Bill targets students

Senator Abel Maldonado's new bill would expel a student if convicted of certain riot activities

Kristen Oost
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State Senator Abel Maldonado proposed a new bill which targets California community college and California State University students. Senate Bill 337 would expel a student for one year, if convicted of battery of a police officer at a riot or unlawful assembly, incitement to riot, rioting, lynching, assembling for the purpose of disturbing the public peace or remaining present at a riot after a warning to disperse.

After one year, the convicted student would be eligible to reapply for admission into the school. The student must wait two years before applying for a Cal Grant. Maldonado wrote the bill in February in response to the San Luis Obispo riots during Mardi Gras. He also cited recent riots in Santa Barbara, Davis and Chico.

The original bill proposed taking away Cal Grant financial aid from students convicted of riot-related activities. The Santa Maria senator has since revised the measure after receiving negative feedback from unfairly targeting low income students.

Officially, the CSU schools do not have a position on SB 337, said Cal Poly's vice president for advancement, Sandra Ogren. The lawyers at the CSU chancellor's office are still in the process of reviewing the bill.

"Informally, we do express concerns about the nature of the bill. Expulsion seems to be overkill for the nature of these crimes. I think the tools we have that are currently in place are sufficient," Ogren said.

Bill Wattson, police commander for Cal Poly's University Police Department, declined to comment on the issue. However, Wattson noted the UPD's full compliance with Cal Poly's position.

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—Sandra Ogren
vice president for advancement

Students bring solar home

Solar Cal Poly team unveils the design for a 650-square-foot house that will be built at Cal Poly and transported to Washington D.C.

Caitlin Donnell
MUSTANG DAILY

A team of students, Solar Cal Poly, unveiled the design for a small, solar-powered house Thursday during a campus kick-off event organized by the Renewable Energy Club. The group will travel to Washington, D.C. for the 2005 Solar Decathlon sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

The 650-square-foot house will be constructed on campus atop a trailer and then will be transported in one piece to Washington, D.C. for the competition in late September. The house will be competing in ten individual events including how well the energy balance is maintained throughout the house and the design and architectural characteristics of the house.

The design and the guiding principle of the house came from the idea that the team has the longest travel out of any of the other teams to get to Washington, D.C., so the house will be built on one trailer rather than on two or three like some other schools are doing.

Solar Cal Poly will be the only entry from California at the Solar Decathlon that will have 18 other competitors from around the world. This is the first year that Cal Poly or any other school from California has competed.

"The project that we are working on is really trying to be simple, fundamental," said Ogren.

‘Star Wars’ premiere raises foreign policy questions

Cannes Film Festival audiences draw parallels between new film and President Bush's war on terrorism and the invasion of Iraq

David German
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CANNES, France — Without Michael Moore and "Fahrenheit 9/11" at the Cannes Film Festival this time, it was left to George Lucas and "Star Wars" to pique European interest over the state of world relations and the United States' role in it.

Lucas themes of democracy on the skids and a ruler preaching war to preserve the peace predates "Star Wars: Episode III, Revenge of the Sith" by almost 30 years. Yet viewers Sunday, and Lucas himself, noted similarities between the final chapter of his sci-fi saga and our own troubled times.

Cannes audiences made blunt comparisons between "Revenge of the Sith," the story of Anakin Skywalker's fall to the dark side and the rise of an emperor through warmongering, to President Bush's war on terrorism and the invasion of Iraq.

A storm-trooper takes part in the premiere of "Star Wars: Episode III" at the 58th international Cannes film festival.

Two lines from the movie especially resonated:

"This is how liberty dies. With thunder and spite," Lucas has said. "We are living in the time when the emperor is supposed to save us."

