Students join community to take the chance to ‘Walk a Mile in Her Shoes’

Liz Soteres-McNamara

Enterprise project creates Tomato Mania

Jennifer Hall

WHAT: Second lecture in the "Abraham—Father of Many" series featuring a panel discussion focusing on understanding the place and meaning of the persons of Abraham in Judaism, Christianity and Islam.
WHEN: May 3 at 7 p.m.
WHERE: In Phillips Hall in the Performing Arts Center

WHAT-ASI elections will be held May 3 and 4 at various locations on campus. Visit www.asi.calpoly.edu/asi-elections for more information. Candidate forums will be held May 2. One will be in Sierra Madre at 7:15 p.m. and the other at Ceres Vista at 8:15 p.m., where the presidential candidates will give their platforms and answer questions.

WHAT: Celebration ceremony for the new Center for Construction Excellence at the site of the former Air Conditioning building. For a full list of the weekend’s activities, visit www.ece.calpoly.edu
WHEN: May 6 at 3 p.m.
WHERE: Dexter Lawn and the powerhouse.

WHAT: The 2006 Junior Forum will feature Caltech physicist David Goodstein who will discuss rising gas prices and the looming end of the world’s oil supply in his keynote address. The event is free and open to the public.
WHEN: May 7 at 4:30 p.m.
WHERE: In the Science Theatre.
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walk. He made the crowd laugh with his specially ordered, open-toed, pink toes in size 15.

"I want to do what I can to show support and make a statement," he said. Lenthall participated in the event last year as well.

Choice of footware aide, coordinator Jenny Adams spoke to participants before the event and reminded them of the purpose of the event.

One of the chosen speakers, Ron Walfman with the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department, reminded the crowd that "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" takes place across the globe. Walfman provided examples of decreasing sexual assault statistics and encouraged the participants of the positive effects while standing in front of the crowd in black pumps.

"Vothure, man, you are guilty for the good they do not do," Walfman said while getting his toenails painted before his speech.

"I bought the shoes in L.A. because I knew no one would ask any questions," he said. "They even gave me a discount." Walfman consented to getting his toenails painted while he was waiting for his toes to dry.

Participants were in high spirits as they paraded through downtown, many carrying signs in English and Spanish against sexual assault. Families walked along and carried children upon their shoulders while completing the route.

Cars blocked in support of the walkers several times along the route. Volunteers stood on street corners to direct participants back up to Mitchell Park.

"Eliminating sexual violence liberates men and women," said Niek Dous, a participant and Cal Poly political science professor. Dous brought the youngest event participant, her 15 month-old son, Spencer. He also wore pink strapped girl's shoes along the walk.

"Sexual assault is not a women's issue," Dous said. "It's a societal issue.

Women ages 16 to 24 are the most vulnerable group to experience sexual assault. Adams said this is in part due to "increased experimentation and exposure" in their lives.

But men are not immune to the risk of sexual assault. Adams said as many as one in six men (compared with one in three women) will experience some form of sexual assault in their lives.

April was sexual assault awareness month, and many events took place to remind people of the need for education on the issue. Cal Poly featured Remember Me and Take Back the Night during the month.

According to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), overall sexual assaults have dropped 22 percent nationwide. An American is sexually assaulted every two and a half hours, according to RAINN's fact sheet on their Web site.

The SARP Center provides statistics that cite the majority of victims (75-80 percent) knew the attacker before the incident. Most sexual assaults occur in the home with drugs or alcohol contributing to the incident in more than half of the cases.

The effects of sexual assault extend far beyond the incident. Victims of sexual assault are three times more likely to suffer from depression and six times more likely to suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. Victims are also 13 times more likely to abuse alcohol, 26 times more likely to abuse drugs, and four times more likely to contemplate suicide.

However, even with increased awareness, sexual assault crimes remain the most under-reported crime, Adams said. Current estimates available at the SARP Center shows that as few as one in nine or even one in 11 victims of sexual assault actually report the crime.

The SARP Center is the only program focused on sexual assault education and recovery in the county. It runs programs for volunteers to talk to junior high school students about sexual harassment and to operate a 24-hour hotline available for county residents to talk about sexual assault experiences.

Adams said the SARP Center received calls from 314 individuals during the 2005 year. Of that number, she estimated that 129 were people calling about crimes that occurred in 2005. It is common for victims to call the SARP Center for the first time after an attack has taken place.

