Sustainability Month aims to change the world

Holly Burke

This month students have the opportunity to change the world, or at least learn about how to change Cal Poly's Sustainability Month.

Throughout January, Cal Poly will hold a variety of events with the theme "Sustainability: Resolve to Change Your World." This coincides with the CSLU system's newly issued sustainability policy. This policy encourages all CSLU campuses to increase energy conservation, renewable power generation and sustainable building practices.

ASL encourages students to add improving and implementing sustainability to their own New Year's resolutions.

"Everybody comes from New Year's with high hopes. We intend to capitalize on this and encourage students to change positively for the environment," said President Tyler Middleton.

The events are a part of the ASL program "Cal Poly NEXT," which fosters change and progress in cultural and environmental aspects of Cal Poly.

The events are also being held to adjust to the national "Taloures Declaration." The environment-based declaration was created by international university administrators and leaders during a conference in Talloires, France in 1990. The declaration calls for universities to follow guidelines to foster environmental awareness and sustainability. President Baker signed the declaration on behalf of Cal Poly in April, 2004.

"I am gratified to see the variety of serious and creative work being done across the university to explore the issue of sustainability to assess the significance for the 21st century and to identify workable strategies for putting sustainability principles into practice," President Baker said in a press release.

"Sustainability is becoming really important in industries in every aspect. Students today will be implementing the programs that are being developed now," said Andrea Ramirez, an environmental engineering

Society of Women Engineers hosts keynote speaker in an ‘Evening with Industry’

Nick Coury

The Cal Poly Society of Women Engineers (SWE) will host speaker Patricia Galloway to inspire and encourage women in a variety of engineering fields during "Evening with Industry." The event was sponsored by Cal Poly's College of Science and Mathematics. The conference was financed by the biological sciences department and in part by a generous donation from Helen L. Johnson of Salinas. In Cal Poly's first year hosting the event, each speaker is individually dedicated to monarch butterfly conservation efforts.

Galloway will be speaking tonight at the first SWE meet, named most "Outstanding Student by SWE President Betsy Sale, a civil engineering senior and SWE vice president of corporate relations. "I knew it would be hard to be a woman in engineering. I felt that SWE would be a mentoring avenue, and be a great opportunity for leadership." Dr. Galloway will be speaking at "Evening with Industry" tonight at 6 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

The meeting will promote ticket sales for their main event on Jan. 27. Tickets for that event are selling for $10 for SWE members, and $25 for non-members. More information can be found at www.swe.calpoly.edu.
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in order to reduce the reliance
on student loans.

The student loan cuts are part of
a $40 billion package to reduce the
federal deficit and are the largest
cuts in the history of the student
federal loan programs.

The reconciliation bill would
raise interest rates on student and
parent loans and cut government
subsidies to private lenders.

In the University of California,
67,000 of over 200,000 students
take out federal loans and will be
affected by these hikes in interest
rates, said USAC Internal Vice
President Jeannie Biniek.

She said the legislation would
increase interest rates from 4.7 per-
cent to 6.8 percent and result in an
average debt increase of $5,800 per
student receiving loans.

The legislation will have the
biggest impact on low-income
working students, said Ruth Obel-
Jorgenson, organizing director of
the UC Students Association.

These cuts may affect how many
hours students have to work each
week, Obel-Jorgenson said.

She said small amounts of
money do not make much of a dif-
fERENCE to most lawmakers, but in
the life of a working student, the
fees add up. To students, “$100 is
a big deal,” especially when one text-
book can cost over $100, she said.

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nomic diversity of the UCLA cam-
pus. Rosenthal said. He said the
growing price of a university edu-
cation will deter low-income and
underprivileged students and par-
ents from trying to finance an edu-
cation.

For low-income families, the
“sticker shock” of the price of a
university education may have an
effect on where students attend
school, and even how many chil-
dren in the family can afford to go
to college, Rosenthal said.

“Working students who rely on
loans to access higher education
will not feel comfortable taking on
that much debt,” Biniek said.

Rosenthal said the regents are
very concerned about financial aid
for students and the federal role in
offering loans for students.

“Deans-makers are not pri-
orizing higher education and the
affordability of a university educa-
tion,” Biniek said.

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If you limit your choices only to what seems possible or reasonable, you disconnect yourself from what you truly want, and all that is left is a compromise.
— Robert Fritz

The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.
— Walter Bagehot

Wordly Wise

Ineffable: Incapable of being expressed.

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Workshops & Events

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Recreation Center

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Chumash Auditorium

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Schwarzenegger says accident won't keep him off motorcycles

Peter Prengaman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Recalling his days as one of Hollywood's most popular action heroes, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Monday a weekend accident won't stop him from riding motorcycles.

As an actor, he said, he had to sign contracts covering possible injuries from stunts. "I did all those things anyway," Schwarzenegger said. "I never played by the rules."