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sor to the project. "We are trying to use environmentally friendly materials because the whole point of this competition is to increase efficiency," said Dan Tirachi, architecture junior and part of the design team for the project. "We spotted out the most efficient products on the market to increase efficiency." The project started when Cal Poly was accepted by the Department of Energy to compete two years ago. The fruits of the project began in the classroom and once several concepts were designed, internationally known architects were brought in to participate in judging and evaluating the projects and they chose one that they felt would win the competition. Prior to the project has been in design development, project manager and architecture senior John Gamblill said. "The facility set the scene in place through the architecture design studios and then once we had a conceptual design, then the students interested in the concepts and the principles of the home and competition got on board and carried it through," he said. Gambill, who is heading the student architecture group and also coordinating the student efforts from the other groups, has had experience in the professional field through several internships and said this project really mirrors what he has experienced in the field. "It all goes back to the Cal Poly hands on experience," Stanwood said. "It is a real project, it is a real competition. It takes to build a real building, which is not something that most students get to see and participate in." She said it is an excellent project for students because it is interdisciplinary with students coming from different academic backgrounds to contribute to the project. The Renewable Energy Club, which was founded two years ago for the project and who is entirely devoted to the Solar Decathlon, hosted the kickoff event. Their role in the project is to organize students outside of class and to promote the Solar Cal Poly team and the project through small fundraising and events. "This is a great way to promote renewable energy and solar power in general," said Chris Arrenze, mechanical engineering junior and vice president of the Renewable Energy Club. "The goal of the club is to educate ourselves and everybody else about renewable energy and this is a great of the promotion tool for that and the Department of Energy's goal in sponsoring the Solar Decathlon that you can live the sort of lifestyle you are used to while using solar power." The goes hand in hand with the idea of the project: simple, fundamental and elegant. According to Cal Poly's solar decathlon Web site, the goal of the project is to "create a beautifully conceived home tuned to the climate, detailed for modern living, proportioned and scaled to travel across the country pulled by a single truck; to reduce our household footprint on the land and make the most effective use of space and resources." Winning the competition is the biggest goal, said the students and faculty involved in the recognition and for the promotion of solar power and renewable energy. "The national recognition would be awesome and the school would love it," Tirachi said. "Being able to say that I worked on a project that won a national competition would be amazing for my resume and just for the overall experience of being part of it all." The house is set to begin construction next week since everything is clear to go and will travel to Washington, D.C. in mid-September for the competition, he said. The house will be on display at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. in the last part of September and the first part of October for four weeks including setting up judging and public viewing. The previous competition attracted over 100,000 people that came through the house. The project is seeking financial support and donations for the completion of the project and to transport it to Washington, D.C. for the competition. For more information about the solar decathlon or to get involved with the project and the Renewable Energy Club, visit www.asicalpoly.edu/calgol.
LOS ANGELES — Conflicts between freight and passenger cars on a rail line connecting Riverside to downtown Los Angeles have commutemakers furious. The line that carries commuters from the booming Inland Empire to LA's Union Station also serves as the main link for Union Pacific Corp. Freight trains between the busy LA-Long Beach port and the nation's largest jail system, using an updated version of the devices tested at California's Calipatria State Prison, a remote desert facility 35 miles north of the Mexican border — the first in the nation to track inmates electronically.

SAN FRANCISCO — The severed finger in the Wendy's chill caper was apparently separated from its original owner when it was pinched off in the tailgate of a truck in a work accident, according to an employee with a Nevada asphalt company.

Pat Hogue, an estimator with Lamb Asphalt Maintenance in North Las Vegas, told the San Francisco Chronicle that a worker lost the tip of his finger on the job five months ago.

Both men were working at the time with James Plascencia, the husband of Anna Ayala, the Las Vegas resident who is suspected of planting the finger in a bowl of chili at San Jose Wendy's, allegedly in an attempt to shake down the fast food giant with a tainted-food claim.

IN OTHER NEWS

ATLANTA — Maybe hot sauce is the cure for cold feet. "Jennifer's High Tailin' Hot Sauce," a nod to the saga of runaway bride Jennifer Wilbanks, has sold briskly since its debut Wednesday.

"I'm in the hot sauce business and this is the hottest thing I've got right now," said Pappy's David Ryan, who runs Pappy's Peppers in Lawrenceville, Ga. and says he's sold 10 cases of the private-label sauce.

He's not the only one cashing in. Herobuilders.com, a Danbury, Conn.-based manufacturer, has sold out of its first batch of 250 Runaway Bride action figures at $24.95 each. The foot-tall figures feature a dark-haired woman in jogging pants with a colorful towel similar to the one Wilbanks wore over her head and a midriff-baring jogging shirt that says "Vegas Baby.

Wilbanks items have also flooded eBay since a man auctioned off a slice of toast carved with a drawing of the runaway bride for $15,400. (The winning bidder has refused to pay.)

"It's an unbelievable incredible story," said Fred Vecale, who owns Herobuilders.com. "We had over a million hits in one day. That's never happened before."

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Former professor, three others to face jury on terrorism finance charges

Suspended University of South Florida professor Sami Al-Arian smiles as he makes his way through the media with his wife Nahla, left, before entering the United States Courthouse in this Dec. 12, 2002 file photo.

Authorities believe the Palestinian activist set up an Islamic think tank and charity to fund terrorist attacks in Israel. Vickie Chachere

TAMPA, Fla. — Ten years ago, American student Alisa Flatow boarded a bus headed to a Gaza Strip beach resort for a much needed break from her studies.

At the Israeli settlement of Kfar Darom, a young man sat in a van loaded with explosives. As the bus approached, he steered his rolling bomb at it with ferocious speed and slammed into the bus' side.

Eight people — seven Israelis and Flatow — died in the April 9, 1995, terrorist attack.

Now her parents are looking for justice half a world away in Tampa, where a former computer science professor and three others are going to trial on charges they helped fund the terrorist group that carried out the bombing.

Sami Al-Arian, a University of South Florida professor and national-level known Palestinian rights activist, was already secretly under investigation by FBI foreign intelligence agents at the time of the bombing.