Law enforcement agencies countywide only reported 81 incidents of sexual assault in 2005. Other cases go unreported by law enforcement, but victims may seek help from the SARP Center.

In addition to new calls, Adams estimated that the SARP Center received over 500 calls last year from repeat callers about previously reported incidents.

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Tomato plants that the students planted from seeds in January. They spent four days planting and then over 80 hours each of watering and caring for the plants.

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5-Day Weather Forecast

Monday
High / Low 62 / 49
Forecast: Partly cloudy skies. Wind NNW 13 mph
Sunrise: 6:11 a.m.
Sunset: 7:49 p.m.
UV Index: 9 Moderate

Tuesday
High: 69 Low: 52

Wednesday
High: 69 Low: 51

Thursday
High: 63 Low: 50

Friday
High: 64 Low: 50

SICK?
As a last resort, use the Mustang Daily as a tissue.

This Week in ASI

Name: Michelle Crist
Year: senior
Hometown: Tehachapi
Major: nutrition
Favorites
Drink: A frosty-cold Cooper’s Pale but Stella will do.
Car: I love my V-dubs, especially my Bug, Stella.
Phrase: “Giggiddy, Giggiddy.”
If you could…
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Australia with my sugar.
Other
Shout out: “My girls at 1012, Eduardos, Grec-Fab, Zach Attack and Richard Reardon

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THIS WEEK

UU HOUR
Featuring CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION
Thursday, May 4
9 - noon in the UU Plaza - FREE

UU GALLERY
"Bowels of SLO" is part of Student Community Services' Homelessness Awareness Week. The show features art created by children and adults of the Monterey Lima Memorial Shelter. The exhibit is on display from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, through May 19 in the UU Gallery on the second floor of the UU.

UPCOMING EVENTS
FREAK OUT ARTIST CHRISTOPHER CARTER
Monday, May 15
8 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium - FREE

ADAM SANDLER MOVIE MARATHON
Monday, May 22
3 - 10:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium - FREE

JOB OPENINGS
ASI Events is looking to fill the following positions for the 2006/2007 school year with an August start date:
- Musical Entertainment Student Supervisor
- Special Events Student Supervisor
- University Union Fine Arts Student Supervisor
- Marketing/PR Student Supervisor

Details job descriptions, as well as applications, can be found at www.asi.calpoly.edu/hr/jobs岗.php. The positions close Friday.
Brittny Peloquin

Cal Poly premed students recently took a trip to Chicago that will have a radical influence on some of their future careers.

The Cal Poly chapter of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) traveled to Chicago to attend the national club's convention from March 29 to April 2. AMSA represents the concerns of medical students across the nation.

The 56th annual convention, "Transforming Passion into Action: A New Era of Physician Advocacy," gave Cal Poly premed students a chance to discover many facets of the medical field. There were over 100 workshops, seminars and programs for them to attend based on their interest.

Microbiology sophomore Jackie Chan said before going to the convention she had nearly decided against going into the medical field, but now her idea of being a doctor has been redefined.

"It totally changed my perspective," she said. "It showed being a physician is more than curing and treating people. What touched me the most was the global outlook.

"Aside from solidifying her career choice, she was able to join the Direct Action Interest Group, a group of students within AMSA who act as a resource for people who want to do activist-related projects.

Biotechnology sophomore Sarah Hagan, the club's vice president, said she had some knowledge of stem-cell research from her own studies, but learned a lot during one of the seminars. "It really sparked my interest in doing research," she said.

The event also gave them a chance to talk to current medical school students about life in medical school and the application process. There was a medical school fair for the premed students to talk with various representatives from medical schools across the country, similar to a college fair that high school students might attend.

"The best thing was the real life fair," Hagan said. "It was actual people from the admissions board. It was a lot more personal."

This year, the club is more active than it has been in recent years. There are two new advisors, biology professors Emily Taylor and Candace Winstead. The advisors and club leaders are working to expand the club to meet the needs of the pre-med students at Cal Poly.

On the national level, most AMSA chapters are made up of medical school students working to improve the medical profession. Since Cal Poly doesn't have a medical school, the university's chapter focuses on helping pre-medical students prepare for the medical school application.

The club hosts speakers that are physicians in the local community. They are able to talk about their personal experiences and their lives as specialists.

Dana Black, biology junior and the club's secretary, said the club has given her a better perspective on her career goals.

