Cal Poly flexes its horsepower

The 2005 Poly Royal Truck and Tractor Pull will feature two tractors constructed by Cal Poly students.

The 2005 Poly Royal Truck and Tractor Pull will return for the 2005 Open House this weekend. Members of the Tractor Pull Club, a division of the Agricultural Engineering Society, have spent the past year preparing for the event and will showcase their two tractors: Poly Thunder and Mustang Fever.

"I would call tractor pulling a serious display of horsepower," said Mark Zohns, one of the team's advisers and a professor in the bioresource and agricultural engineering department. "We have some tractors in the event that are producing close to 5,000 horsepower with multiple engines."

Tractor pull date back to a time when farmers challenged one another to see whose tractor was able to pull a sled the farthest. As the tractor progressed down the track, bystanders would jump on, adding more weight. Today, tractor pull sleds are known as Horspower, page 2.

Lecture stresses importance of dialogue

A Jewish American and a Palestinian-born American talk about their lives to demonstrate the necessity of conversing.

Armanda Strachan writing staff

Len and Libby Trauman know how to unite a group, whether it is a group of Palestinians and Israelis or a room full of students and community members. The couple brought their concept of a "living room dialogue" to campus Sunday.

While most lectures involve more talking than listening, the Traumans use the concept of face-to-face interaction to give an open forum for people to share their ideas. Their "living room dialogues" are gaining notice for bringing people together from diverse backgrounds and viewpoints.

"Dialogue isn't a discussion of where you ping pong back and forth," Libby Trauman said. "Dialogue is when you enter into a relationship with someone with an open heart." Sunday's dialogue brought together a Jewish American and a Palestinian-born American.

Elias Botto and Robbie Franco took turns sharing the story of their lives.

Botto was born in Jerusalem and was forced to abandon his childhood home because of escalating violence. "My mother would look at the house through the fence and say with tears in her eyes, 'my God it's so close it's right here why can't I go into it.'" Botto said.

Franco was born in the United States but after college went to stay in Israel for a while to see what the country was about. "I felt I was home, that place was more meaningful than anything I had in a long time," Franco said.

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New club takes the bull by the eye

Cal Poly Dart Throwers are trying to persuade Cal Poly officials to put dartboards in the University Union.

Tanya Strickland writing staff

Members say it is a chance to socialize with friends and to play a game of darts.

Cal Poly Dart Throwers, a new club that became official in March 2005, meets weekly at members' houses and is currently pushing for dartboards to be added to McPhear's Games Area in the University Union.

Three years ago, club president Dan Manalo, a graphic communications senior, lived in Sierra Madre. He said he and his roommate hung a dartboard in their room and six months later, their resident adviser took it down because it was against dorm policy.

"It was pretty lame because we had been safely playing darts for so long," Manalo said. "The rule makes sense but as long as students are responsible about it, I think they should at least make board available in the main lounges with the billiard tables."

Manalo said it does not make sense to have billiards equipment and not see Darts, page 2.
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darts. "Someone could use a billiards stick as a weapon or throw a cue ball at someone's head so playing darts shouldn't be prohibited," Manalo said.

As a suggestion, Manalo said he would advise McPhee's to only allow plastic-tip darts instead of the steel-tip kind so the equipment could not be potentially used as a weapon.

For safety reasons, many things are not allowed in the residence halls. Now that Manalo and club executive members live in an off-campus house, they can hang up a dartboard if and play a game of Cricket, a club favorite, free of regulations.

"It's a pretty relaxed club and it's nice because it's not affiliated with a major, anyone can join," said Kevin Barnett, vice president and industrial technology senior.

Tuesdays Manalo said the club takes advantage of the dart room in the Frog and Peach Pub and its lively "Pint Night" setting.

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The rocket carrying the 319-pound satellite, built by Lockheed Martin Astronautics Operations for the Air Force Research Laboratory, lifted off at 6:35 a.m. Sunday, said Lt. Col. Rick Ritter, a Vandenberg spokesman. The 880-mission satellite, XSS-11, will orbit for about a year and will rendezvous with several targets.

SANTA MARIA — The mother of a boy who received a multimillion-dollar settlement from Michael Jackson in the 1990s testified Monday in the pop star's molestation trial that she initially refused to let her son sleep in the singer's bed but relented on a trip to Las Vegas.

The woman testified that her son stayed at Jackson's Neverland ranch three times and once asked if he could stay in Jackson's room. She testified that she said no.

