Conference unites students to change the status quo

James Mellor
TODAY'S IMAGE

Over 150 Cal Poly students united this weekend under the common theme of creating change. The fourth annual Change the Status Quo conference, put on by Student Community Services, included 24 workshops addressing the issues of consciousness consumption, cultural equality, environmentalism, feminism, LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered) rights, health, politics, world and youth. "It's basically to educate people and give them the tools to create a change," Student Community Services volunteer Megan Mastache said. "It's all about creating social change and a broad range of topics. The idea is to bring awareness to people about new issues."

"You may already know about women's rights, but you don't know anything about civil rights for Muslim students," she added. "To learn about all these things, but not leave afterwards being depressed because you realize how much more is wrong with the world, but to leave afterwards realizing you have a whole coalition of students who want to stand up for things." Mastache organized the conference with fellow Student Community Service volunteer York Shingler.

"Change the Status Quo kicked off Friday night in the Chumash Auditorium with a presentation of the workshops, a definition of the Status Quo and a performance by slam poet Anis Moghani."

"A lot of people on campus accept the world the way it is as they accept the status quo," Mastache said. "They get upset if you point out that something's wrong. This is to show people that not everything's perfect, but that's not a reason to be hopeless."

On Saturday morning the conference resumed in Chumash Auditorium with organic breakfast and a keynote speech by Cal Poly graduate Eric Parkinson. In his speech, Parkinson commended the students' initiative to get involved with the types of issues the conference was addressing.

"There are huge issues and I really have to appeal you for attacking these issues," Parkinson said. "The topics you're talking about are really important and aren't worthed with enough." Parkinson continually referred to see Change, page 2

Hillel attracting a large and diverse membership

Holly Burke
MISSIONS

Many Cal Poly students do not know about one of the fastest growing clubs on campus. Hillel, the Jewish student organization in San Luis Obispo, has been at Cal Poly for over 15 years and has drastically increased its membership in the past two years.

"Where we used to get 20 students coming to events, we now often get about 100 at our (monthly) Shabbat dinners," said Jeff Pathman, Hillel president and computer engineering senior.

Hillel is not solely a Cal Poly organization, it also offers memberships to Cuesta students and all people interested in joining. Participants do not have to be Jewish to join.

"A goal of Hillel is to provide a meaningful Jewish experience for people in college," said Pathman. "It is also our mission.

"Having a large and diverse membership means that the Hillel board must organize a variety of events for the different club members and their specific interests. The club holds events like pizza-making bonfires, movie nights and brings speakers (including comedians) to Cal Poly.

"All events have to target a specific audience. Certain members will come to see speakers, others come only to social events, some only come to the Shabbat dinners," said Shaina Fox, Hillel secretary and agricultural business sophomore.

A club goal for the year has been to have an event for every Jewish holiday. There are many today marks Tu B'Shvat, known as "the new year for trees." To honor agriculture, it is common for Jewish people to consume fruit and plant trees in abundance. According to Pathman, Israel was the only country to have a net increase of trees going into the 20th century.

Hillel is also currently working on a project to honor Yom Hashoah, a day of remembrance for the Holocaust. The students have collected 60,000 pennies for a display in the University Union. Each penny represents 100 Holocaust victims. The display will be set up in April.

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what people do with their lives as "life maps," and how many of the world's troubles are due to problems with people's life maps. One of the main themes of Parkinson's speech was how he was able to alter his life map and make change by opening an orphanage in Sri Lanka.

"It's good to see through people's experiences," economics and information system senior Fred Ghamah said. "It helps to see how you can have an impact when you see someone who has." Parkinson also said in his speech he has been given obvious advantages because of his skin color, and thinks this is a ridiculous aspect of our society.

"Nobody is given the choice as to what circumstances they're born into," Parkinson said. "It's kind of ridiculous if you think about it, that people walk around saying, 'I'm beautiful,' or 'don't you admire the dead collagen cells on my head?' To take pride in something like that, why? We had no say in it.

"I ask this question rhetorically, 'I don't know if you were consulted or not, but nobody was consulted on these things,'" he added. "They are just sort of dumped into this skin, this body, this geographic location on the planet. That's it.