Al-Arian had established an Islamic academic think tank, a school, a mosque and a charity for Palestinian children — but authorities were questioning whether the true mission of Al-Arian's work was to finance terrorist attacks in Israel.

In a 53-count indictment, Al-Arian, Sameeh Hammoudeh, Hatim Naji Fartz and Ghasan Zayed Ballut are accused of racketeering, conspiracy and providing material support to terrorists. Five other men have been indicted but are still at large.

The men face life in prison if convicted of charges they used Al-Arian's think tank and charity as fundraising fronts for the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

"These people, they have no respect for life," said Alisa Flatow's father, Stephen Flatow of West Orange, N.J. "They will continue to pick on innocent people just to accomplish their means. That's why this trial is so important. You have to send a message."

Al-Arian is alternately viewed as a crusader for Palestinian rights and as the father of a terrorist organization that is being persecuted for its unpopular views and as a terrorist who hid behind a veil of legitimacy while secretly financing deadly attacks.

"Much of what people are saying about Sami Al-Arian could have been said likewise about Nelson Mandela," said WILIAM MOFFIT, Al-Arian's attorney.

"How Nelson Mandela is a hero for having supported his people. Sami Al-Arian is a villain for being the voice of the Palestinian people. There aren't really a lot of voices in this country who have spoken favorably for the Palestinian people."

Prosecutors contend there is direct evidence of Al-Arian's involvement with actual attacks. The indictment alleges that in 1993, Al-Arian sent four wire transfers of nearly $2,000 each to the relatives of four convicted Islamic Jihad terrorists who had been convicted of the murder of three Israelis.

They point to video from the early 1990s in which a fiery Al-Arian shouts "Death to Israel!" or when he shared the stage with Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman, the blind Egyptian cleric convicted for his role in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

Al-Arian's attorneys question how a supposedly dangerous terrorist financier could have gained access to the White House and met with President Clinton and Bash. Nealy two dozen other prominent political and government leaders from both parties — Sens. Hillary Clinton and Trent Lott, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and House Speaker Dennis Hastert among them — are reported by Al-Arian's attorneys to have had contact with him.

If Al-Arian "is supposedly this awful terrorist, how did he get so close to these people in a really interesting question," Moffitt said. He declined to elaborate on Al-Arian's prominent connections, calling them a key component of the defense.

The prosecution said more important than his well-placed contacts are the shad­ owy figures with whom Al-Arian did business.

Chief among them is Ramadan Abdullah Shahhah, one of the five indicted co-conspirators who has not yet been arrested. Al-Arian brought Shahhah to the University of South Florida to run the think tank, the World and Islam Studies Enterprise. Shahhah abruptly left Tampa in mid-1995 and resurfaced in Damascus as the Islamic Jihad's new leader.

Stephen Flatow, who has been subpoenaed to testify, said he was not told until 2003 that agents believed there was a connection between Al-Arian and the bombing that killed his daughter.
Eight songs to never burn

Tonia Strickland 10:30 a.m. story

• "Truly Madly Deeply" — Savage Garden

Ah, the ballad which inspired this list. If it could be higher than No. 1, it would, highlighted and bolded with two stars accompanying. Emotional sap slowly and painfully oozes from its lyrics. This song is awful — jump-out-of-the-car-while-it's-moving awful, get-hit-in-the-head-with-a-blunt-object-so-it's-not-heard awful, would-rather-voluntarily-watch-the-movie-Glitter awful.

These whining flabby boys from Brisbane, Australia seriously need a dose of talent. Not that men who sing love songs aren't great, but their music shouldn't induce projectile vomiting.

• Anything — Aaron Carter

This boy should not sing — his attempts are pathetic. Even though big bro Nick Carter opened a small window of opportunity, little bro is far too lame and full of himself to produce anything worthy of a fan base let alone a record deal.


• Liquid Dreams — O-Town

When the boys of O-Town were adolescents they had to have that embarrassing talk with dad about why they woke up with their sheets wet. Now that they're grown up it really necessary to write a song about it?

"My mama thinks I'm lazy, my friends all think I'm crazy/But in my mind, I leave the world behind every night I dream/Oh, liquid dreams, my liquid dreams/Waterfall and streams, these liquid dreams." Yeah. Ew.

• Inviable — Clay Aiken

Finally a theme song for stalkers everywhere. Just picture him quietly whispering: "Whatcha' done tonight? I wish I could be a fly on your wall! Are you really alone? Who's ceiling your dreams? Why can't I bring you into my life?" What would it take to make you see that I'm alive? If I was inviable, then I could just watch you in your room.

As though Aiken's more existence wasn't enough to give people nightmares — girls now have to think about him watching them sleep.

• Steal My Sunshine — Len

A chorus similar to the sound of Care Bears on crack is no way to attract an audience.

Unless, of course, one plans to take hallucinogens "L.A.-T.F.E.-R, that week."

• Summer Girls — LFO

The Lyke Funky Ones. The band's name alone should be a clue.