"It encourages me to be more proactive about what I want to do," she said. "It's a cool way to meet people who are interested in the same thing."

There are between 30 and 40 people in the club right now, and they are open to new members all the time. For more information on the club and how to join, e-mail Dana Black at dblack@calpoly.edu.

Brittny Peloquin
National briefs

WASHINGTON — It’s time for the White House to go on offense and “get our mojo back,” Josh Bolten said Sunday in his first interview since taking over as the president’s chief of staff. Bolten made no promises of pulling up President Bush’s all-time low approval ratings, but he said he and Bush have decided they want to be more open with the media and the public.

— Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS — A 300-pound bear that spent several days roaming neighborhoods and shopping centers was captured and returned to the wild.

A passer-by spotted the bear Friday night in Ventura County and called police, who followed the animal in front of stores until the state Department of Fish and Game arrived.

As the bear made its way behind a Target store, state officials trans­quilled it and released it into the woods.

The animal probably lived in the Santa Monica Mountains and wandered into the suburbs for food, authorities said.

The bear was first sighted last Wednesday near a high school. As the public was not in danger while the bear wandered free.

— The Associated Press

LENHIG ACRES, Fla. — A Port of 10-year-old boys were charged Sunday with setting weekend brush fires that have destroyed or damaged more than 1,500 acres in south­west Florida, authorities said.

Both were arrested and charged with four counts with inten­tional and reckless burning of land, a third-degree felony, Lee County Sheriff’s Lt. Robert Forrest said. Authorities were seeking a third youth.

The boys were being held at the county juvenile detention center, he said.

— The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bird flu entering the U.S. through smuggled wild life is a growing worry for government officials already on the lookout for migrating wild birds. The concern over the trade in wild animals, pets and animal products has some precedent, here and abroad.

Canada has run imports from Africa brought the monkeypox virus to the United States in 2000. They injected primate dogs purchased as pets. Seventy-two people in the Midwest became ill.

In 2004, two Crested Hawk­Eagles carrying the virulent strain of the H5N1 bird flu virus were seized from the hand lug­gage of a Thai passenger at the Ronald Reagan International Airport in Belgium. The passenger had planned to transport the birds to a Belgian falconer.

— The Associated Press

California prepares for boycott that could be historic or routine

Peter Pergman

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — If Californians should keep one thing in mind for Monday’s “Day Without An Immigrant” it’s this: Be prepared for anything.

Some restaurants, stores and work­sites will close — because workers don’t show up or due to customers being sympathetic to the cause, and others who want to close because they are sympathetic.

On the eve of the protest, about 3,000 people rallied for immigrant rights at a park in Lynwood, a heavy­ly Hispanic Los Angeles suburb. Organizers of the demonstration called on residents and businesses to support the boycott.

The boycott is the crescendo to a wave of national protests over a bill passed by the House that would make it a crime to lend a hand to illegal immigrants and build hun­dreds of miles of walls along the U.S.-Mexico border.

It is a popular position with both the Senate and the House. Protesters believe the Senate is right.

“California is one of the states that have the most to lose,” said unemployed Salvadoran immigrant. “This country is about to meet the giant who was sleeping.”

Los Angeles-based La Cucaracha, a major retailer catering to Mexican clients, will keep stores open Monday, but only to provide infor­mation on immigration reform.

The decision came after numer­ous customers expressed how important the boycott was to them, although one employee wasn’t sure how to react. “I am a Mexican,” he said. “I don’t know what to do.”

Demonstrations are planned from Fresno to San Diego, including a noon rally at the state Capitol. Some are planned for school and work hours, with others scheduled to take place afterward.

Police in Los Angeles are planning for two rallies they believe could muster a half-million people — similar to the March 20 protest credited as a formative moment in the move­ment.

— Associated Press

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Libby Quaid

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Just back from Baghdad and eager to discuss planning developments, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice found herself knocked off message Sunday, forced to defend a prewar planning and troop levels against an unlikely critic — Colin Powell, her predecessor at the Pentagon.

For the Bush administration, it was a rare instance of an in-house dispute being aired publicly.

On Rice’s mind was the political breakthrough that had brought her and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to Iraq last week and cleared the way for the formation of a national unity government.

Yet Powell sidestepped her by revis­ting an argument he and Bush had failed to untangle, saying that the US had a large enough force to oust Saddam Hussein and then secure the peace.