The crowd reacted to his speech with a standing ovation.

"The whole thing was really inspiring," English senior Ellen Jewell said. "I liked his emphasis on (Sri Lankan) children and how they are the same as children (in the United States)." After the speech, students broke up and began to attend workshops for the remainder of the day.

A popular workshop was about "Human Trafficking," led by Cal Poly students JR. Webb and Darlene Molina. Their workshop dealt with the estimated 700,000 women trafficked every year for sexual exploitation.

Other workshops included Another Type of Group's "Soulspeck," which explored the theme of change through art and the Multicultural Center's "Urban Nutrition," which addressed why low-income minorities in America are at risk for exacerbated health problems.

An incredibly gripping workshop was the Muslim Student Association's "Post 9-11 America: The Civil Rights Struggle Continues." The workshop featured civil rights leader Amir Abdel Malik Ali, who examined the civil rights inequalities for Muslims in America through a compelling speech filled with anecdotes of the civil rights violations Muslims have endured since Sept. 11, 2001.

Malik Ali also discussed how the movement for social change in the '60s applies to today by giving past examples of social injustices towards a race of people. He also provided information on Islam and talked about how the American lifestyle can make people, "deaf, dumb and blind," to social injustice.

The workshop filled the classroom and received a fairly positive reaction.

"I was excited that there were so many other people there who were open to it," architecture freshman Amanda Francis said. "I think a lot of people on campus have a misinterpretation of Muslims and wouldn't be interested in putting up with something like that."

Two student organizations that played big roles in the conference were the Pride Center and the Women's Center. Both organizations put on three separate workshops addressing the themes of feminism, LGBT issues, environment and politics.

The Women's Center co-hosted a workshop with AAUW on "The Power of Women" for women for peace, on "How 100 Pink Women Started an International Movement." Other Women's Center workshops included "Feminism and Faith," which featured female Jewish, Muslim and Christian speakers, and "Feminism in Motion," which combined feminism with environmentalism.

The Pride Alliance Center offered "ally training" for students who were interested and want to get involved in the LGBT community. The club held seminars on Marriage Equality and Education Equity, which were aimed at individuals who are becoming teachers by outlining the importance to create welcoming campuses.

Other clubs and organizations that presented workshops were: Vietnamese Students Association, American Corps, Promisefellows, Associated Students Inc., California Student Sustainability Coalition, Career Services, Environmental Correct Fair Trade Club, Monumental Xinacan de Arta (MEXA), Progressive Student Alliance, Pols Greens, Raise the Respect and Rotate.

"We try to get the clubs on campus that don't have a lot of people at their table to be able to get what's important to them out on campus."

Several students explained why they thought it was important to attend a conference that addresses issues like these.

"I'm here because my goal is to become a teacher," business marketing graduate Luars Kogan said. "I think it's really important that I'm better educated and to talk to people about issues so they can see why it's important not to discriminate."

"These are issues I feel really passionate about, but are easy to forget about," psychology senior Caitlin Gibbs said. "I want to continue to remind myself that I can be empowered and make social change."

"We live in a community where we don't see a lot of poverty and discrimination, so it's easy to forget about," Kogan added. "It's a good reminder to not be caught up in yourself."

"It brings people together around a central issue of our times, which is important," said ASI president Taylor Middlestadt, who attended the conference and led discussions in several workshops.

"I think it's empowering to get together in one group for the same reason and realize they're not alone," he added. "Especially on a campus like this, where people who are motivated for social justice sometimes feel isolated because a lot of the folks here are perceived as being apathetic."

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mean people died," Pathman said.

Tonight Hillel, Alpha Epison Pi, Habbara Fellowships and StandWithUs bring guest speaker Khalid Abu Toameh to Cal Poly. Toameh is an award-winning journalist for the Jerusalem Post. Though Toameh is Palestinian, he writes mainly to a Jewish audience. He will share his beliefs about Hamas in the new Palestinian region, the Gaza post disenfranchisement, and the future of the region.

"One of the interesting things (about Toameh) is his prospective, being an Arab with Israeli citizenship," said Josh Koh, Cal Poly political science graduate. Koh saw Toameh speak in Israel last year.