But if more is needed, such lyrical marvels as "I like the color purple, macaroni and cheese, ruby red slippers and a bunch of trees," might aid the understanding process.

On the Web site, www.sing365.com, a review of the song began with the mind-boggling opinion, "In today's world of prefab­ricated, media-driven and often dis­posable pop culture, it is surprising and reassuring to witness the evolu­tion of LFO and their promising young talent."

Promising! Not sure about that one. Ridiculous beyond all reason. Definitely This song is the epitome of everything wrong with pop cul­ture. Random plugs of Spic and Span and Kevin Bacon were used for the sake of rhyming Anyone who listens to this is just making themselves dumber.

LFO sold four million singles of this song shortly after it was released. That's four mil­lion stupid people who like girls that.net life?/What would it take to

• American Life — Madonna

She pulled off a serious role in Evita, looking good in a pointy con­e bra and making us believe she has a real British accent even though she was born in Michigan.

But rapping? Not so much. Dangerous? "I'm drinkin' a soy latte, I get a double shot/It goes right through my body and you know I'm satisfied/I drive my Mini Cooper and I'm feeling super-duper-Yo, they tell me I'm a trooper and you know I'm satisfied/I do yoga and Pilates and the room is full of hot­tess/So I'm checkin' out the bodies and you know I'm satisfied."

Wow. I hope they practice for­ever in Kabul because it's going to take a lot to come back from that musical travesty.

• Have You Seen my Childhood? — Michael Jackson

"People say I'm not okay,'cause I love such elementary things." Things ... boys ... same differ­ence.
Headlines from Iraq
that really matter

W e live in a world where pessimists are taken way too seriously. It used to be that the media told both sides of a story, but now we mostly hear the bad side. Stories of incredible victories apparently don't sell as many papers as do the gruesome reports of insurgent roadside bombs.

Americans are barraged with every minor setback in Iraq, but we have to remember to look for the information about the things that have gone right. Luckily, I have done the necessary digging to tell you the other half of the story.

Prior to 2001, we could have never imagined the way our world was about to change. There had been few terrorist acts scattered throughout the world, and it took Sept. 11 to show everyone that these terrorists meant business.

The United States responded to this threat with the necessary course of action. Thanks to President Bush, America confronted the terrorists and the countries that supported them. Since that time, some amazing things have happened.

Both Afghanistan and Iraq were transformed from tyrannical dictatorships to emerging democracies. The terrorist networks in each of these countries are also quickly fading. Al-Qaeda has been silent for three years now, having hundreds of its members captured by U.S. and Pakistani forces. Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the mastermind behind the Sept. 11 attack, was caught in 2003, and we just caught Abu Faraj al-Libi, the third-highest member of al-Qaida, earlier this month.

In Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's insurgency saw its seventh top aide captured May 9, and we are closing in on Zarqawi himself. Further, the New York Times reported that "some Sunni leaders said that they would abandon fighting if the new Shiite government gave Sunnis more political power." They recognize that they are losing and are now begging for a successful democracy.

President Bush said it best: "It is a moral victory for our country and for the world, and it took Sept. 11 to show America confronted the terrorists and made them pay."
The path he has taken in life has literally embodied my current state of mind, my version of sentimen
talisms, is well as visible misconceptions, is well as

letters to the editor

Sarah, a bubble; the bure; that creepy 80s movie star

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Baseball

Cal Poly jumped to a 3-0 lead in the first two innings and later added an insurance run. Kyle Blumenhagen’s sacrifice fly to left scored Brandon Roberts in the first inning. Bronco Walker had a single that scored two in the second and Mustang third baseman Josh Landford had a sacrifice fly in the eighth.

Long Beach State trimmed the deficit in the ninth as Evan Longoria and Cole Jacobson both singled and Troy Tulowitski fielder’s choice to third scored Longoria. On that play, Lansford dove to his left to get the grounder and threw to second baseman Walker for the force play, quashing the 4th rally. Long Beach State was held to four singles.

Sean Booth’s 2-7 game hitting streak, one of 3 short record the end as he upped his total to second base and grounded out through three times to third base.

The win came after the Mustangs lost 4-1 on Friday.

Corner

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to see the girls play and they are hav­ing a great year.

Q. -- Are there any superstitions held by the team or individual players?

A. -- I think the guys have rou­tines, whether it be what they eat on a certain day, and how they go about the morning of a game. They prob­ably have little quirks that they do, like put a certain sock on first.

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If found please email me at: html@calpoly.edu. It contains all my pictures and class projects.

SPORTS

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Baseball assistant coach
Jesse Zepeila

Assistant baseball coach Jesse Zepeila watched his team climb to No. 19 in the nation this past week and then give national powerhouse Long Beach State trouble in all three games of the road series. Zepeila stepped aside for a moment to speak with the Mustang Daily.

Q. — What's your best baseball memory?
A. — Probably one of my best was in 1998. I got called up to play in the Hall of Fame game with the Toronto Blue Jays, which played against the Baltimore Orioles.