He said he advised Bush before the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003 to keep a large enough force on the ground, but the administration did not follow his re­commendations.

Rice’s national security adviser during the run-up to the war, neither confirmed nor denied Wolfowitz’s assertions. But she spoke good part of her appearances on Sunday talk shows talking into the past to defend the White House, which is trying to highlight the posi­tions it succeeded in making public in this election year of the president’s candidacy, and the war and concerned about the large U.S. military presence.

“I don’t remember specifically what Secretary Powell may be refer­ring to, but I’m quite certain that there were lots of discussions about how best to fulfill the mission that we went into Iraq,” Rice said.

And I have no doubt that all of this was taken into consideration. But when it came down to it, the president listened to his military advisers who were to execute the plan; she

told CNN’s “Late Edition.”

Powell, in an interview broadcast Sunday in London, said he gave the advice to now retired Gen. Tommy Franks before the war, but his advice was ignored.

“I made the case to General Franks and Secretary Rumsfeld before the president that if I was not sure we had enough troops, Powell said in an interview on Britain’s ITV television.

“The case was made, it was listened to, it was considered. … A judgment was made by those responsible that the troop strength was adequate.”

In an interview with AARP The Magazine released Sunday, Powell did not say what advice he gave Bush about whether to go to war. Known to be hawks than Rumsfeld, Vice President Dick Cheney and some other presidential advisers, Powell implied he had been more cautious.

“The decisions that were made were not made by me or Mr. Cheney or Rumsfeld. They were made by the president of the United States,” he said.

“And my responsibility was to tell him what I thought. And if others were going in at different times and telling him different things, it was his decision to decide whether he wanted to listen to that person or some­body else,” Rice said.

“Rice said Bush “listened to the advice of his advisers and alternately, he listened to the advice of his com­manders, the people who actually had to execute the war plan. And ... listened to them several times,” she told ABC’s “This Week.”

“When the war plan was put together, it was put together, also, with consideration of what would happen after Saddam Hussein was actually overthrown,” Rice said.

In January, Pentagon officials acknowledged that Paul Bremer, the U.S. senior official in Iraq during the first year of the war, told Rumsfeld in May 2004 that a far larger number of U.S. troops were needed to effectively fight the insurgency, but his advice was rejected.

Rumsfeld suggested half a million troops were needed — more than three times the number there at the time.

“There will be time to go back and look at those days of the war and, after the war to see what went right and what went wrong,” Rice said on CBS’s “Face the Nation.”

“But the goal and the purpose now is to make certain that we take advantage of what is now a very good movement forward on the political front to help this Iraq government,” she said.

Powell was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the 1991 Gulf War and is known for his belief in deploying decisive force with a clear exit strategy in any conflict.

The president’s military advisers felt that the size of the force was ade­quate; they may still feel that years later. Some of us don’t. I don’t,” Powell said. “In my perspective, I would have preferred more troops, but you know, this conflict is not over.”

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― The Associated Press
TOP 10 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

1. **DISCUSS** fatherhood during the second of a three-part lecture series called “Abraham —Father of Many” tonight in Philips Hall. The free event will discuss Abraham in different religions.

2. **TIP** your western hat to "Okotoks!". The event is sponsored by Cal Poly Arts in the Christopher Cohan Center on Tuesday, May 2 at 7 p.m. The classic musical features song such as "Oh, What A Beautiful Morning." For more information, visit www.pascolo.org.

3. **TAKE** a date to see the classic western movie, “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid,” playing at the Fremont Theatre beginning Tuesday.

4. **LISTEN** to the first U.S. release of the Australian indie-rockers Wolfmother. The self-titled record hits store shelves Tuesday.

5. **ROCK** out with folk rock act East and Waiting on Wednesday at Downtown Brew. The show begins at 9 p.m. and features opening acts Neon Joseph and Watschi Wa. Tickets are $8 at Boo Boo Records or $10 at the door.

6. **NOD** your head to “Another Type of Groove,” a monthly spoken word poetry jam. The event has a featured poet followed by open mic readers. This month’s “Groove” is Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Philips Hall.

7. **TAP** your foot to Grappling's weekly jazz nights in the downstairs bar Thursday. Music starts at 10 p.m.

8. **ATTEND** the season finale of the San Luis Obispo Symphony with conductor Michael Nowak on Saturday in the Performing Arts Center. For more information, visit www.pascolo.org.