Toameh speaks tonight in building 52, room B0 at 8 p.m. The event is free. For more information, visit www.HabbaraFellowships.com

The Hillel Board meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in B55, room 218 to discuss upcoming events. Check out www.hillelofsanluisobispo.org for more information about the organization.
5-Day Weather Forecast

Monday

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Forecast: Sunny skies with wind blowing NNE 9 mph
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Thursday

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Favorites
Word: Hello (It's a real word)
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— travel anywhere in the world, where would it be? Italy
— star on a TV show, which show would it be? 24, I would be Jack Bauer’s arch enemy.

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**SANTA CRUZ (AP)** — A military recruiting protest at the University of California, Santa Cruz is no longer listed on a Pentagon database of possible terrorist activity in the United States. University officials and Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer had lobbied to get mention of the April 5 protest by members of Students Against Pentagon recruiting removed from the classified database, which contains information about suspicious people and activities.

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Most other states commit their sex violent predators for at least five years and allow them out of the mental hospital only after they complete their treatment. It's a low enough risk, the predators pose a low enough risk.

Among the other findings in The Bee's investigation:

- There's a $70,000 incentive to releasing treatment, because those who do accept the program are subject to scorn inside the hospital and heightened scrutiny and community protests upon release.

- Almost all of those released without completing treatment have returned to society with less supervision than lower-risk predators freed directly from prison.

- Most of the 54 men who won early release arrived in communities with little or no public notice. Their faces, names and addresses are on a list with the Megan's Law Web site, but there's no way to differentiate the them from the 63,000 other registered sex offenders listed there.
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Nedra Pickler ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In Flames scorch with ‘Come Clarity’

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THE EVENING NEWS (OHIO STATE U.)

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Experimentation has always been a major part of In Flames’ sound. Along with fellow countrymen At the Gates, Hypocrisy and Dark Tranquillity, Swedish death metalers In Flames have developed a hugely influential style that combines the aggression of death metal with the melodic sensibilities of bands like Iron Maiden and Dio. Dubbed the “C(ATC)Othenberg sound,” after the city where the band was formed, In Flames is one of the most prominent Swedish death metal bands to emerge in the early ‘90s.

The next thing fans will notice is the welcome return of what made In Flames great in the first place: Gastrointestinal distress; after the keyboard-infused “Soundtrack To Your Escape,” the guitars are thick, snarling and at the forefront both rhythmically and melodically. Cleolotte and Stromblad move effortlessly from clean finger-picked passages to ferocious riffs and harmonized leads to soaring, fluid solos, and manage to make it all sound easy. Svensson and Iwers do an admirable job of delivering a vocal performance that is both softer, more introspective moments room to breathe, and everything can be heard in the mix.

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Perhaps the first thing that a listener will notice about “Come Clarity” is the production: The guitars are thick and crushing, the drums are crisp and powerful, and Friden’s vocals, whether it is his high-pitched screams or his actual singing, are clear and, for the most part, intelligible. Producer Daniel Bergstrand does a great job reigning in the controlled chaos of their aggressive parts, while giving their softer, more introspective moments room to breathe, and everything can be heard in the mix.

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Panther's meow more like yawn

Ryan Chartrand
SACRED CHORDS

It's amazing to think that there are a whopping 10 "The Pink Panther" films. It's even more amazing to think that Steve Martin thought "Cheaper by the Dozen 2" was a good idea. With his career dwindling down and his hair still looking amazing, however, Martin decided to take on the role of Inspector Jacques Clouseau in a new installment of a ridiculous detective in all of France, in "The Pink Panther." The new comedy's title number 10 in the series is filled with repeated brainless and mediocre humor, a murder case that a high school student could have written with only a few worthy laugh-out-loud moments. One more nail in the coffin of Martin's career. For those who know nothing about "The Pink Panther" aside from its catchy theme song, Inspector Clouseau is easily the worst detective known to man even though he, like all comic detectives in Hollywood, always ends up solving his cases.

Each case revolves around the theft of a world-renowned diamond called "The Pink Panther." Clouseau is hired this time around to solve a murder surrounding a screaming soccer player who just so happens to own the one and only "Pink Panther," which disappears after his death. Add Beyoncé Knowles and her on-screen chemistry, and you have the result of Clouseau's case is unfortunately the same as one of his previous cases. The theater would fall deathly silent when it was obvious Martin was trying to make a joke.