Q. — You're in your second year of coaching for the baseball team, have there been changes you have noticed?
A. — We're a little more talented this year and it is showing by the way that we are playing right now.

Q. — At the end of the year, will you be losing some of your players?
A. — We've got a few guys stepping in with one of their pitchers, they probably would not be able to hit any thing. If the same game, but what they do is pretty special. I have gotten

Committee ignores Mustangs

Since 1995, at least two teams have been selected to represent the Big West Conference in the NCAA Division I Woman's Softball Tournament. Cal Poly softball finished second in the conference in front of Cal State Fullerton and had its second-most wins (35) in a season. Cal Poly learned Sunday that it will not make its first trip ever to the tournament as Fullerton instead took the honor. The Titans finished one game behind the Mustangs for second place in the Big West and 26-19 overall.

The Mustangs suffered from a low ranking in schedule difficulty and dropped two-three of three games to Long Beach States at home. However, the Mustangs defeated Fullerton twice on the road and gave the selection committee something to think about winning seven of their last nine games.

Long Beach State (39-14 overall and 19-2 in conference) was also selected as one of the 64 teams and will face Fresno State in the tournament Regionals. Fullerton will face UNLV in the first round which

begins May 20.

Despite the disappointment of Sunday, the Mustangs celebrated the conclusion of conference play by sweeping the Gauchos. Cal Poly used standout pitching and some timely hitting to sweep a doubleheader Friday night by scores of 3-2 and 4-

0. Then, Cal Poly won 5-0 on Saturday with Eva Nelson only allowing four hits.

The Mustangs capped their regular season record at 36-16, going 15-6 in Big West play. The Gauchos fell to 26-22 overall, and 9-12 in conference.

Nelson earned two complete game wins in her final regular season series for Cal Poly, improving to 16-

9. After allowing two runs in the Mustangs' win on Friday, the senior spun a four-hit shutout on Saturday. UCSC rallied in the seventh to get bases loaded, but ultimately couldn't touch the Mustangs' five run advantage.

Gaucho starter Jennifer Davis took her second loss of the weekend, falling to 13-12. Cal Poly first scored on a sacrifice fly by Amy Pinales in the fourth inning. Nelson then scored three runs in the following inning, with an Erin Myers double to left center scoring two of the runs. Another Mustang run in the sixth inning made it 5-0.

The night before, sophomore Emily Hively shut the Gauchos down, surrendering four hits in only her fourth start of the season. Hively (2-0) walked and struck out one in the seven-inning shutout. Linsey Sonner (10-7) took the loss for the Gauchos, allowing four runs, three earned in five 2/3 innings.

Myers provided Hively with the lead and the only run she would need with her 10th home run of the season over the left field fence in the second inning. Cal Poly would add a single run in the fourth and two more in the sixth to seal the win.

In the first game Cal Poly broke a scoreless game in the third with a wind-blown double hit by Cheely Stouffer that scored two. Freshman Sara Iwata followed with a single to right scoring Stouffer. UCSC got back in the sixth with a two-run single to right, but ultimately could not surmount the Mustangs.

Nelson went the distance for the win, allowing two earned runs on six hits while striking out three.

Baseball holds its own against 49ers

The Mustangs didn't expect their season to end after sweeping Santa Barbara, but they were not selected to the NCAA Division I tournament.

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COACH'S CORNER
This week's spotlight on...

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MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

For the second straight weekend, the Cal Poly baseball team lost two of three games to a top opponent. Coming off last weekend's home series against Cal State Fullerton, the Mustangs faced Long Beach State on the road. Once again, Cal Poly got in only win behind the pitching of Jimmy Shull, triumphing 4-1 on Saturday. However, the Mustangs lost 4-1 on Friday and 2-1 on Sunday.

The Mustangs, No. 19 in the latest Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll, fell to 32-18 overall, 10-5 and third in place in the Big West Conference. Meanwhile, Long Beach State took over second place from the Mustangs, improving to 35-17 overall and 13-5 in conference.

Gary Daley fell to 5-2 while 49er pitcher Jared Hughes improved to 8-2, and Neil Johnson earned his 11th save. The only Cal Poly run came on a fifth inning RBI single by Sean Alexander. Meanwhile, 49er Evan Longoria had a solo home run in the second inning and Brandon Godfrey smacked an RBI double in the fifth.

Things went a bit better for Cal Poly on Saturday, when Shull had his second good outing in two weeks. Pitching near his hometown of Downey, the Big West Pitcher of the Week struck out five, walked no batters and aside from the sixth inning, allowed just one runner to reach second base.

Shull overcome the fact that his ERA on road games was rough—6.00, with him retiring the Long Beach side five times on Sunday. Shull has posted a 3-0 record and 1.89 ERA in his last five starts. Last Saturday against Fullerton, Shull powered the Mustangs to a complete game five-hitter.