9. **CELEBRATE** the building of the Center for Construction Excellence, a new facility geared toward future builders. The College of Architecture and Environmental Design will host the groundbreaking ceremony Saturday at 3 p.m. at the construction site — the former campus air conditioning building.

10. **AGAINST** high gas prices! Attend a talk by Caltech physicist David Goodstein on Sunday, at 4 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre. Goodstein's discussion, a part of the 2006 Baker Forum, will touch on issues including current gas prices and the environmental impact of oil.

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**The Mermaid Chair**

Megan Rundle

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — The weather was so perfect this week, it just begged for me to skip class, get a book and lie out in the sunshine — which is exactly what I chose to do.

After a quick stop to the bookstore, I randomly selected a book from the new release category, “The Mermaid Chair” by Sue Monk Kidd, the same author who wrote the best seller “The Secret Life of Bees.”

I was excited how this book would compare to its predecessor, which is known for it's coming-of-age tale.

I wasn't disappointed. “The Mermaid Chair” tells the story of Jessie Sullivan, a woman who is struggling with many different obstacles. These obstacles include coping with the fact that her daughter recently headed for college, her longterm marriage has become too comfortable and she has not spoken to her estranged mother in quite some time.

When Jessie receives word that her mother was rushed to the hospital after purposely cutting off her own finger, Jessie must return to the island she once called home.

There she must face the demons of her past and search for the truth behind the horrific death of her father.

While there, Jessie falls in love with a monk named Brother Thomas and, after a secret affair, must choose between the intense feelings she has for Thomas and the dependable husband, Hugh and family she's left behind.

During her stay on the island, Jessie must find a way to reconnect with her mother and figure out what's motivating her to mutilate her own body, though she suspects it to be guilt and grief over the death of her father.

Kidd writes a book full of compelling characters and intriguing plot lines. This book is a little mysterious, a little romantic and a little coming-of-age, which makes it pretty hard to put down.

The prose is easy to read, and while it's descriptive and full of information, never once did it seem dry or too wordy.

It's the kind of book where after I finished it, I sat for a good five minutes just to think about everything that happened.

Jessie's plights seem just as real to the readers as they are to her. Her affair with Brother Thomas isn't depicted as scandalous but more of beautiful experience that allows her to continue to grow.

“The Mermaid Chair” is a book about self-discovery. It's a novel for anyone who's ever come to a crossroad in his or her life and struggled to make the right decision. Kidd's story is the perfect summer read.

It's easy to get through. It is full of interesting events and leaves the reader with a sense of hope.

— Nick Coury

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Monday, May 1, 2006

**Mustang Daily**

**Diversions**
Film changes world, one paper clip at a time

Amy Asman

Guilt

It is something all human beings deal with; some more than others. It is the nauseating characteristic of guilt, which you lose to a friend or parent. It is the shameful heat felt inching up your face when you know you’ve made a mistake.

Or is it the indescribably painful physical repercussion of remaining silent, paralyzed by hatred and fear, in the face of evil.

For 30 eighth graders at Whitwood Middle School in Whitwood, Tenn., guilt never stood a chance against the power of love.

The 2004 documentary, "Paper Clips," tells the inspiring and uplifting tale of a middle school’s efforts to “help students open their eyes to the diversity of the world beyond their insulated valley” and combat the debilitating effects of racial hatred.

Cal Poly’s Jewish club, Hillel, sponsored a free showing of the movie last week in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Week and the club’s campaign against mass genocide entitled, “Never Again, Never Forget.”

The movie focuses on one of the world’s darkest days, the Holocaust, through the eyes of a small Southern coal-mining town in Tennessee. With the help of Miramax Pictures, students showbag moguls Bob and Harvey Weinstein, the movie turns a down-home effort at diversifying and educating a group of people into one simple but powerful idea: "Collecting one paper clip for every life that was lost; the feelings that connect us are greater than those that divide us."

According to the movie’s Web site, www.paperclipsmovie.com, their plan was simple: Collect and display 11 million paper clips, one for each victim of the Holocaust, which stands permanently labeled: "Adler" from "Cowardy Cowbovy Becop as" though she’s been waiting to sing it her whole life. Solomon’s captivating voice marked the first time I’d heard a flawless performance come out of the Christopher Cohen Center. The night ended with an incredible "Final Fantasy" battle themes medley arranged by music senior Chris Perlmuter, and performed by nearly two-dozen musicians and a 16-member choir. It was certainly epic, but there was a need for more microphones to really get the point across.