Thankfully, American moviegoers proved themselves brilliant once again by falling out of their seats whenever a person was accidentally injured on screen. Yes, Martin plays dumb with the crowd and instead of only keeping Clouseau as the true idiot, he spreads it throughout the entire film. It's really made it great. Despite this complaint, it is yet another demonstration of Martin's verbal hilarity ("I would Stage a damburglar") or the ridiculous idiotic statements, moviegoers dying to see Clouseau for over a decade are sure to be pleased in some form or another. For those who protest remakes of classic films or find PG comedy incapable of turning that frown upside down, "The Pink Panther" will sound less like a "meow" and more like a "yawn" this time around.

The inclusion of clean, female vocals on "Dead End" is a new inclusion for the In Flames canon. Even though it has been done several times before by other bands, the juxtaposition of Lisa Miskovsky's guest vocals with Friden's harsh screams is still surprising by effective. The title track starts with folky, acoustic guitars that lead to a bombastic chorus and eventually a soaring solo. It is on this song that Friden's white, clean vocals really seem to hurt the song instead of strengthening it. There are a few too many cracks, especially during the verses, that are really distracting and more screaming probably would have really made it great. Despite this complaint, it is still one of the best songs on the album.

"Come Clarity" closes with the experimental "Your Bedtime Story Is Scaring Everyone," in which the first four minutes consist of ambient keyboards and electronic noises which erupt into chugging guitars and heartfelt screams before going as quiet as a whisper again. While this lesson in dynamics provides for an interesting listen, it is only long, with most of the other tracks clocking in at the three to four minute range. It would have been nice if some of the more progressive elements had been further explored. As it is, most of the songs are extremely streamlined, but leaves the listener wanting more once the album is finished.

"Come Clarity" is a quality album from one of Sweden's best. It offers a great view of the ever-changing entity that is In Flames, containing elements that span their entire career, from folk, acoustic guitars and kickass harmonized leads to some keyboards, from deep death growls to beautiful female vocals. That, combined with the consistent strength of the material — except for "Scream," which is just silly — means "Come Clarity" should attract new fans with its accessibility without alienating the ones that have been with them for over ten years.

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Smoking to lose weight proves not to be worth the risks

Maggie Fincel

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Looking to lose a few pounds? A surprising trend shows that instead of heading to the gym, some people are making their way to the nearest gas station to slim up. No, it’s not some new wonder-pill meant to instantly burn away the pounds; it’s an old-fashioned nicotine.

A report from Harvard Medical School in an October 1999 issue of Pediatrics said that girls and boys as young as 9 years old take up smoking in an attempt to lose weight. More than 15 percent of 9- to 14-year-old kids have smoked at least once, and getting slim is a prime motivator.

“Definitely,” Mohammed said. “The nicotine with-drawal really lasts a few days itself, and after that it’s more of a fight against the mental oral fixation. A lot of people try to satisfy that with food, and that’s when their troubles start.”

Trying to scale and acquire good health isn’t easy requiring a level of dedication and willpower unknowingly to most students. While hitting up the smokes may seem like a dream come true, the costs of bad habits outweigh the pros. Losing weight the right way is as simple as understanding good old fashioned hard work. So rather than lighting up your butt, maybe you should try getting off it instead.

It is a common misconception and (losing weight) isn’t a sure thing.

Dr. David Mannino pulmonologist at the U of Kentucky

Sending men to Mars highly possible, speaker says

Keith Brooks

LEXINGTON, Ky.—Not only is it highly possible to send men to the Red Planet — we are closer than ever before — but if Robert Zubrin, Zubrin, president and owner of Pioneer Astronautics, a research and technology company, spoke about his proposals for sending people to Mars Feb. 9 at the University of Kentucky. This former Marsian, who has been the first person to send up a proposal to Mars.com, now has a team of people working on it.