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MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Mustangs are in serious contention for a NCAA tournament bid after competing with two national powerhouses the past two weekends.
Birth control: Not just a pill anymore

The new female contraceptive patch, Ortho Evra, may pose a high risk to women under age 35

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Science is taking birth control to new heights.
While the female contraceptive pill has long been the most popular form of birth control since its approval by the Food and Drug Administration in 1960, other options are hitting the market.

The widely-publicized birth control patch, Ortho Evra, is the fastest growing hormonal contraceptive available, according to a study conducted by the manufacturer Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc.

Recent studies may give patch users reason to pause. ABC News reported that Ortho Evra users face a higher risk to women under age 35. There have been 17 known deaths, and 62 life threatening complications, including blood clots directly related to wearing the patch.

Another lesser-known option of birth control is the mambole vaginal contraceptive ring, called the NuvaRing. The ring is proven to be as effective as the pill or patch.

The ring manufacturer, Organon, touts the NuvaRing as a “comfortable, flexible contraceptive ring that is about two inches in diameter, (the ring) releases a low dose of hormones that are needed to prevent pregnancy.”

The ring has half the estrogen of many popular oral contraceptives, and therefore causes fewer side effects and less hormonal fluctuations.

Bush urges development of alternate fuels

President Bush's plan to make the United States less dependent on foreign oil would open an Alaska wildlife refuge for drilling

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WEST POINT, Va. — With gasoline prices scaring, President Bush urged Congress on Monday to encourage development of alternate fuels like biodiesel and ethanol to make the United States less dependent on foreign oil. “Our dependence on foreign oil is like a foreign tax on the American dream, and that tax is growing every year,” Bush said at the Virginia BioDiesel Refinery about 140 miles south of Washington.

Bush flew here, about 30 miles from Richmond, to visit a production facility for biodiesel, an alternative fuel made from soybeans that is cleaner burning and American-made, but carries a higher price tag than regular diesel fuel. It is often blended with conventional transportation fuels as an extender.

Before his speech, the president got a demonstration of how biodiesel is made. Bush was given a white handkerchief that had been held on an exhaust pipe of a revved-up 18-wheeler, and deemed it clean enough to hold up to his nose.

“Biodiesel is one of our nation's most promising alternative fuel sources and by developing biodiesel you're making this country less dependent on foreign sources of oil,” he said.

“Americans are concerned about high prices at the pump and they're really concerned as they start making their travel plans, and I understand that,” the president said. I wish I could just wave a magic wand and lower the price at the pump. I'll do that, But that's not how it works.”

He said the high prices confronting consumers have been decades in the making.

Supreme Court ruling will impact wine industry

In a 5 to 4 decision, the high court struck down shipping bans.24 states will have to review their current laws

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NAPA — Vintners broke out the bubbly Monday and began calling back East Coast customers eager to order after the Supreme Court struck down bans on out-of-state wine shipments. In Northern California, Iron Horse vineyard co-owner Joy Sterling said her phone started ringing at 7:30 a.m. as word of the ruling got out.

"What's exciting is that this even

President Bush tours the Virginia BioDiesel Refinery on Monday, to see how the facility turns soybeans into fuel.

Bush urged Congress to enact energy legislation that he says addresses both supply and conservation issues in a bid to make the United States less dependent on foreign nations, particularly those in the volatile Middle East, for its energy needs.

Bush has attempted to set an example for how the US can meet its energy needs.

"It will definitely expand sales opportunities and, just as importantly, expand the reputation of New York wines because now people around the country will finally be able to get them," said Jim Treist, president of the New York Wine & Grape Foundation. "It's going to be sort of a snowballing effect. Wine writers will write about our wines, consumers will try them, so the industry will make more of them and that will create more consumers on the other end."
Contraceptive
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Most doctors offer Ortho Evra and the NuvaRing as options. "We handle a number of birth control methods on campus, including the patch and the ring," said Dr. Burt Cochran, the head of medical services for Health and Counseling Services. "The NuvaRing is still considered a medication like the other." The future of birth control also holds many possibilities. Researchers at the ANZAC Research Institute in Australia and Edinburgh University have conducted separate, similar studies on oral contraceptives for men. In addition, many pharmaceutical companies are working to develop a similar product.

As of now the results show effects to be reversible. "A male birth control pill is like the holy grail. It would completely change the way we view birth control. There have been all sorts of attempts and studies, but I have not heard of anything that has yet to move beyond the preliminary stages," Cochran said.

In addition, a male oral contraceptive would give men more control, however the idea is somewhat controversial. "I wouldn't be opposed to taking a birth control pill, but I'd wait for a couple years," said Civil Engineering junior Daniel Gngras. "Knowing the long term effects is important."

Registration
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The number of units students can enroll in normally is it might slow students' progress toward their degrees. "We have to decide how we classify student success. Is it that they are getting more classes that are relevant to their major, or is it that they are taking a higher number of units? We couldn't make that decision as the registration committee," the registration committee was unable to make the decision and the task fell to Provost Bob Detweiler who voted for the increase. "It will be nice when we have high priority," statistics junior Andrea Hessel said. "When you're like 10th or 12th in line that's when it's going to be tough. It was so much easier this quarter because I didn't have to fight to get all the classes I needed."