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It’s amazing to think that it’s taken more than two decades for a concert featuring music from Japanese animation (anime) and video games to gracefully make its way into the Christopher Cohen Center.

Once the ball got rolling and Baker had “Sister T,” a nun from Nazivity of Our Lady Catholic Church, as the concert’s vocal coach, the production simply turned into a SO-performer. It was simply breathtaking music — parents, professors, high school students, Cal Poly students, alumni and the San Luis Obispo community involved.

Just as promised, “Tribute” showcased the jazz, blues and rock themes from the anime “Cowboy Bebop,” the unforgettable ballads and epic themes from the video games “Final Fantasy,” and an assortment of other entrancing Japanese scores from shows like “Macross Plus” and video games like “The Legend of Zelda.”

Assistant conductor Angelo Alcind made it all seem even grander with touching and poetic spoken introductions to each song. The crowd favorite easily went to the “Super Mario Bros.” medley performed by pianist Michael Solomon. Laughter and childish smiles filled the theater with every note Solomon hit. The performance was handled well and I was pleased to see it performed with out people dressed as plumbers frolicking about. It was simply a nostalgic cross with remarkable talent at its best.

But I found myself most consumed by beautiful ballads like “Tina” from “Final Fantasy VI,” which was performed with such grace and emotion by architecture sophomore Josephine Chan. It’s hard for anyone to not be in love with the music, especially when someone like Myla Salina (wife of the “Super Mario Bros.” master) stands up and sings the lovely ballad “Adios” from “Cowboy Bebop” as though she’s been waiting to sing it her whole life. Solomon’s captivating voice marked the first time I’d heard a flawless performance come out of the Christopher Cohen Center.

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If more people continue to take risks and look beyond the wading in the cover, this genre of music will never die. Thanks to this historic event, the music will travel far and wide across the country, it looks as though Japanese music appreciation in America is here to stay.

“Tribute” couldn’t have asked for any more than that.
Congress increases Pell Grant funds

Liz Goeller
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COLUMBUS, Ohio — On Thursday, March 30, the U.S. House of Representatives voted on a bill to renew the Higher Education Act. The vote was 221 to 199, with all Republicans supporting the bill and all Democrats opposing it.

"This bill is a victory for students and taxpayers alike — today, and in the future," said Don Seymour, Jr., spokesman for Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, in an e-mail.

The Higher Education Act changes the Pell Grant program by allowing students to receive Pell Grant aid year-round. It also repeals the federal rule that limits the amount of Pell Grant aid a student attending a low-cost school can receive, he said.

Boehner was an original co-sponsor of the bill; he was previously chairman of the Education & Workforce Committee.

"H.R. 609 expanded upon record Pell Grant funding, shined a spotlight on excessive tuition hikes, gives consumers more information about what they're getting for their money and strengthens minority serving institutions; and it protects students' rights and personal privacy. Many Democrats voted against these things," Seymour said.

Tom Kiley, a spokesman for Representative John Boehner, R-Ohio, said, "Democrats voted against the bill because it did not do anything substantive to make college more affordable. Democrats opposed the creation of a national student database, but unfortunately, we can't select specific provisions to vote for and others to vote against — we can only vote yes or no on the entire bill. And this bill failed to make college more affordable.

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Seymour said, "Increasing public access to information about colleges and the ability to compare apples to apples is another way H.R. 609 benefits students, parents, and taxpayers."

"In addition, it includes language affirming Congress' belief that students should be free to express their opinions without fear of punishment," Seymour said. "And, it explicitly prohibits the creation of a Student Unit Database, as proposed by the U.S. Department of Education. Such a database would compile and maintain personally identifiable information about individual college students, including social security number, address, date of birth, attendance record, and financial information. H.R. 609 puts a stop to it."