Zubrin spoke about several plans and spacecrafts optimized to perform various exploratory tasks. One of them included his description of a spacecraft called, “ARES,” a vehicle capable of lifting 120 tons into the inner orbit of Mars. He also spoke about the sending massive spacecrafts is the least important aspect of implementation. “Just lift it and throw and shoot it out,” Zubrin said. “That’s how we can do space missions in the real world.”

Zubrin described a five-year plan called the "Mars Direct Mission Sequence," which included practical and informative details about sending a series of spacecrafts to the Martian landscape. Along with specified diagrams, Zubrin explained that the spacecraft would include "Earth Return Vehicles" which would acquire 95 percent of their fuel from Mars’ atmosphere and arrive to the red planet before astronauts would reach the surface.

"The fact is basically it’s not hard,” Zubrin said. “It’s 19th century chemistry.”

Research finds excessive drinking may lead to cancer

Ryan Watkins

RALEIGH, N.C.—Last week, results of research done by the International Agency for Research on Cancer was released to the public, stating that too much drinking raises the risk of certain types of cancer, including mouth, larynx, esophagus, liver, colon and breast. This is just another example of how things done in excess can lead to harmful side effects.

The study done by the IARC showed many believe total abstinence from drinking would solve this problem, but that is not the case. Other research done over the years has proven that when done moderately, drinking can help combat and even prevent the risks of cardiovascular diseases.

"Lots of things that we do in life can be good or bad based on how much we use them," said Tony Austin, the assistant director of Health Promotion at North Carolina State University, "If we abuse them, that is where the problem lies.

According to the World Health Organization, about 25,000 annual alcohol was the cause of death of 185,000 men and 142,000 women in developing countries, in this case, world. Alcohol prevented the deaths of 7,000 men and 277,000 women.

“Everything causes cancer in excess,” Matthew Veety, a senior in electrical and computer engineering, said. “People just need to learn to drink responsibly. Moderation is the important key.”

Even the American Heart Association does not have a concrete answer other than drinking excessively will cause negative effects to one’s health. Yet at the same time they admit drinking does have some positive side effects.

According to the AHA website, alcohol and some substances such as Reeveselor found in alcohol beverages may prevent platelets in the blood from sticking together. That may reduce clot formation and reduce the risk of heart attack or stroke.

"For some people, there are indeed some benefits of using alcohol, but like almost anything, there are some very important guidelines," Austin said. "But if you’re just starting out, you still should not drink at all.

Both the AHA and the IARC recommend to drink moderately, which means no more than 1 or 2 drinks per day. While the substances inside alcohol may have scientific benefits, the side effects can be obtained from regular exercise according to the AHA.
Iran reaffirms compliance with nuclear arms control treaty

Nasser Karimi

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran reaffirmed its commitment to a nuclear arms control treaty Sunday and urged a peaceful solution to the international crisis over concerns it is seeking nuclear weapons.

Iranian government spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said Saturday he expects it to continue to cooperate with the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and the safeguards agreements with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

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Despite the tensions, a blue-print for the start of Iran's nuclear fuel enrichment program was approved by the country's nuclear program and hinted that Iran might withdraw.

"The nuclear policy of the Islamic Republic is that the Islamic Republic will be a nuclear nation. That's a fact. We never hide from the world," Asefi said.

However, the United States has long been pressing Iran to halt its nuclear program, which it considers a threat.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students should be concerned about IRA fee referendum

Thanks, Mustang Daily, for your coverage on the Instructional Related Activities fee referendum that will take place on Feb. 22 and 23. Even though the proposed fees have not been finalized yet, it is obviously important for students to be well-informed about the consequences of voting for or against.

They should know, for example, that students will play a key role in deciding how the funds will be spent. Some of the decisions will be made in the colleges, with input from the student councils, while others will be made by the ICA Advisors Council, which is chaired by a student, and whose voting membership consists of an equal number of students and faculty members.

In the article about the cost of education, "spending out-of-control" fails to take into account the fact that a voter-approved referendum on the IRA fee is included in the university's budget for the coming year, which provides a diminishment of the previously proposed increase (for $249 per year) for the State University Fee. If approved by the California legislature, which seems likely, this fee will remain unchanged for 2006-07. For more information about the referendum, please check out the Web site http://studentaffairs.calpoly.edu/fee/ref/.