The study has shown that some of the registration changes have brought improvements for students and professors. "Professors are seeing that their rosters are more stable because people aren't adding and dropping so readily because of the e-permit process."
Two men trying to stop opossums from harassing a cat have been charged with animal cruelty for allegedly setting their on fire and killing them with a pitchfork.

Nick Barragan and William Wallace allegedly killed the mother and three young opossums March 26 outside Wallace's home. They were scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday in San Bernardino County Superior Court on one felony animal cruelty count each. If convicted, they face 16 months to 3 years in prison and a fine of up to $20,000, the district attorney’s office said Monday.

LOS ANGELES — Two men disrupted an anti-development protest Monday by pulling a banner down from a fence and shredding it with razor blades, activists said.

Residents were protesting the Playboy Vista development near Los Angeles International Airport when the men ran from a van to tear up the banner, which said “Stop Playboy Vista Expansion” and supported a city council candidate, activist Paul Herzog said.

The incident was videotaped and police detained the two men, Herzog said. Neither a Playboy Vista spokesman nor the police detective assigned to the case immediately returned calls seeking comment.

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. — The Atlantic Seaboard and the Gulf Coast could be in for another hurricane season, a top government forecaster said Monday.

Conrad C. Lautenbacher Jr., head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, predicted 12 to 15 tropical storms, seven to nine of them becoming hurricanes and three to five of those major hurricanes, with winds of at least 111 mph.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice condemned difficult negotiations as a sign of desecration of the Quran in a story that led to deadly shootings.

Rumsfeld said as a nine-member, congressionally-authorized commission opened hearings into the base-closing plan that will go to President Bush this fall and then to Congress. In past base closure rounds, the commission went along with about 85 percent of what the Pentagon recommended. The current panel sounded receptive to what Rumsfeld proposed, with some reservations about the changes targeting National Guard and reserve units.

SHANNON, Ireland — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Monday appealed to Syria’s Arab neighbors to pressure Damascus to close its borders to foreign militants seeking to join the Iraqi insurgency. She also voiced optimism about Iraq’s emerging multi-ethnic government but predicted difficult negotiations as constitutional deadline nears.

An officer searched the home at about 9:30 a.m. and police detained the two men, Herzog said.

The kids had a game of playing hide-and-seek and started tagging on a blanket they were wrapped up in under the bed. Lemaster said.

One of the dogs eventually picked up the children’s scent and started tugging on a blanket they were wrapped up in under the bed, Lemaster said.

The only logical conclusion is that they somehow fell overboard,” Barrera said.

Investigators found a few of the couple’s belongings, including a purse and sandals, out in the open on the third floor of the ship, Barrera said. There were no signs that it was a case of suicide.
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Jennifer Lopez against Fonda as her office champ, the Orlando Bloom Crusades epic "Kingdom of Unleashed," took in a respectable and rival youth soccer coach rival saga, "Star Wars: Episode 111, short of a monster hit and the total opened with $18.7 million. "Maid in Manhattan," which first major film role in 15 years was return to the big screen by making "Monster-in-Law," which pits Jennifer Lopez against Fonda as her villainous prospective mother-in-law. took in $24 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. Fonda's first major film role in 15 years was also Lopez's strongest box office performance, ahead of 2002's "Maid in Manhattan," which opened with $18.7 million. J.Lo versus J.Fo earned $3 million, a 51 percent drop from its opening weekend. While the total box office take was down 6.7 percent from the same weekend last year, when "Toy" debuted with $46.8 million, it was up 21.7 percent from last weekend. Studio executives said they were not disturbed by the box office results. They point to next week's expected blockbuster opening of "Star Wars," which will be followed by several big films, including the animated "Madagascar" and the Adam Sandler-Chris Rock remake of "The Longest Yard." "There's nothing wrong with "Freak Me Out," the opening instrumentals, has a fun, synthesized 1980s sound to it. It's a real stretch for Weezer, because they still live in the shadow of the band's "Blue Album." From it we got hits like "Buddy Holly," the "Undone — The Sweater Song" and "My Name is Jonas." But that was 11 years ago, so of course the band is going to have a different sound. "Make Believe" keeps the band's unique sound and adds some new twists. Lead single "Beverly Hills," has a sound remarkably similar to something Everclear, prior to its chorus, is pure Weezer. "This Such a Pity" has a fun, synthesized 1980s sound to it. It's "Freak Me Out," the opening instrumentals, resembling the Smashing Pumpkins, lead into a harmonica solo. If there is one area in which the album falls short it is the lyrics. The band has never been known for deep, insightful lyrics, and "Make Believe" is no exception. A lot of the songs sound like they are poetry straight from River Cuomo's diary. On the plus side, misunder- stood musicians are always intriguing. The lyrics bleed nicely when mixed with the band's sound. Die-hard fans who rushed out to buy the CD will find an incorrect version of "We Are All On Drugs." According to the band's Web site, the wrong version was sent out with early copies. The difference involves two lines of vocals. The band added two extra songs to the European version including a winy live version of "Butterfly," and a version of "Island in the Sun," a song originally released on the "Green Album.""
Take advantage of the great outdoors

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Whether you have to do is walk outside to realize what an amazing country we live in. How often do you wish you lived in a place where you can escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life? Well, now you can experience the outdoors in several ways.

