Cal Poly Housing Corporations builds housing to attract new faculty

Kristen Marschall

It's been a long road for the Cal Poly Housing Corporation (CPHC) to make the Bella Montana homes come to life. The homes, intended for faculty and staff, are finally being applied for and are receiving a strong reaction — both positive and negative.

Though they are currently being built, Bella Montana will be complete with 69 condominiums, consisting of triples or fourplexes, by October 2007. The construction will be done in three phases and seven buildings comprising 21 homes should be available for occupancy in December, followed by five more buildings of 18 homes in June 2007 and nine buildings of 30 homes will be ready for October 2007.

"We're doing well on timing," said Jim Reinhart, the CPHC managing director. "The project is generally on schedule, although the rain in March delayed the pouring of the foundations for Phase III."

The corporation was formed in 2001 not only to assume responsibility for developing and operating university housing for students, but also to implement housing for faculty and staff.

Because the pay grade is consistent throughout the entire California State University system for faculty, Reinhart said it is difficult for the university to draw potential faculty members when the housing is more expensive in San Luis Obispo than other areas.

"Faculty at Fresno State may have similar incomes as Cal Poly faculty, however, housing is more expensive here," he said. "For faculty in the early phase of their careers, home affordability is more of a challenge."

Bella Montana, located on the corner of Highland Drive and Santa Rosa Street, sits on a piece of property known as "H-8." Reinhart said it is a terrific location for faculty and staff to walk or bike to the university.

The community will include three streets, four trash enclosures, a mailbox center, a landscaped area and a bus stop. All units include garages and 70 additional parking spaces will be available. The first 39 Phase I and II homes range from $323,000 to $396,000.

Five of the Bella Montana buildings that will serve as faculty housing will be similar to this rendering of the flat triples. The other two plans are a downhill triples and an uphill fourplexes.

Poly Pack brings industry to students, holds egg-dropping contest

Kathrene Tiffin

Eggs of every shape and size will be dropped from 30 to 50 feet in the air on Thursday in an event to see who can create the safest egg package.

The Cal Poly Packaging Association (CPPA), the university’s connection to the packaging industry, will hold its 19th annual Poly Pack this week, an event geared toward most majors which includes seminars, speakers, an egg drop competition and a golf tournament.

Poly Pack primarily includes students from industrial technology, graphic communication, food science and engineering.

"(The event) is really good for people interested in design, work flow, structural design (and) marketing packaging in general," said CPPA member Nancy Schueneman, a graphic communication senior. "It's new and innovative technologies."

The weekend event began Tuesday with free ArtiosCAD workshops and a packaging basics seminar.

"Nothing you get doesn't come in a package," Schueneman said. "We live in an ozone layer, even air can be packaged."

Poly Pack will also feature career opportu­nities and hiring, recruiting and interviewing will take place in the Chumash Auditorium today and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

H.P., Logitech and Pacific Southwest Container are a few of the companies that are interested in design, work flow, structural design, and innovative technologies."

Cal Poly engineers cross borders to bring clean water to Thailand

Amy Assman

Rather than skiing at Lake Tahoe or shopping at the local malls, eight members of the Cal Poly Engineers Without Borders (EWB) club spent much of the holiday season constructing and testing a water filtration system for the hill tribe village of Mae Nam Khan in Thailand.

The project began earlier in 2006 when students were asked to assess the village’s drinking water system. The students discovered that schoolchildren were getting sick because of unsanitary living conditions, and decided to construct and install a slow sand filtration system to improve the village’s water quality.

"It's amazing to participate in a project like this from beginning to end," said Eileen Mick, the project manager and a Cal Poly engineering graduate. "We do stuff like this in our classes, but it's never something that we actually get to see through all the way — especially something that will impact people's lives the way this did."

The slow sand filter, while it may seem contrived, works by encouraging bacterial growth in the sand. The bacteria consume the harmful bacteria and provide a natural treatment for the water.

"It's sort of like a giant Brita filter — but instead of what Brita puts in its filters, it's filled with a bunch of different-sized gravel," Mick said.

She added that the Cal Poly club became involved in the project after Dan Garbely, a Cal Poly engineers without borders chapter.
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Polynium's current president of the Western chapter of Engineers Without Borders, suggested that the club "sail a project similar to the projects proposed by the University of California Santa Barbara and University of Seattle chapters. The two other colleges designed and constructed an elementary school dormitory and a septic system for other villages in Thailand, Mick said. "It's really hard for us — a small student chapter — to take on the whole water distribution and filtration system, so we had to narrow down the project and we decided just to focus on building the town one filter," Mick said.