W. David Conn

Ph.D., professor for academic programs & graduate education

What's the problem with hitchhiking?

Hitchhiking should be accepted in SLO. This is a college town where students and faculty alike walk, drive, bike and bus to school. Most likely, if you see someone walking up Grand they are going to Poly if you're in a car and you're going there anyway, why not pick them up? When classes get completed by 4 p.m., the buses are packed and everyone migrates home. Students walking down Grand, Monterey or Oceana Footills are either going home, downtown or to the store. This is not an act of charity, it's just a part of our usual day. You meet a fellow student and will feel good for helping them out (especially on a rainy day). Nothing but positive things will arise.

John Lane

Mathematics junior

Dear readers of the Mustang Daily, especially Brian McMullen

What you have to realize about Morgan Elam is that he never writes what he thinks. If you have read the paper in the last couple of years, you would know that Elam writes to get a rise out of people. He'll lie just about anything to stir the pot. While this is good sometimes, when he falsely portrays the beliefs of a group, he be a Zero. As a Christian, I was very offended by Elam's letter on Wednesday. I think his article was unfounded in many ways, but I did appreciate the point he was making.

Unfortunately, this article is false. Morgan Scott's last name does not increase IN A CLOSED SYSTEM. The Earth is not a closed system, as he implies, but the sun provides large amounts of energy to us (and giving us nice weather). If you doubt this, just look at the weather. It's a system that can increase when it is fed energy from the sun. This is why a cup filled with dirt and water is a closed system.

B. Scott

Architecture junior

Our classroom etiquette: Dos and Don'ts

C all it pet peeves, poor manners, bad habits or whatever you want — we see evidence of these things go unnoticed by many, while others are as annoy­ ing or offensive as a chair pulled directly in front of students and professors alike. We're all guilty at one point or another but it is sometimes due to conditions that are out of our control, and other times we perform with blatant disregard of everyone else in the classroom.

Arriving late. Perhaps one of the most deplorable etiquettes, tardiness nevertheless presents you as an undeserving scholar/student. Let's face it people, arriving "transitionally late" to a lecture doesn't have the same effect as that at a party. More than likely you've ruined the profes­ sor's announcement of changed office hours or that theLECTURE of the day has already been passed out. Not to mention that the only seat left is the one furthest from the door, forcing you to trip across every backpack with irritated glances from your classmates. So, you can tell that things that can tell, so let's make a lit­ tle extra effort to be prompt.

Cell phones. Traveling from class to class you will, at one point or another forget to switch them back to vibrate. On the other hand, it doesn’t take too much of a con­ scious effort on test day to press a couple of buttons to preserve the sanctity of the exam class. Some of us also make an attempt to shield the rest of the class from the ringer. Jack Johnson ring tones as they struggle to take a com­ plex integral on their finals. can't wait. So... Perhaps in a less than annoy­ ing classrooms students may actually respond. During the first week of classes, we will generally claim a specif­ ic seat in the room. After the first week grace periods aren't gen­ eral. But the day will come when you arrive to find the one seat who's attended class on only the first day shrugs planted in your seat. This affects the whole area and you create a chain reaction. You must now occu­ py another student's pre-determined desk and everyone who arrives thereafter is forced to give the orientalist a Occupant a lucky look. Please sit consis­ tently in your own chair or grab one in the back.

Talking in halls. As we find ourselves trying to pay attention, at times we'll hear conversations being conduct­ ed. I choose to create individuals walking outside of my mind. Doors while classes are in full swing. Do we care about the group that takes the time to leave the room. Have some respect for yourself, your professor and especially those around you.

Gale Sun is an electrical engineering major at a Mustang Daily guest editor.
Mustang Daily

SPORTS

Monday, February 13, 2006

Eugeny Gwosz led all scorers with 16 for the Mustangs. Amber Cox chipped in 11 for Riverside. Andrea Andsenson and Sarah Grieve had 10 apiece to lead the Mustangs offensively.

On the boards, Riverside's Kenee Nielke had a game-high 13 rebounds, eight on the offensive end, and teammate Romey Friend and Tainamoo Lott were best with 10 and nine, respectively.