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Days of fighting between ethnic groups and Arab militias in western Iraq left at least 180,000 people dead and about 2 million homeless. Darfur's violence recently spilled into neighboring Chad and the efforts to escalate. Osama bin Laden last week urged his followers to go to war to fight a proposed U.N. presence. Amid the negotiations, the plight of the refugees in Darfur worsened. The U.N. World Food Program said Friday that it was cutting rations as half, citing a lack of funds. Berlusconi has indicated it might accept a U.N. force in Darfur to aid African Union troops if a peace agreement is signed at the Sudanese, Magzoub El, said Sunday the government is ready to resign after long preparations. The council’s three veto- Western nations immediately demand immediate plans to introduce a new Security China and Russia to join the United States in pushing the talks have been organized by the Sudan Liberation Movement, had been neglected by the national government. It called for the president to include a Darfur clause. Initially nominated by the rebels, it was called after the Sudanese government indicated it would accept the proposal. The United Nations representative Jan Pronk, right, speaks with Dr. Magardo Ahmed, adviser to the president of Sudan, between meetings at the Darfur peace talks in Abuja, Nigeria on Sunday. Keeping fighting, even in the last week. The draft also called for a infusion of funds into a region the draft document described as "historically poor." Hussein, the rebel spokesmen. The U.S. military insisted the people of Darfur vote by 2010 on whether to create a single geographical entity out of the three Darfur states, which would presumably have more political weight.
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Dilemma: recently attended the Spring Job Fair and was considering an interview for a job coming up next week. Being a Cal Poly grad, I feel like I have a lot to offer but am hesitant to ask for a higher salary. I've heard that it's common to negotiate salary and I was wondering how to approach the subject.

John R.

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“Did you ever think your hands would be traced?”

The pick-up and drop-off areas do not correspond with the fixed schedule. Maki spent several hours a week riding the M.O.T. Transit buses to survey 366 students on the successes and failures of the system.

Last summer, Housing and Residential Life removed red handprints from the freshmen dorms. Maki believes that this action increased awareness of sexual assault and is an important part of the campus.

Maki places an emphasis on finding a solution to the transportation problems in San Luis Obispo. After conducting a survey with ASI Lobby Corps, Maki gained the background knowledge necessary to change the transit system to better accommodate student needs. He pointed to S.O. Trans' limited hours of operation as a system flaw, and also noted that the organization as simply a "clique." - She was once looked upon the organization as a system flaw, and also noted that the nonprofits need more money. We hope.........................................................................................................................................................................................
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sacks, 1.5 sacks shy of the career mark set by Tom Carey (1985-88).

Gocong finished first in the nation in sacks per game (1.81), second in tackles for lost yardage (23.8) per game, and
23rd in forced fumbles (31). He recorded 98 total tackles (46 solo), including a school-record 33.5 sacks and 31.0 tackles for lost yardage, leading the Mustangs to a 3-4-1 second-place finish in the Great West Football Conference championship and the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

He recovered a Montana State
fumble in the end zone on Sept.
17, his only career Mustang touchdown.

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**Gocong is Philadelphia bound**

**SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT**

For the second straight year, a Cal Poly football player has been selected in the third round of the National Football League Draft. Senior defensive end Chris Gocong became Cal Poly's highest draft choice ever on Saturday afternoon, chosen in the third round with the 71st pick overall by the Philadelphia Eagles.

Former Mustang line­backer Jordan Beck was drafted in the third round, the 90th selection overall, by the Atlanta Falcons a year ago. Gocong, who like Beck earned the Buck Buchanan Award as the nation's Division I-AA defensive player of the year, was expected to be high in the second round by draft prognosticators, including ESPN columnist Mel Kiper Jr.

**WHITNEY GLENTHER**

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**Gocong was Cal Poly's third football player to participate in the East-West Shrine Game, following Beck in 2005 and Stan Sharff in 1954.**

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**Eight-game win streak ends**

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT**

Central Coast rival UC Santa Barbara snatched Cal Poly softball’s eight-game win streak, but only after the Mustangs won both halves of a Saturday double­header to clinch the series win at the Gauchos’ Campus Diamond.

Cal Poly (24-20, 6-4) won games one and two 6-2 and 6-4 and were tied at three games before allowing six Gauchos runs in the bottom of the sixth inning on Sunday. Robyn Kontra had a dominant weekend for the Mustangs. The sophomore pitcher pitched all seven innings in game one for the win, allowing two runs on seven hits and two walks, then relieved Melissa Pura to pitch a shutout in the final three innings of game two.

Melissa Pura was the offensive leader in game one with two hits, three RBIs and two runs scored. Pura hit her 15th home run of the year. Sarah Iwata also chipped in with a pair of hits. Pitta’s homer in the first inning gave the Mustangs an early lead as the Gauchos held on for the win.

In game two, Maiden had a slow start on the mound in what would become a huge transition. The offensive leader in the Mustangs and concludes their 2006 season.

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