Barley, hops and Mustang baseball

During the last nine games of the 2005 baseball season, beer will be made available to students of drinking age
Kristen Oato
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly may not be able to claim "dry campus" status soon. Starting April 29, for the last nine baseball games of the 2005 season, there will be a trial period where beer will be made available to students and the community at concession stands.

Associated Students Inc. proposed the student-driven initiative, and it has been in the works since the middle of the 2004 season.

"Students have wanted to see alcohol on campus for a very long time," said ASI President Blake Bolton. “The plan went through several different channels from President Baker to the athletics department, and then one was opposed to the idea. When the new athletics director was hired earlier this year, the plan finally came together, Bolton said.

Since it is just a trial period, the university policy has not been made official.

"It got to the point where everyone involved was comfortable with the idea, and we just went from there," said Interim Associate Athletics Director Chris Baker.

Although ASI initiated the plan, the idea originally came from Cal Poly students and the community. "Serving beer at baseball games is something that affects students and the community," Bolton said. "As students, we've proven that we are responsible enough to warrant this change. This is a significant alteration that allows everyone to be able to have a beer while they watch the games."

Gas prices soar, hurting small businesses

The average price for gas has gone up about 19 cents in the last three weeks
Alicia Chang
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LOS ANGELES — Gas prices soared an average 19 cents in the past three weeks due to lingering high crude oil prices, growing demand and higher refining costs, an industry analyst said Sunday.

The average retail price for all three grades increased 18.95 cents to $2.32 per gallon between March 18 and Friday, said Tolly Lundberg, who publishes the semimonthly Lundberg Survey of 7,100 gas stations around the country.

The most popular grade, self-serve regular, was priced at $2.29 a gallon, while customers paid $2.38 for midgrade. Premium averaged $2.48 a gallon for the period.

Crude prices, which briefly reached $38 last week, are likely to stay above $50 a barrel well into next year, Lundberg said.

"It's very possible that unless crude oil prices show another upturn, then gas prices may have hit their peak already or will soon," he said.

Rising gas prices are hitting small businesses, people, said Mike Motroni, board member and civil engineering junior. "The bill does not alter the way we operate; it only insures that we can maintain our current practice."

ASI's legal counsel advised the officials that changing the by-law would bring the corporation into legal compliance with its current operating procedures, ASI Executive Director Rick Johnson said at the meeting.

"There is no real change in the way ASI operates because of the nature of the change was to bring ASI's governing documents into compliance with the way that ASI has historically operated," said Greg Van Dyke, chairman of the Board of Directors and agricultural business graduate. "This will ensure the success of future administrations and positively effect the organization in allowing the ASI president and executive staff to work most efficiently to address student concerns and needs."

The bill did not pass without strong division and opposition at the Board of Directors meeting. The bill, which needed a 65-1/2 majority vote, was passed 15 to 7.

"I voted against this bill because I believed that there was nothing to be gained by abolishing the vice presidency and replacing it with an unelected position," said Will Black, board member and business administration junior. "Almost everyone, including most of the sup-
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porters of this bill, agreed that the current system was working perfect­
ly fine. That being the case, why fix something that isn't broken?"

During the meeting, members discussed the difference between ASI
as a corporation and ASI as a student representative. "Theoretically there is no differ­
ence between the two," said Tyler Middlestadt, ASI vice president
and architectural engineering senior. "The student representatives are the leadership of the corporation. Realistically, the two roles are quite
different."

ASI in a corporation provides programs and services through the University Union, Rec Center, sports complex and children's center. The board of directors makes busi­
ness management decisions; approving annual budgets and audits, creat­
ing new positions and allocating resources.

The student representatives, who are the same people with a different hat, are responsible for representing the views of the students within their colleges to the board when making those decisions," Middlestadt said. "They are expected to be in close communication with their college student council and are expected to represent, to the best of their ability, the views of their com­

The struggle for board members is that they have this dual responsibil­
ity, determining when and how the representative role interfaces with the corporate board of directors role. This has been a struggle that ASI has dealt with and it was at the center of the debate regarding this bill. Middlestadt said.

"The catch is that regardless of the views of their constituents, the board of directors has a fiduciary responsibility to do what's best for the corporation, which is not neces­
sarily always what's best for their constituents," Middlestadt said.