The students were responsible for choosing and transporting the materials needed for developing and assembling the filter as well as personal transportation and funding. Most of the money, Mick said, was collected from sponsors and the rent was raised through yard sales in addition to a benefit event at Baja Fresh in downtown San Luis Obispo.

Near the end of the project, village locals invited the students and other team members to a cultural celebration filled with dancing, singing, joke-telling and lots of laughter, co-project manager and fellow Cal Poly graduate student Mike Borger said. Borger described one instance where he and his fellow team workers were asked to share a cultural song with the villagers. At a loss for what to sing, the students decided to sing something everyone would know: the Hokey Pokey.

"It was a riot," he said. "Right after we were done they yelled, 'Do another one!'"

Borger also said that he and his fellow club members will remember the people of Mae Nuan Khan for their upbeat attitude and eagerness to lend a helping hand: "Everybody in the village will just go out of their way to help; they were all looking for every little opportunity to help," he said. "And it is part of their culture to laugh no matter what."

Thailand is even nicknamed "The Land of Smiles."

Engineers Without Borders meets every Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. in building 13, Room 118. The club is open to all different majors and is in the process of trying to get students with expertise in other fields to go on the next Thailand trip. The club hopes to make a return trip to Thailand within the next year.

For more information about EWB, visit their Web site at www.ewb.calpoly.edu.

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and prices for the 30 IM Iase III homes will be released in 2007.

Though the homes are open to applicants including current faculty, staff, coaches and management, Reinhart said the top priority is new faculty.

"The university is hiring approximately 50 new faculty members for the next academic year, and we have allocated 21 homes for them," he said, adding that there are approximately 160 people on an interest list for the homes.

The CPHC, created a chart ranking the priority of the applicants into categories, and while new faculty recruits rank No. 1, "primary reten­tion" faculty rank No. 2, followed by categories, and while new faculty recruits rank No. 1, "primary reten­tion" faculty rank No. 2, followed by applicants including current hiculty, and while new faculty recruits rank No. 1, "primary reten­tion" faculty rank No. 2, followed by
WHO SAID THAT?

Mistakes are a part of being human. Appreciate your mistakes for what they are: precious life lessons that can only be learned the hard way. Unless it's a fatal mistake, which, at least, others can learn from.

— Al Franken

Don't worry about people stealing an idea. If it's original, you will have to ram it down their throats.

— Howard Aiken (1900 - 1973)

Wordly Wise

Otiose: Ineffective; also, being at leisure; also, of no use.

Cal Poly

Name: Julia Rossi • Year: senior
Hometown: Santa Cruz • Major: liberal studies

favorites

Favorite animal: Mokey, my teddy bear.
Bathroom necessity: Dove bar soap.
Cocktail: Jack and coke.

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Rachel McAdams because she has an inner dork like me.

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Hot dogs for sure.
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Briefs baby.
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Microsoft announces
‘Live Anywhere’
online gaming service

Matt Slagle
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Microsoft Corp. co-founder Bill Gates on Tuesday announced a cross-platform gaming service that integrates games played on cell phones, Xbox 360 consoles and the upcoming Windows Vista operating system.

“The vision here is each platform plays its own role. We really think we’re in a unique position,” Gates said Tuesday. “Microsoft is probably the only company that can pull this off.”

In a demonstration, an Xbox 360 gamer using Live Anywhere was able to send an invitation to a friend on a PC. After the PC user agreed, the two were connected for a cross-platform online game battle.

In another example, a race car’s stats were displayed on a cellular phone, its appearance was edited in a paint program on the PC, and then it was raced on a track on the Xbox 360.

Microsoft has sold about 3.2 million Xbox 360s so far, about half of them are used online. By the time rivals Nintendo Co. and Sony Corp. release their systems by the end of the year, Gates said Microsoft should have a 10 million unit head start and a selection of 160 Xbox 360 games.

Microsoft Vice President Peter Moore said early launch of Xbox 360 gives the company a huge advantage going forward, saying the company was already on the “second generation of the next generation.”

Live Anywhere highlighted a slew of announcements from the Redmond, Wash.-based company.

The company also said it would sell an HD-DVD player for high-definition movie viewing in time for the holidays, but it did not release a price.

Also announced was an Xbox Live Video vision camera, a wireless headset and a wireless racing wheel available this fall.