Both teams shot the ball poorly. Riverside was 28.6 percent from the field as a team and Cal Poly at 39.2 percent. The difference was in three-point shooting and from beyond the charity stripe as the Mustangs made five more than the Mustangs from downtown and six more from the charity stripe.

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DOMINATING WIN OVER TRITONS

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In singles competition, Fred Dewine's win over Erik Ujila leaves him with a three-match singles winning streak. Newcomer Darvyn Young recorded his first win as a Mustang in a tiebreaker match at the No. 6 spot.

WRESTLING

MUSTANG SNAP LOSING STREAK

C al Poly ended its five-match losing streak in a big way with back-to-back wins. The Mustangs defeated San Francisco State in convincing fashion, 48-3, and scored a conference victory over Stanford, 29-13.

The Mustangs were led by senior Ryan Halsey (184) who won two matches by pinfall and junior David Roberts (145) who picked up a technical fall victory against San Francisco State and a major decision victory over Stanford.

With the pair of wins, the Mustangs improve to 9-7 overall and 5-2 in the Pac-10 conference. The Mustangs conclude the regular season on Feb. 17, hosting UC Davis at 7 pm. The Pac-10 championships are right around the corner as well with Cal Poly traveling to host Stanford on Feb. 28 through Feb. 27.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

BRUINS, BEARS STOMP STANGS

C al Poly opened its season 1-4 at the Campbell/Carter Classic hosted by San Diego State. The Mustangs fell 9-4 to the host Anteaters on Thursday and dropped another game later that night to No. 2 UCLA, 13-0.

On Friday, the Mustangs won their first game of the season, beating Oklahoma State 16-12. In the toughest outing for the young Mustangs, No. 5 UC Berkeley came back in the top of the seventh inning to win 3-1. And, in the final game of the tournament, Cal Poly was shut out by Sacramento State, 2-0.

Gina Leonati touched home first for the Bears with a single to center field. She advanced to third after two more Berkeley hits. Newcomer Jenna Maiden pitched all seven innings for Cal Poly, allowing just five hits and one walk against the Bears.

The Mustangs have lost five of their last seven conference games and lost a pair to UC Davis. The first half was marred by missed shot after missed shot for the Mustangs while the Highlanders turned the ball over 18 times in the opening 20 minutes of play, eight alone coming from starting point-guard Vanessa Campillo.

Cal Poly trailed 26-14 at the half. But behind a fervent defensive effort in the second half, the Mustangs drew to a 47-47 tie with 2:22 remaining.

As the game seemed destined for overtime, see Loss, page 11

O nce again, Cal Poly was the better team in a regionally televised Big West Conference men's basketball game Saturday night at Bren Events Center.

The game was tied for the final time at 57-57 with 1:14 to play when junior guard Ross Schraeder, who entered the game as UC Irvine's leader, missed a shot. But his teammate, senior David Hoang, caught the ball and banked a shot off the glass with 15 seconds remaining to clinch Cal Poly's 61-55 victory over UC Irvine in the final game of a three-game non-conference baseball series Saturday afternoon at George C. Page Stadium.

The victory gave the No. 25-ranked Mustangs their third straight series, two games to one, and improved their record to 7-2 on the season. Losoya Marymount fell 2-0 on the year.

Reed walked two, struck out two and allowed just two hits over five innings as Cal Poly built a 3-0 lead in the first three innings and added single runs in the sixth and seventh frames for the win. Thomas Eager and Casey Fien each pitched two innings in relief — Eager allowing one run and three hits while Fien gave up just one hit with one strikeout.

For the fourth straight game, Cal Poly reached double figures in hits. The Mustangs bunted out 15 hits in Friday's 10-8 loss, then pounded a 19-hit attack into a 16-4 victory Saturday. Cal Poly collected 10 hits Sunday, including a double and two singles by Carepa. Designated hitter Jacob Luque added two singles while left fielder Matt Cooper singled in a pair of runs in the third inning to give Cal Poly a 3-0 lead.

Overall, for the series we got some quality outings from the bullpen: and our two catchers — Carepa and Jonathan Woessner combined for eight hits from the No. 9 hole in our lineup. Mustang fourth-year head coach Larry Lee said both also caught well and handled our pitching staff extremely well.

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