulldog in the face. There’s something there to dislike, but man, it’s ugly.

We hear the players’ responses to refs countless. There was even a men’s Division I soccer team last year that had to forfeit its win in the playoff semifinals game because the ref said they had “complained too much.”

But why do we refer? What do they think about the players? A couple basketball and flag football ref talked about the phenomenon that is intramural.

“People get very intense,” basketball ref Felix Johnson said about intramural basketball. “In D-I, they know they’re going to lose. In D-III it gets more toughy-toughy with hugs and kisses. And D-III... well... there’s about five fouls and three travels every time they call a foul. We’re guaranteed a travel, double-dribble and call the ball on the carry on the pass.”

In other words, these guys suck. A referee favorite is the guy who spends their little saving, after paying for books and stuff, on gear and accessories trying to look all that and a box of Jupitles. All that male ego can lead to problems.

“Some guys call all decided out, just for show,” flag football ref Adam Mabey said. “There’s definitely some athletes out here... but if it gets out of hand, I calmly tell them to cool down. When they fight I remind them it’s intramural. Not a big deal.”

Every once in a while a fight does break out. What is the proper ref response?

“There was this one guy that set a screen, but it was a moving screen,” Johnson said. “The other guy got up and just hit him.”

Another ref blurred out, “We let them fight a while. We don’t get paid enough to get hit.”

The funny thing is, it’s true. All the refs are Cal Poly students, officiating sports they love for little pay.

Usually the trash talking in intramural is pretty minimal, but the physical sure isn’t lacking.

“Yeah, there was an incident recently. There was this table set up on the field for people to check in,” Mabey said. “This guy goes for a pass and it is too close to the side. He just nails the table and the Gatorade-jug water goes everywhere.”

Just one obstacle on the sideline, and the ref must go through a “rigorous pre-game check in,” Mayberry said. “This guy walks over like Shaq on TV — taking out heads.”

D-III, they throw elbows like they see on TV — taking out heads. D-II I they throw elbows like they see on TV — taking out heads. For the most part, intramural football is competitive at any level. In the spring time there is just one division, but in fall there are multiple levels. The other spring intramural sports are baseball, football, soccer and tennis.

The difference between basketball divisions is probably the greatest, the ref said.

“Sometimes guys have played wrong for many years,” Johnson said. “And they don’t realize it until we call travel or a foul when they use their elbows. They don’t know it’s illegal. In D-III they throw elbows like they see Shaq on TV — taking out heads.”

The refs must go through a “rigorous three-day training” to get ready for the madness, Johnson said.

“In D-III, there are very good competition. A lot of guys played in high school and want the same level of competition. From D-II up to D-4, you have to step up.”

Another ref remarked with laughter, “We have to step our game up as well.”

One ref then commented sarcastically about fighting with another ref.

“You’re getting the true Hollywood story?”

The most fun part of the job? The ref asked what will remain an anonymous ref.

“Furrician,” he quickly answered.

“These are a lot of fun. And the end of the year pizza party.”

You thought you knew, but you had no idea.

Rambles: “Spider-Man” movie logos on major league pitching rubbers and bases — are you kidding me? What’s next? Is Ralph Palermo going to come out of the dugout with a Viagra logo embroidered on his groin?... What else would she like to see USC receiver Mike Williams in college another year? Win a Heisman, win a solo national championship and become the first pick. When did that ever become second to a payday?"

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The good, bad, and ugly of intramurals

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Liza Sullivan 6-14-04

Last weekend marked the first time the Cal Poly rugby team ever reached the Final Four, but the dream season ended with a rude awakening as the Mustangs lost in Saturday’s national championship to Cal, 46-24.

The Mustangs powered through the first 10 minutes of the half, putting some quick points on the board as flyhalf John Kennard passed to sophomore Chris Williams for the first try of the game. Cal had no problem matching that with a try of its own just three minutes later.

The rest of the half was intense. Cal had some good breaks at their end of the field, while Cal Poly captain John Kollerer and flanker Tony Ferrella led the team and helped keep the game close with some good tackles and setting up good opportunities.

But even key Mustang players like Ronnie Rosser, who was playing with a sprained ankle, or Laurenites, who played after suffering concussions and Loren Brown could not come down with a few big plays by the Golden Bears, who scored two more times.

Before the end of the half, though, Williams plopped through three defenders and scored between the posts, putting Cal Poly back into its groove, only to be squashed by a Cal penalty kick that ended the half.

Down 22-14 at the start of the second, Cal Poly gave up another quick try that forced them to play catch-up the rest of the game. Showing true heart, hurting with several injuries and exhausted from a fierce game the day before, the Mustangs never gave up and did not disappoint.

Ferrella, who played with a broken right hand in a cast, Wes Salter and Kollerer hooked up for one last try on a thrilling play, bringing the score to 32-19. With only a few minutes remaining, the Bears scored again and won the title 46-24.

“It really fulfilling because we have overcome a lot and worked really hard — there’s no shame in second,” prop Kevin Lowns said. “We made some minor mistakes, Cal’s a great team and you can’t make mistakes against teams like that.”

“Both teams played really good, we just ended up on top,” Cal lock Colin Wilker said “I thought it was one of the better games we played all season.”

For the most part Mustang players and the tons of fans that came out to support them weren’t too disappointed with the loss.

The rugby team finished second in its first-ever trip to the Final Four.