One argument is whether or not changing the election ballot will take away from students' choice on who represents them in ASI. "I think students like the idea of being able to vote for a president and a vice president because of the fact that if the president is not able to do his or her job, then the vice president, who was also elected by the students, can take the place of the president," Weatherford said.

"The new system is inherently undemocratic because the chief of staff, who is appointed by the presi­
dent, has the authority to determine to take the place of the president if the situation arises. Many students find it to be outrageous that a situa­tion could arise where a person whom they did not elect, the chief of staff, could be the one representa­ing," Van Dyke said. "Van Dyke said that the change does not diminish the student voice and that the consumer's choice remains unaltered."

"There is nothing to prohibit a presidential candidate announcing his or her chief of staff, and there should not be a difference in the way students vote," Van Dyke said. "A student should vote on issues pre­
sented by candidates and their plans of action, not on who the student is. The president controls the agenda, and his or her views are the platform that students should vote on."

Middlestadt said it is a misunder­
standing that the vice president should not have his or her own voice in the question. "The concerns supporting this bill were framed within the context of the question, 'Is the ASI vice presi­
dent solely supporting the agenda of the elected president or do we want to define the vice president as an independent leadership role?'" he said. "The bill is an attempt to mandate that the chief of staff works solely for the agenda of the president as opposed to being dually elected with a separate set of issues and pri­

Students have only been voting for the president and vice president on the same ballot for three years. "ASI went through a reorganiza­tion four years ago and the ticket system was created, we have only voted for a vice president the previ­
sion three years," Morrow said. "The purpose of the vice president is to execute the president's agenda through the ASI executive staff. The reason why they are on the ballot with the president was likely over­looked during the reorganization.

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the Los Angeles County Economic Devel­
opment Corp. Rizer said he has heard of at least one theorist who has
restricted its delivery area because of fuel costs.

Last week, the Energy Department said it expects gasoline prices to aver­
age $2.35 a gallon nationwide in May, the down of the heavy summer driving season. The Energy Information Administration reported that gasoline demand for this summer is expected to be 9.3 million barrels a day, up 1.8 percent over last summer, and the highest on record.


The company also raised its regular fuel charge for airport and other busi­ness trips by $1. Rizkalla said most people don't complain about the extra charges because they know gas has

The highest average gas price in the nation for regular unleaded was $2.62 a gallon in Bakersfield. The lowest price was $2.06 in Newark, N.J.

Among the stations surveyed, the lowest average gas price in California for regular unleaded was $2.50 a gal­

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STATE NEWS

TRANQUILITY — Shifting cargo and severe turbulence may have contributed to a plane crash last week that killed three Sumatra County businessmen, authorities said. Witnesses near the town of Tranquility, about 25 miles west of Fresno, reported hearing an explosion and the sound of an engine dying before the plane fell out of the sky on Thursday.

SAN DIEGO — The University of California, San Diego, said Thursday it will not be able to raise $7.2 million to rebuild the chancellor's ocean-view mansion. UCSD declined to say how much it had raised for the project to raise and rebuild a 11,400-square-foot home for Chancellor Marye Anne Fox. The existing home, built in 1990 and valued at $12 million, was closed last summer due to structural and seismic code deficiencies. Fox has been staying in a $6,500-a-month rental home near the campus, paid for by the university.

LOS ANGELES — A facility for the homeless is unveiling a $17 million state-of-the-art center to help the estimated 6,000 to 8,000 homeless who live downtown.

MIAMI — Christopher Shays said Sunday that too many other projects were holding up the $1 billion federal agent who assisted Rudolph for making moonshine during Prohibition. Although no one has admitted assisting Rudolph during his five years on the run in the Appalachian wilderness, investigators suspect he had help. Authorities are wondering if there will be additional prosecutions now that Rudolph is talking to authorities as part of a plea deal to spare his life.

NATIONAL NEWS

DENVER — Hundreds of travelers were stranded at the Denver airport and along highways Sunday as a blizzard blew across eastern Colorado with wet, heavy snow. Seven to 10 inches of snow was forecast in Denver and up to 30 inches was possible in the foothills west of Denver, the National Weather Service said.