The governor received 15 stitches in his lip after his 12-year-old son Patrick was involved in the accident Sunday near their Los Angeles home, his spokesman Margita Thompson said. His son was unjured.

Schwarzenegger said during an appearance Monday at a health center for women and children in North Hollywood, "It could have been very different." The left side of the governor's upper lip was swelled and puffed, but he said doctors had advised him to avoid attending events and speaking for at least three days.

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Nicole Winfield
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VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI condemned terrorism as a "moral perversion" and demanded religious freedom around the world in an unusual foreign policy speech to Vatican-based diplomats.

Benedict stressed the need for forgiveness and reconciliation to bring peace in armed conflicts around the world. And he told the ambassadors that wealthy countries must do more for the world's poor. Even half of what they spend on weapons "would be more than sufficient to alleviate the immense miseries of the poor from destitution," he said.

Benedict described a global "clash of civilizations" taking root and said the danger was made even greater by terrorism, whose causes he attributed to politics as well as "arbitrary religious ideas."

"No situation can justify such criminal activity, which covers the perpetrators with infamy, and it is all the more deplorable when it hides behind religion, thereby bringing the pure truth of God down to the level of the tenets of a blindseeing and moral perversion," he said.

Benedict stressed the need for all human rights to be respected, but said religious freedom was most important because it involves "the most important human relationships: our relationship with God," he said.

"Unfortunately, in some states, even among some centuries-old cultural traditions, freedom of religion, far from being guar­anteed, is seriously violated, especial­ly where minorities are concerned," he said.

He did not name any countries, but the Vatican has in the past condemned the Islamic movements that are opposed to the use of alcohol and certain forms of dress. Benedict said he was very lucky.

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Student art goes 'officially urban'

Nick Coury
MUSTANG DAILY

Regina Nicolas has made art at the University Union Gallery "officially urban.

Nicolas, a studio art senior who said her life has been impacted by the hip-hop culture, will debut pieces she has created that are a culmination of the elements of hip-hop culture using a variety of mediums like acrylics and cardboard. Her work will be displayed in the UU Gallery through Jan. 20.

"I have been doing it all my life," Nicolas said. "(Art) is something I love to do — anything hands on."

Nicolas' outlet was gymnastics until hip surgery at the age of 16 forced her to quit. In search of a new form of expression, she found her release in paintings and three-dimensional pieces.

"I used to write, but art has that power of the visual image," Nicolas said. "Even in poetry there is still grammar that you have to deal with, but with art you (can) express everything and there is no wrong."

Nicolas' art takes inspiration from the four elements of hip-hop, which include DJ's, graffiti, rap and break dancing, also known as "be-be-boys."

"I went to my first hip-hop show, Living Legends, in 1999 in Los Angeles," Nicolas said. "It was the feeling (that attracted me); it was the fact that I wasn't just going to listen to music. There were artists with art books doodling in the back, dancers, and everyone was really friendly. It was a different environment and had more of a feeling of community."

Her exposure to hip-hop, along with the origins of the culture, gave her inspiration to continue creating unique art.

"I really like live music, but there is more of a cultural aspect to hip-hop," Nicolas added. "Hip-hop has an art to it. Other genres have dances, but hip-hop incorporated more senses visually."

Though her art, Nicolas wants to expose people to the music, because the feds there are many negative connotations associated with hip-hop such as guns, drugs and violence. "What I wanted to do (with my art) was to bring it back to the fun that they had," said Nicolas. "I wanted to bring back the four elements of what hip-hop is."

Nicolas wants to cross the barriers and take what is generally seen as unwanted and turn it into something that people, who are anti-graffiti, would want to buy and display in their homes.

"I want them to enjoy the art. I hope when they see it, they smile," Nicolas said. "My work is really playful and different, and when people find out it is related to hip-hop, (it will) create a better acceptance of a different aspect of hip-hop that they may not have been open to, but see it as an art in its traditional way."

The UU Gallery will host an opening reception for studio art senior Regina Nicolas' exhibit "Art — Officially Urban" today from 6 to 8 p.m.
SADLY, I must admit that when the New York Times announced last month that President Bush ordered the National Security Agency (NSA), which focuses on international and foreign surveillance, to spy instead on American citizens, I hardly flinched. I suppose that for a man who usurped the presidency by staging a coup, I'm not the least bit surprised.

After the Watergate scandal with Nixon, who also ordered illegal wiretaps, Congress intervened in 1978 and established the boundaries for which such spying by a president may be legally permitted, only with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). Bush ignored this law, which requires him to obtain a warrant from a special FISA court before spying on U.S. citizens.

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Writetaping, spying protects United States

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CINCINNATI — Terrorists live among us. That point has been drilled into American minds since the attacks of 9-11.