Finally, Microsoft appeared against gamers who cheered following a demonstration of the sci-fi shooter “Halo 3,” due sometime in 2007.

Earlier in the day, Nintendo Co. executives emphasized unaltered games over glitzy graphics and said the video game industry must find new ways to broaden its appeal if the industry wants to keep growing.

Garamendi asks for federal, state probes of blackmail claim

Steve Lawrence
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Accusing the insurance industry of a “serious breach of the law,” state Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi asked federal and state officials Tuesday to investigate his claim that a group of insurers tried to black­mail him.

Garamendi charged Monday that an insurance industry representative contacted him through an intermedi­ary and offered to drop a pending $2 million ad campaign that attacks proposed auto insurance regulations if he would abandon the regulations.

“I firmly believe that this amounts to a serious attempt to blackmail me in my role as California’s elected insurance com­missioner,” Garamendi said in a let­ter to the F.B.I., the U.S. attorney in Sacramento and the state attorney general.

“Clearly, I was offered a signific­ant advantage. If I abandoned my responsibilities and delayed imple­menting the will of the voters, I would not be hit by a $2 million negative advertising campaign,” he wrote.

The proposal regulations would limit auto insurers’ ability to use driving records to raise rates.

Garamendi said the new rules would implement the intent of voters who approved Proposition 103 in 1988 and base rates primarily on a motorist’s driving record.

Critics contend the regulations would unfairly boosts rates for drivers in subur­ban and rural areas with relatively few accidents and auto thefts and cut them for motorists in urban areas.

A group called Californians to Stop Unfair Rate Increases announced Monday that five insur­ance companies — Farmers, 21st Century, State Farm, Safeco and Allstate — were putting up funding for the ad campaign.

The campaign is scheduled to begin next week in 17 mostly rural counties.

The campaign includes mailers that mention Garamendi’s name several times and a television commercial that urges viewers to “tell Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi to stop this unfair plan now.”

A campaign adviser for Californians to Stop Unfair Rate Increases, Rick Clausen, suggested that Garamendi was required to campaign through former political consultant Darry Shragow as a cour­tesy, not as an attempt to pressure him to drop the regulations.

“This is a very legitimate public politics policy that has come up for the first time,” Clausen said. “I don’t think it’s some­thing we have to worry about.”

The Associated Press

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Kyburz — A mudslide late
Sunday covered U.S. Highway 50, one of the main routes to Lake Tahoe, and officials said the high­way could be closed for several days.

No one was injured and no houses threatened when the slide covered the highway about 75 miles east of Sacramento, with 15 to 20 feet of mud and rock. The slide is about 45 feet wide.

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Gunman kills officer, wounds 2 others outside police station

Derrill Holly
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHANTILLY, Va. — A troubled teenager who died in a shootout with officers in suburban Washington said repeatedly more than a year ago that he planned to attack a police station, friends of the gunman said Tuesday.

Michael W. Kennedy, 18, was chased down two vehicles into the parking lot of the Sully District police station in Chantilly when he opened fire Monday on an officer who had just parked his car.

The officer was hit five times, but was able to call for help on his radio. At least four officers returned fire, but before the shooting stopped a detective was dead and a third officer was wounded. Kennedy lay dead on the pavement, dressed in camouflage Fatigues.

Joe Callahan said the teen fired at least seven rounds from a modified AK-47-style assault weapon and a long-barreled, high-powered rifle. Five handguns found on Kennedy's body had not been fired.

Kennedy's classmates recalled that he would sometimes talk about attacking police, but no one ever reported the statements to school officials or authorities.

"He started making those jokes about shooting up a police station about a year ago, but we never took him seriously," said Yvonne Davis, 18, who graduated with Kennedy last year from Westfield High School.

A few months ago, close friends began noticing a change in Kennedy. His style of dress changed, and he started hoarding weapons and ammunition, and taking increasingly of fighting zombies and aliens.

"He thought he was Jesus," said Brendon Baker, 18, who had known Kennedy since sixth grade.

Kennedy's parents admitted him last month to a psychiatric center in Maryland, but within hours, he broke a window and escaped.

Claiming he had a gun, Kennedy allegedly carjacked a sport utility vehicle and drove back to Virginia, where he surrendered to Fairfax County police.

He was returned to Maryland and charged with carjacking and theft. His family posted a $30,000 bond, and he was expected to stand trial May 18.

Kennedy never returned to the treatment center, but friends said he had been calmer in recent weeks.

"He told me he'd been on medica tion for a while," Baker said.