WALNUT CREEK — A 50-year-old mountain biker who tumbled off a cliff over the weekend said Monday that he was recovering from a broken vertebra and "a whole lot of cuts and bruises.""
Three students killed in fire near Ohio’s Miami University

James Hannah
OXFORD, Ohio — A fire ripped through a two-story, brick home filled with 11 people near the Miami University campus, killing three students, injuring two others and forcing one person to jump to safety from a second-story window.

School spokesman Richard Little said it was the deadliest fire involving the university since a student died in an off-campus blaze in 1994.

“This is as severe as anything we’ve ever dealt with," Little said.

Investigators believe the fire was accidental and may have started in a recreation room downstairs. Police said they arrived at the house at about 4:30 a.m. Sunday and saw flames in the first- and second-story windows.

"Nobody understood what was happening until we saw the huge flames coming from the house," said Muna Osman, 21, a Miami student who lives next door. "It was terrible, just terrible. The smoke was thick and white, and it just covered everything.”

Two students, Julia Turnbull, 21, of Malford, Ohio, and Kathryn Welling, 21, of Bronxville, N.Y., died of carbon monoxide poisoning. A cause of death was not immediately known for Stephen Smith, 22, of Bethesda, Md. All three bodies were burned beyond recognition, said Butler County Coroner Richard Bushbank.

Turnbull and Welling were found in separate, second-floor bedrooms. Fire Chief Leo Endress said Smith was found near the front door. Two residents were released after treatments at McCullough-Hyde Hospital.

Endress said investigators believe 11 people were in the house when the fire started — seven residents and four guests — and that a 911 call came from someone in the house awakened by a smoke detector.

Endress said all four people on the first floor left the house safely. Three of the seven people on the second floor got out through a fire escape and one jumped out a window. He stumbled to a hospital emergency room about 100 yards away.

"A guy jumped out of a second-story window and walked straight into the hospital, head down, a nasty cut on his leg," said Ali Davis, 18, who had been sitting on the roof of a nearby house when the fire started.

The roof of the house had partially collapsed and all the windows had been blown out. The house is a few blocks from campus in a neighborhood of older homes surrounded by large trees.

It took firefighters 90 minutes to control the fire.

"It looked like the house had wings of flame," said Jesse Gerulis, a Miami sophomore who lives in a nearby university housing complex.

Miami officials met with the survivors of the fire early Sunday to offer help.

“We are doing everything we can to help and provide support to the families and friends of the victims, but this is a tragedy that is touching everyone in the university,” Miami president Jim Garlnd said in a statement.

About a dozen people — some college-age, most bearing yellow, purple, pink and white flowers — stopped in front of the house Sunday evening. They propped the flowers up against a telephone pole, inches below a strip of yellow police tape.

The mourners gathered in a circle, some crying, bowed their heads and prayed.

The last major house fire involving Miami students was on Nov. 10, 2000, at the Sigma Chi house in which 50 residents were evacuated and one had to be hospitalized. Oxford is a college town of 22,000 people about 30 miles northwest of Cincinnati.

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Statistics show that 87% of oral cancer cases are directly linked to smokeless tobacco and cigarette use. Our community should be very concerned that youth in San Luis Obispo County are using spit tobacco at a rate above the state and national average.

The Myth: It is a myth that the tobacco industry is good for either professional or college rodeo. Tobacco companies come to our town, promote their products, and leave new customers behind. A product that causes death and disease does not belong in an athletic arena that promotes an active and healthy lifestyle.

The Solution: Don’t let tobacco companies give sporting events a negative image. We need to remove ALL involvement and influence from Big Tobacco from our family oriented and athletic events like rodeos. Join Buck Tobacco and say NO TO Big Tobacco.

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Review

Album Your Should Own:
Joss Stone — Mind, Body & Soul

Elizabeth Engelman
Marion Daily

What do you get when you put powerful soul and raspy rock sounds in the voice of an 18-year-old British woman? The answer is talented Joss Stone.

Although you should own both of her albums, it's sound's in the voice of an 18-year-old female singers can't claim. Most other young tracks on this CD, an accomplishment most other young performers have not.

Stone wrote 11 of the 14 talented Joss Stone. "Mind, Body & Soul," that will have you dancing around the house. Although you should own Mind, Body & Soul, the original lyrics make her voice shake with enthusiasm just a little bit more. Although not a radio hit yet, "Spun out," should be the next single. Anyone that has ever broken-up with someone and then realized they made a mistake will feel every syllable in the song. It's your feelings put to a beautiful melody.

This month Stone will be everywhere on television and in magazines. According to her statement on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," Stone will begin her reign as the new Gap Inc. spokesperson this month. She will join Alicia Keys and other artists for VH1's Save The Music Concert, which will begin April 17.