WASHINGTON — Rep. Christopher Shays said Sunday that fellow Republican Tom DeLay should step down as House majority leader because his continuing ethics problems are hurting the GOP. "Tom's conduct is hurting the Republican Party and is hurting this Republican majority," Shays told The Associated Press on Sunday.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

JAKARTA, Indonesia — An undersea earthquake that hit Sunday near the Indonesian island of Sumatra sent people fleeing from their homes in panic, but the tremor was not strong enough to generate a tsunami, seismologists said.

Jerusalem — Thousands of Israeli police mobilized at Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site Sunday but confronted only a handful of Jewish extremists intent on scuttling a Gaza pullout by tying up security forces. In Gaza, militants fired dozens of mortar shells after Israeli forces killed three teenagers. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, speaking on a plane taking him to Monday's meeting with President Bush, said the mortar fire "is a flagrant violation of the understandings" reached at the February trace summit with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas.

CRATHE, Scotland — On the first day of their Scottish honeymoon, Prince Charles spotted a tartan kilt and his new bride Camilla wore a fuchsia coat and matching tank top as they wheeled up to the local parish church on Sunday.

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Prosecution relies on Jackson workers who peddled "stories" to tabloids

Linda Deutsch  ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA MARIA — Michael Jackson designed his Neverland ranch as a retreat from the prying world. But testimony at his trial shows it became a nest of backstairs intriguers and liars who abused Jackson’s trust.

The former employees have admitted they were hired by the stenographer to sell details of Jackson’s sex life with ex-wife Lisa Marie Presley to the tabloids.

They needed money to keep up with the siren song of tabloid money and sold motives, portraying them as mercenaries and liars who abused Jackson’s fame and his relationship with child actor Macaulay Culkin.

"We didn’t have any friends at the ranch," he said. "You couldn’t have friends. Everyone was spying on each other." Jackson, 46, is charged with molesting a 13-year-old boy in February or March 2003, giving him wine and compressing to hold the boy’s family captive to get them to make a video rebutting a TV documentary in which Jackson appeared with the boy and said he allowed children to sleep in his bed, although he characterized it as non-sexual. The confrontation—captured on videotape by a parent—erupted after a dance during a March 5 home game to the raunchy lyrics of "Move Somethin’" by LL Cool J.

"It was vulgar. It was like a burlesque, with bumps and grinds. I just came unglued,"Silva said he shouted at the dancers: "That’s trash. Get off the court.

DiNardo confronted Silva at the end of the game, gesturing emphatically as the two shouted at one another, John Glass, an associate athletic director, stepped between them and grabbed DiNardo’s arm.

The dancer filed a complaint with police, but authorities declined to prosecute. His angry father has hired an attorney.

"I don’t want people to lay hands on my daughter," said businessman and ex-Marine Joey DiNardo. "There’s too much dirty dancing going on," he acknowledged, but added “You don’t grab anyone or call the girls trash." Tarah DiNardo says the dancers have simply been doing what sports officials asked. "They wanted more makeup, more hair and sexier uniforms," to boost ticket sales, she said.

"That doesn’t strike me as anything we’d want," said Mark Harlan, the university’s new associate director of athletics. He said the dance team’s role is being reevaluated.

University dance team suspended for sexy moves

Dance team member claimed sports officials asked team to up the seduction factor to boost ticket sales

SAN JOSE — San Jose State has suspended its dance team after a sexy routine at a basketball game triggered a confrontation involving one of the performers. The team is suspended until it develops guidelines to repel the university "at the highest possible standard," the division of intercollegiate athletics decided last week.

The move came a month after a shouting match between an elderly alumnus and 20-year-old dancer Tarah DiNardo, whose arm was apparently bruised by a university sports official who intervened.

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"It was vulgar," said Ray Silva, 74, a San Jose businessman and major university booster. "It was like a burlesque, with bumps and grinds. I just came unglued."
The ‘Housewives’ flip out

NEW YORK (AP) — They may appear saucy and ready for summer on the May cover of Vanity Fair, but according to the magazine, the stars of ABC’s “Desperate Housewives” were actually steaming angry.