Authorities were trying to deter mine what fueled Kennedy's con tempt for police. When they learn more about what will weigh whether to change security measures at police stations, spokesman Mary Ann Jennings said.

Nevada casinos win $1.06 billion in March

Brenden Riley
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CASINO CITY Nev. — Nevada's casinos had to deal with bad weather and didn't hold onto as much money from gamblers as expected, but still managed to win $1.06 billion in March — the second-highest monthly win ever.

A state Gaming Control Board report released Tuesday showed the win was up 3 percent compared with the same month a year earlier. More than $2.5 billion was wagered on the games, with the casinos taking in $93 million. Clubs on the north shore of the lake were down 10 percent, winning $2.8 million.

The win was a 6.1 percent "hold" of the $12.1 billion pumped into slots.

Compared with the same month a year earlier, the table game win was up 5.8 percent. A breakdown shows $120.9 million came from $2.5 billion in wagers on baccarat, 49 percent while baccarat tables around the state won $36.4 million for a 9.1 percent hold.

Craps took in $43.7 million, down 4.8 percent, and roulette generated $27.4 million for the clubs, up 0.9 percent.

The statewide slot win of $703.4 million was up 1.5 percent over the same month in 2005. The biggest producers were multi-denomina tion slots, which accounted for $304.6 million of the total, up 30.4 percent.

Quarter slots were down 21.1 percent with a win total of $117.4 million; dollar slots were down 17.4 percent with a win of $93 million; and penny slots were up 44.4 percent with a win of $106.5 million.

Las Vegas Strip resorts accounted for more than half the total $1.056 billion win, with $546.1 million, for a 6.2 percent increase over the same month a year ago. Streshley said the clubs were helped by a Rolling Stones concert, a NASCAR race and promotions that brought tourists in to watch televised NCAA playoff games.

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"Win" is a gross figure, with no operating costs or other expenses deducted. It represents casino revenue only — not hotel, restaurant or bar revenues. The win was the money left over after gamblers bet $14.6 billion.

Besides the weather, Streshley said the casinos had lower-than-expected "hold" percentages for some of their games. The clubs' March win of $318.3 million on table games was 12.9 percent of the $2.5 billion wagered on the games, while the $730.4 million slot win was a 6.1 percent "hold" of the $12.1 billion pumped into slots.

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Despite Nevada's casinos winning a record $1.06 billion in March, the state collected a record $92.8 million in percentage fees based on table wins.

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Bloc Party doesn't need no education, yet the thoroughly schooled Essex rockers are still changing the face of modern art-rock. "Silent Alarm," their 2005 debut, was voted by NME as the album of the year and broke through stateside as a cult favorite on underground radio. (And their remix album didn't fare too badly either.) With an album of new material on the horizon, watch for the next wave of their British invasion soon.

The Art Beat met up with the band at Coachella, just before their blistering Outdoor Stage set. Though members, Gordon Moakes (bass) and Matt Tong (drums) were Nothing in the California heat, they warned to a discussion on zombies, naughty words and the death of God. Bookworms never sounded so good.

Art Beat: How often do you guys tour?
Matt Tong: We spent about three months in the states last year and it went great. It got better and better, actually. It was hard work though, and a bit of a culture shock.

AB: Are you liking Coachella this year? You played last year, right?
Gordon Moakes: Yeah. It's great, but I wish it was indoors. It's way too hot for us, again.

AB: Have you ever seen "28 Days Later," that horror movie?
GM: Yeah, yeah.
AB: You look exactly like him.
GM: Kehlcy! What, the main guy?
AB: Yeah, the love one.
MT: I think he looks like one of the zombies.
GM: I didn't like that movie. Though it was overrated.
MT: Your work in it was pretty good, though.
GM: The paycheck was fine.
AB: So who are you here to see?
GM: I'm here to see that Bloc Party. I guess.
AB: I hear they're OK. Do you guys have any new material coming out?
MT: We're going to start working on the new record when we get back from this show. We fly back after here and go on tour in England in a month, and then we're gonna record it and see what happens. It'll probably be out next year.
AB: Any idea on how it will be different from the old album? I work at a college radio station and your albums and remixes are really popular to play.
GM: I think we'll be retaining the college-friendly elements, so let them know. And adding some extra spice.