The first thing to do is find a great place to explore. Whether it's a mountain range, a beach, or a forest, there's something for everyone. You can also join a local outdoor club or group to explore with others.

Another option is to go on a guided tour. There are many companies that offer guided tours of various types, from hiking to kayaking to rock climbing. These tours are a great way to see the country and experience new activities.

In addition to these activities, there are also many outdoor events happening throughout the year. These can include festivals, races, and concerts, all of which offer unique opportunities to experience the outdoors.

So, whether you want to hike, climb, or simply relax on the beach, there's something for you. The key is to get out there and enjoy the beauty of nature. The great outdoors is waiting for you to explore its wonders.
Baseball
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UC Riverside
Despite losing two of three games to the Highlanders a year ago at Baggett Stadium, Cal Poly still holds an 89-70 advantage in the series between Old Dominion and UC Riverside since moving to Division I in 1995. Cal Poly head coach Larry Lee is 3-3 against the Highlanders while Smith is 0-4 against Cal Poly.

Nothing new for Shall
For the third time this season, Cal Poly senior right-hander Jimmy Shall has been named Big West Conference Pitcher of the Week.
Not good enough: Mustangs drop to No. 29 in nation

With the meat of the baseball season behind them, the Mustangs turn their attention to the final two series in an effort to impress the selection committee in hopes of making the NCAA Tournament.

After losing two of three games to No. 12 Long Beach State, Cal Poly dropped to No. 29 in the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll. The Mustangs are now third place in the Big West Conference, 1 1/2 games back of the Titans and 4 1/2 games back of Cal State Fullerton. The Mustangs will benefit from the Titans' and Titans' upcoming series against each other, but will also need to perform against UC Riverside at home and UC Irvine on the road to close the regular season.

Against Riverside at Baggett, a dozen Mustang seniors will play their final home series.}

Better than expected

Mustang Kelly Dahl hunches over the pole vault bar in the Five-Way Meet hosted by Cal Poly.

It wasn't his fastest time, almost a minute slower than his school record, but Ben Bruce still had enough to win the Big West Championship in the 5,000-meter race. His performance aside from this race made way for greater honors.

Six weeks removed from his record-setting race at the Stanford Invitational, Bruce ran a 14:32.79-minute race to claim first place. Bruce also won the 3,000-meter steeplechase, in a meet-record time of 8:42.11, while Day won the high jump and set a new Big West Conference record when she tied her season-best 6-02.75.

Then, after the completion of the championships Sunday in Irvine, Bruce received Track Athlete of the Year, while Day was honored with Field Athlete of the Year.

Bruce and Day earn honors

Cal Poly's Ben Bruce and Sharon Day earned Big West Conference Track and Field honors after the completion of the Big West Conference Track and Field Championships Sunday in Irvine.

Bruce received Track Athlete of the Year, while Day was honored with Field Athlete of the Year.

Steve Ponit, Tony Sapi and Jimmy Shall will be honored before Sunday's 1 p.m. start.

Cal Poly is 32-18 overall and 10-5 in the Big West.

UC Riverside won the final two games of a three-game Big West series against UC Santa Barbara last weekend, to snap a five-game losing streak. The Highlanders, under first-year head coach Doug Smith (23-24, UC Riverside '75), are fourth in the Big West with an 8-7 mark and won two of three games at Cal Poly a year ago.

The Highlanders feature four players with batting averages above .300, led by first baseman Nick Salton with a .361 average, seven home runs and 38 RBIs. Right fielder Aaros Grant (.349), designated hitter Andrew Martinez (.342) and center fielder Brett Bigler (.322) also are hitting well.

The Cal Poly baseball team had eight Big West Conference players of the week total this season.

POLY STAT RACK

7 more wins than Mustang softball had than Fullerton

190 softball's strength of schedule rating

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

"I wasn't really surprised to see (Fullerton) just because of their strength of schedule. They had big wins over top 10 teams."

— Jenny Goward, softball coach quoted in Tribune

WIN TOTAL

Big West Conference coaches released their preseason picks for the Big West Softball Championship.

The Mustangs were picked to win the Big West Conference this season, while Hawaii was picked to finish second. Cal State Fullerton was picked to finish third and UC Riverside was picked to finish fourth.

SHEILA SOBCHIK

Sharon Day earned Big West Field Athlete of the Year after she tied her season-best in the high jump at the Big West championships.

WERE YOU AWARE?

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