However, the ongoing struggle over whether or not President George W. Bush has the authority to conduct wiretaps without a warrant fell out of favor Saturday. The Washington Post reported an arm of Congress said the president's justification for conducting the wiretaps conflicts with existing law and hinges on weak legal arguments.

Congress attacked many of the claims and reasons Bush has leaned upon in recent weeks, in effect tearing down his defense for warrantless wiretaps. But even though it appears Bush has over-stepped his presidential power, the motives behind the misuse can only benefit the United States.

Sure, many people would be angry if they knew their conversations were being listened to by complete strangers, but isn't that the price we pay for the world we live in? The attacks of 9-11 proved that there are those who are willing to work and live in this country in order to create a roster of paper that will later allow them to carry out an attack unimpeded.

In the Post's report, Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) goes on record as saying, "It looks like the president's warrantless spying was not only illegal, but also ensured innocent Americans who did nothing more than place a phone call."

This may be true, innocent Americans may have been harmed, but their lives were not destroyed for the country's overall safety.

How would you know when the government is listening anyway? Just like at the airport, where security checks are often lengthy and involved, passengers must be inconvenienced by getting to the airport early, waiting through long security lines and having their ID checked countless times. But it is all for our safety.

Vice President Dick Cheney has stood by Bush in defending the need for wiretapping, claiming many attacks have been thwarted by the strategy.

From an administration that I need only watch half an episode of "Law & Order" to understand that in America, authorities need a court-ordered search warrant before they can initiate any kind of search of a citizen.

That point has been made. The attacks of 9-11 were the next logical step, and quite predictable. That point has been made.

TALKBACK WITH JACQ

The Soapbox Diaries

Jack Ingram

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Photographer Wanted!

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Basketball
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while the Long Beach State sideline looked like it was at a rite.

The three-point exhibition was nothing new for the Mustangs who throw up about 20 per game.
The loss moved the Mustangs to 2-2 in conference and 4-10 on the season.

Starting for the Mustangs was forward Derek Stockalper who fin-
ished with 18 points. Both, highly-recruited guards, Devin Whites for Cal Poly and Jibril Hodges for Long Beach State
started most of the night. Whites remained quiet in the scoring department but contributed seven rebounds and five assists. Hodges averaging 14 points per game this season, finished with just nine points.

But for four Pieris finished in double figures to make up for it. Shawn Hawkins finished with 15 points, Kejuan Johnson 14 points and Louis Darries 10.
The Mustangs saw their last lead, 50-49, in the 8:27 mark before the eyes took over. Slowly the Pieris pulled away with jumpers from Hawkins and the inside play of Hawkins. The dagger came at the 3-13 mark when Hodges hit a long three-pointer to give Long Beach State a 66-61 lead.
The Mustangs travel to UC-Davis on Friday.

Cal Poly sophomore guard Chaz Thomas drives left against Long Beach State’s leading scorer, Jibril Hodges.
SPORTS DAILY

COMMENTS DON'T BODE WELL

T he head of U.S. skiing on Monday called Bode Miller's comments about drinking and racing "unacceptable" and "irresponsible," and he plans to meet with the champion skier.

Bill Marolt, the president and chief executive of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association, released a statement in response to the profile of Miller broadcast on CBS' "60 Minutes" on Sunday night.

He said Miller's remarks "relate to alcohol use in conjunction with competition are unacceptable within the values expected of U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association athletes."

Miller told the CBS program that "there's been times when I've been in really rough shape at the top of the course."

"Talk about a hard challenge right there. If you ever tried to ski when you're wasted, it's not easy," Miller said. "Try and ski a slalom when -- you hit a gate less than every one a second, so it's risky, you know. You're putting your life at risk. It's like driving drunk only there's no rules about it."

Asked if the risk meant he would never ski drunk again, the 28-year-old Miller replied, "No, I'm not saying no rules about it."

"One thing that College, professor at the University of Utah, says is that we're not recruiting athletes who fit into the academic flavor of the campus."

Cal Poly recruits well-rounded student-athletes, the results may be positive for the school. The Mustangs are now 1-8 on the season.

The Mustangs won't admit a scholar-athlete with a sub-1600 SAT score (based on the 1600 score exam), he said.

Beginning this year, all NCAA institutions are subject to academic progress report standards. Schools that fail to reach the standards of eligibility and progress toward graduation will receive sanctions from the NCAA."

In February, a list of schools that don't meet the standards will be released publicly. These schools are subject to sanctions in the form of lost scholarships.

Harsher penalties will be assessed beginning in 2007-08 should schools fall short of the standards.

Williams said that while the academic progress report seeks to balance athletics with academics, the results may be skewed.

"One thing that baseball, men's basketball and football players succeed academically, Williams said. While a football, baseball or men's basketball player can make a profitable career playing in the NFL, MLB or NBA, most athletes have no choice but to pursue a non-sports career after graduation."

Each school will be given a yearly assessment and the opportunity to explain absen-