Will Smith "Switch"

We like Will Smith because, as a grandma would say, "he raps happy." Wait, actually this song can't be a download of the day. Mr. Smith gives specific instructions in it: "Don't download, go out and buy the record."

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A panel of guest speakers will be speaking about how they prepared for the world of their current field, what their work entails, and how they feel their career impacts the environment on a daily basis.

Joss Stone, the 18-year-old Brizno, has become a star in only two years. Her latest album, 'Mind, Body & Soul,' was an instant classic.

With talent beyond her years and a voice that is truly her own, Stone seems to be winning fans wherever she goes. At 18, she hopefully has a long career ahead of her and more songs to keep us all grooving to the beat.
The other day, I looked in my pantry only to realize that I had no food except spaghetti noodles, microwave mashed potato mix and some taco sauce. I don’t think I’m alone in my lack of groceries. It’s not that I steal my roommates snacks, or fast for 40 days at a time, it’s that eating out is a regular habit. When you’re on the go all the time, it’s just convenient to get a quick bite on your way to the next appointment. The only trouble is eating out is expensive. Every meal costs at least five dollars and that adds up.

What can you get nowadays for just five bucks anyways? Well, hopefully it’s no surprise that there is a referendum next week where one of the items is an ASI fee increase of $5 a quarter. These $5 are extremely significant because they provide funding for many students which in turn will benefit the entire campus. The purpose behind this referendum is for programming and educational money. When every student contributes $5 a quarter (multiplied by the number of students at Cal Poly), the amount is pretty significant. In turn, elected student leaders can funnel the funding directly back to students in the form of grant funding, increased programming and increased club co-sponsorship amounts.

Currently we have club sports that are extremely successful, winning national championships and representing Cal Poly in some nontraditional collegiate sports. Many students are involved in campus clubs, which put on events for the entire campus. State sponsored programs in Student Life and Leadership including Pan-Hellenic, IFC, multi-cultural programs, Open House, WOW and others have very successful programs but very little funds for events and education. Each of these groups will be eligible for funds generated from the increased ASI fee.

Five dollars may seem insignificant, but the ramifications of this pool of money would have a huge impact on the student body. The amount of extra funds available for students in clubs sports would allow them to continue to thrive. Clubs on campus which apply for co-sponsorship funding would be eligible for more funds enabling them to put on higher quality and more of events. State sponsored programs would receive much needed money allowing them to host more events and get resources that are vital for their success. There are more than 800 students in the collegiate sport programs. Most Cal Poly students are in one or more clubs on campus, and a huge amount of students are involved in programs in Student Life and Leadership. All these students would finally have access to resources that will help boost their events. Even if you aren’t directly involved in one of these programs I’m certain that you’ve felt the effects.

The other piece of the referendum is a three dollar increase every two years for sustaining and improving ASI events including UU hour, concerts, comedians, the movie series, Poly Escapes and many other programs that help boost their events. Even if you aren’t directly involved in one of these programs I’m certain that you’ve felt the effects.

Blake Bohon is the ASI President and still wishes he could eat more meals at home. He welcomes questions and suggestions at 756.1291 or asipresident@calpoly.edu.

Deaf college opens doors to hearing

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Pacific bounced back to win the nightcap, 7-3, allowing just seven hits.

Matthew Pena got the win to improve to 1-3, in 1 2/3 scoreless innings of relief. Schmidt pitched the final two innings to earn his seventh save. Jimmy Shull (3-5) earned the loss, surrendering four runs and nine hits in 6 1/3 innings.

The Mustangs scored an untimed run on two Pacific errors in the third and tied the game at 3-3 in the sixth on J.J. Owen's two-run homer. But Pacific scored a run in the bottom of the seventh on Matt Berezay's RBI single to break the deadlock and plated five singles into three additional runs in the eighth.

The doubleheader was forced after Friday's game was rained out. Cal Poly has played four two-run affairs this season due to weather-related problems and is 3-5 in those eight games.

Cal Poly will host UC Davis for next three-game non-conference series next weekend in Baggett Stadium. The Mustangs return to Big West action April 22 at UC Santa Barbara.
Gil’s heroics break 10th inning drama

The Mustangs took two-of-three games from UC Davis with a dramatic, 10-inning final win Sunday.

Four Mustangs meet their marks at invite

The Cal Poly softball team swept Davis this weekend, with Eve Nelson winning twice, the mercy rule halting two of the three games and the Mustangs outscoring Davis 30-4.

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