of touring this year, as prep work for the records. We're coming over in August to the states again, for a couple of weeks this time.
AB: So what's the creative dynamic like in Bloc Party? How do you write your songs?
MT: Normally we start with the words and the drums. That's why the singer isn't doing any interviews, because he doesn't really work. (GM squirms)
AB: That's your favorite British swear word?
GM: Swear word, really?
AB: Yeah, I enjoy them. GM: OK... um... "tits." I like that.
AB: That's a swear word over there?
GM: It's an epithet.
MT: I came up with a retro one the other day, and really liked it. What was it? "Tits." That's great. And "bollocks." "Wanker" is a good one. What else? "Bloody" is a good one.
AB: That's dirty.
MT: Yes, it's very, low-down, will to power.
MT: Well, yeah, but you can't do things which you weren't meant to do, if there is no God.
GM: Killing God, then, that's the thing, right? That's quite a touchy subject, I imagine, over here in the (United) States.
AB: Nah, not at all.
MT: Killing God? Maybe I should call you a atheist.
GM: But Nietzsche got rid of God, so that was his coming-out. I think we should bring God back, at a more appropriate time.
MT: I think we want to bring God back, at a more appropriate temporary time.
AB: Maybe Bloc Party is God.
GM: Maybe.
MT: Oh, I don't know. Let's not go there.

Stacey Anderson is a journalist and music senior at KCRW. She asks all you matters to look out at KCRW's Garden Party music fest on May 20. For details, go to Boo Boo Records, visit noisepiping or e-mail her at stacey@calpoly.edu.
New epic film delivers its 'Promise'

Brian White  
CHICAGO — I’m just going to start out by saying this: The beginning of “The Promise” is painful to watch. “The Promise” is a gorgeous movie, with some of the most impressive visuals I have seen since “Hero.” Young Qingcheng’s (Cecilia Cheung) meeting with the goddess Manshen (Hong Chen) at the very beginning of the movie flows beautifully. The scene sets a tone of fluid grace mixed with exciting promises of future adventure.

So I had hoped. Instead, the audience is treated to a battle scene rife with misplaced, sub-par CGI effects, intermingled with warriors wielding comically oversized weapons that are clearly made of either plastic or Styrofoam. It’s accompanied by a ridiculous, if amusing, piece of dialogue. The beginning of “The Promise” is certainly not the beginning of the movie — objectively, to compare this movie to “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.” I feel like paintings. Saying that “The Promise” is more of a poem, while “Hero” and “The Promise” are more like paintings. Saying that “The Promise” lacks the character development or intimacy of “Crouching Tiger” is like saying that “Lord of the Rings” lacks the intimacy of “A Beautiful Mind.” It is important to recognize that this is a different kind of movie and not, go into it expecting a similar experience. That said, I’m going to go ahead and compare this movie — objectively — to “Crouching Tiger” anyway. “The Promise” is a solid movie and well worth the nine bucks I paid to see it, but it is no “Crouching Tiger,” and even finishes below the recent “Hero.” It’s just too difficult to overcome the movie’s initial silliness, so the latter half, while good, falls unfortunately flat. Especially since “The Promise” is supposed to be the most expensive film in Chinese history, its bland CGI falls impressively short compared to the visuals and beautiful cinematography on “Hero.” But “The Promise” soars high above last year’s lackluster “House of Flying Daggers,” so for those of you hopping for a return to the Chinese cinematic greatness of “Crouching Tiger,” this is certainly not the end of any revival, and it might actually be the beginning of one.

Many of you might have seen “The Promise” at this year’s Golden Globes, where it was nominated for Best Foreign Language Film. It didn’t win (and it wasn’t even nominated for an Oscar). “The Promise” is not Oscar- or Globe-worthy material, but it certainly is a good time. I would recommend it well above anything else in the theater right now. You could always watch a crazy Scientologist prove once again that the mission is, in fact, not impossible (while Phillip Seymour Hoffman ruins his career), or you could go see “The Promise,” a splendidly — if slightly cartoony — epic. Skip the Scientologist; you’ll have a good time.

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Internet is an easy way for students to cheat

Karen Arman
FULLERTON — For California State University-Fullerton students, most things available online — like music — are free for the taking. Some may not believe that cheating is stealing, but others argue that committing plagiarism is no different.

According to Plagiarism.com, plagiarism has never been easier. The Internet enables a plagiarizer to find sources in seconds and quickly compose a term paper or other copy. The meaning of plagiarism is clear to CSUF biochemistry major, Phung Le, 19.

"Plagiarism is when you take another person's work and call it your own," Le said. "I would rather take an F than cheat. You cheat in high school, you cheat in college, you cheat in life," she said.

Students who cheat are, said English-history major Margaret Butterfield.