Vanity Fair’s cover proclaims: “You wouldn’t believe what it took just to get this photo!” The article acknowledges that the poolside photo-shoot, in which the five women appear in different colored bathing suits, was mandated by an ABC representative who was making sure that certain demands were met, including that Teri Hatcher didn’t select her wardrobe first or appear in the center of any group photo.

“Whenever you do the ABC photos, you’re not identified by name, so when he arrived on the set, ‘do not let Teri go to wardrobe first.’”

Despite the rep’s plea, Hatcher was the “first housewife” to visit wardrobe and she had consulted with the stylists in advance. At one point, the rep proclaimed: “This is a problem. I’m getting test messages from Eva (Longoria). Everything is not fine.”

The struggles continued once the photographer started snapping. Redhead Marcia Cross turned red-hot when she saw Hatcher standing next to her in the center of the shot, according to the article. Cross grabbed her bathing suit and stomped off, spewing expletives at the ABC rep.

Hatcher later walked to the other end of the set, where “she got into a heated, heartfelt conversation on her cell phone.”

In the fold-out May cover, which her newstands Tuesday, the center position belongs to Nicollette Sheridan, who’s flanked by Hatcher and Cross with Longoria and Felicity Huffman poised beneath them on a chair although Cross and Huffman can’t be seen when the cover is folded.

Also in the article, the women discuss the media blitz surrounding the show and its stars. Huffman believes a “Desperate” backlash is imminent while Cross just ignores it all.

“Honestly, I don’t read it,” Cross told Vanity Fair of the media coverage. “And I don’t even watch the show right now. It’s too much. It’s just too much…”

The action-adventure film, “Sahara,” starring Matthew McConaughey and Penelope Cruz, fails to impress the way similar films, such as the “Indiana Jones” series did years ago. The film opened at No. 1 at the box office last weekend.

While saving the world, they are also in search of a fabled American Civil War ship full of gold coins that somehow crossed the Atlantic Ocean and landed in Nigeria 150 years ago.

Directed by Breck Eisner, son of former Disney chief Michael Eisner, “Sahara” elicits a certain level of guilty enjoyment as we follow the trio through ridiculously unrealistic action scenes and plot holes. Rounds of ammunition, bombs and even cannonballs are fired at them, but somehow they’re able to survive without a scratch.

McConaughey jumps wildly onto speeding boats and trains and even dangles from a helicopter landing-pad tower with one hand and Cruz is still able to maintain an alluring appearance as she leaps out of a helicopter to escape the villain or jumps from a camel onto a moving train.

But the most entertaining scene of all is when Pitt and Al manipulate an abandoned airplane into a desert windsurf board. “Sahara’s” strength is the teamwork between the leads.

McConaughey and Zahn have an engaging chemistry, and together they put us in the mood for the ridiculous action sequences.

Although the film is smart enough to keep the romance to a minimum, both McConaughey and Cruz create palpable chemistry together, and it was no surprise the two fell in love both off screen and on.

While “Sahara” may not be the next Indiana Jones, it does guarantee strong acting, fast action and a silly storyline that’s a guilty-entertainment.
If gay were straight, could you change?

Stillwater, Okla. — This April Fool’s Day, the University of Nebraska’s student newspaper did their annual issue of the Daily Halftasn. As usual, the joke news stories ran the gamut from ridiculous to hilarious toPixsfound.

One particularly relevant joke story was written by Aaron Eke. It was called "Frat president proud to be ex-straight."

It told the story of a fictional character named Johnny O, who lived in an alternative universe where nine of 10 people were gay. Straights had to come out of the closet and risked abuse and persecution.

Eventually, Johnny entered a reform program for straights so he could learn to be gay — the way God intended. He gave up dating women and became proud to be ex-straight.

"Twins the brain, doesn’t it? Of course, straights are not usually in the minority anywhere. No one expects us to change."

But even those who don’t actively seek to reform gays sometimes seem to think it’d be an easy matter to become an “ex-gay.” They don’t respect the sexuality of gays and lesbians the same way they do that of straights.

"With heterosexuals, motives are always suspected. "They weren’t born that way, right?"

This question is the source of a lot of trouble.

What does it matter? Are straights born straight? Neither can be proven — and it doesn’t matter what you were when you were born. How you live your life is something that should be honored whether it’s a choice or not.

We respect other people’s faiths despite the fact that they weren’t born that way. Whether it’s a choice or an inanimate thing is irrelevant.

The attitude of people who make these assumptions has been called “heterosexualism.” It’s the assumption that everyone is straight and homosexuals are just confused and in need of some “straightening out.” A heterosexual thinks they’re not really gay, they’re just “experimenting.”

"going through a stage” or “figuring things out.”

No one doubts whether it’s “natural” or “normal” to be straight. The same can’t be said for some people’s opinions on what it’s like to be gay. You should take everyone’s opinions — mine included — with a grain of salt when they have no way of knowing what it’s like to live that life.

For many gay and lesbian friends of mine, the matter of finding out if they really were was a long, difficult, sometimes painful process. Petty prejudices and false assumptions only make this harder on them.

Believe what you want about homosexuals. No one is saying you have to befriend one, work with one or even tolerate one. You may have to later, so it might be a good thing to think about, though.

Look at it any way you want, but denying the legitimacy of a part of someone else’s personality is not going to get you anywhere.

Even if you think someone should change, it doesn’t mean such a thing is a good idea or even possible.

Jeff Postelnik is a columnist for the Daily O’Collegian at Oklahoma State University.

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A successful weekend puts men's tennis on the fringe of a national ranking. With a convincing victory over Santa Clara on Saturday, the Mustangs are catching fire at the right time as postseason play looms.

The Mustang Daily talked to men's tennis coach Trevor Kronemann after the team's important victory.

Q. — What did you think of today's match?
A. — We knew it was going to be a tough battle as we had guys sick and they've had guys sick. Head to head, coming into this they've won six of seven, and we've won six of seven. They're beat two nationally-ranked teams and we've beaten one nationally-ranked team. It was like a heavyweight fight. We are starting to really come into our own. The guys showed great heart and great character which is something that we haven't really seen for four years. We have beaten a lot of nationally-ranked teams and a lot of good teams but today was about heart and all about a great effort by everybody on the team.

Q. — What can you say about how Santa Clara played?
A. — They are always a tough team and tough to beat. We just happened to outlast them and play very well today.

Q. — How does this make you stand nationally in terms of rankings?
A. — Unfortunately, we got off to a slow start in terms of national rankings, but the important thing is that we are going into the Big West in two weeks and the guys are starting to learn all about heart and all about character and if we can continue this, we will be tough to beat. We are having a weekend meeting next week on the phone and there are teams that are looking at us and don't want anything to do with us and that is where we want to be. That is the type of tree you want to be sitting in going into the BigWest, not at the bottom but coming in cruising.

Q. — Before today what were you thinking about your team? What are you thinking now?
A. — I believe in every single guy on the team. They all have under-the-nose skin some passion and heart and it finally came to the surface today and we've got a great team. This is probably the best team that I've had here and we have a great chance to run the table and possibly push for a national ranking and possibly get into the NCAA. This is the first time we've had 2-1.

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Sampson leaves basketball program

Fernando Sampson reached a decision with head coach Kevin Bromley, assistant coach Bob Long and the Mustangs. The junior guard asked for his release after the season ended in losses. Sampson was an all-league guard at Fairfax High School, where he averaged 13.4 points, 5.1 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 1.9 steals, while leading the Lions to the final game of the Los Angeles City Championship. He didn't experience the same success at Cal Poly though.

In his three-year, 53-game Mustang career, Sampson averaged 2.5 points, 1.5 rebounds and 1.3 assists. Primarily a reserve during his freshman and sophomore years, Sampson carried a regular starting spot this past season after point guard Karenon Gray's academic ineligibility and the graduation of three other starters from last year's team left the Mustangs depleted.

In 16 games, including 14 starts, Sampson averaged 4.4 points, 2.1 rebounds and 1.4 assists in 21.2 minutes. However, Sampson did not play during the final month of the season due to academic and mental issues. Bromley told the Tribune. Sampson's absence hurt the Mustangs, who ultimately missed the Big West Tournament.

"He was definitely a defensive presence and I think he would have helped us a lot," forward Tyler McCauley said.

Whiten also praised Sampson's heart.

"He plays real, real hard and he was terrific," Lowe said.

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