"It's so much easier for students to cheat now having the Internet," she said.

According to a 1991 Rutgers University study, 66 percent of 16,000 students from 31 U.S. campuses cheated at least once. Twelve percent of students cheated regularly. The average is seven out of 10 students cheat, one of which cheats all the time.

Matt Tucker, 21, a biochemistry major, said he cheated once in high school, but he would not cheat now. "You don't really learn, and the stuff I'm studying now, I really need to know," he said.

Officials at the University of California-Berkeley reported that cheating on campus increased an estimated 74 percent between 1993 and 1997.

Levels of cheating and plagiarism remain high, said Dan McCabe, founder of the Center for Academic Integrity.

"Plagiarism is when you take someone else's work and pretend it's your own," McCabe said. "You might be able to pass a test, but you're not learning anything."

The center is affiliated with the Kern Institute for Ethics at Duke University in Durham, N.C., and "provides a forum to identify, affirm, and promote the values of academic integrity among students, faculty, teachers and administrators.

The Center for Academic Integrity completed a survey in 2002 that measured academic integrity. The survey polled almost 50,000 undergraduates from more than 600 campuses. The center found the results alarming.

On most campuses, 70 percent of students admitted to cheating. Almost 25 percent of students admitted to serious cheating, and 50 percent admitted to cheating one or more times on written assignments.

Most students think that copying a sentence or two is not a problem, according to the survey. Students admitting to such behavior reached 10 percent in 1999, and 40 percent admitted to the offense in the surveys.

Cheating is not a very serious crime for most students said.

"The penalty for plagiarism depends on the intent of a student and the type of the plagiarism," McCabe said. "Some students simply incorrectly cite sources, she said."

About half of all high school students admitted to some level of Internet plagiarism, and 36 percent of undergraduates have admitted to plagiarizing written material.

"Esquivel failed one student for plagiarizing," said McCabe. "A student was sonority sisters with a student who had taken my class a previous semester. The student turned in the same paper her sister did a couple semesters back," Esquivel said.

"She failed the student because the action was so blatantly dishonest, she said.

Honor codes help combat the problem of plagiarism.

"Serious test cheating on campuses with honor codes is typically one-third to one-half lower than the level on campuses that do not have honor codes, according to the report.

Professors have one weapon against plagiarism, the same one that students use to give them the advantage on papers: The Internet. Many professors can turn to Turnitin.com.

Turnitin.com was born of iParadigms, a Northern California company that researchers at UC-Berkeley started in 1996 to track copying of research papers by their undergraduates. According to Paradigms, the goals of Turnitin.com are to stop Internet plagiarism and to advance novel tools in education.

Turnitin.com reports the percent of plagiarized information in a document. If an essay comes back 5 percent to 12 percent plagiarized, Esquivel said, she usually assumes student got the citation rules wrong.

If a paper comes back 80 to 100 percent plagiarized, Esquivel assumes the person intended to cheat. The most plagiarized paper she has gotten from a student was in her English 301 class, she said.

"I ran the paper through Turnitin.com and found out that it had been copied from a Web site that specialized in movie reviews," Esquivel said.

Turnitin.com is a helpful resource, Tucker said.

"It will have your text marked in red, offers a range of other programs, including a series of tools to aid teachers in grading and evaluating assignments and to help students review and respond to their classmates' work online."

Anne VanderMeer
ANN ARBOR, Mich. — University of Michigan senior Lindsay Farrell is three months into what will be eight months spent rigorously preparing for the day she knows could make or break her career. The day she takes the Law School Admission Test.

"Students will do and pay almost anything for a decent score on the greasing test that plays an integral role in most law schools' admissions processes — making for an extremely lucrative and competitive market for test preparation courses."

"But before facing the test itself, a student must first tackle an arguably greater challenge: finding the right instructor and making sure they're honest."

University students currently enrolled in LSAT preparation courses with a company called Test Masters Educational Services in Texas may be in for a rude awakening when their class — scheduled to begin Saturday, is cancelled. Haku Brani, founder of the company, said he is not aware that his company offers any classes in the area, noting that he probably would have been informed if it had branched out.

Sharon Naim, an attorney for Robin Singh Educational Services, alleged that Texas Test Masters cancels most of its courses at the last minute, forcing students to either scramble to find another course or travel out of state where a Test Masters instructor will teach a sub­ par lesson at a slightly discounted price.

Naim says the Texas Company is leading students to believe that their Test Masters is Test Masters — a nationally recognized test-prep powerhouse technically called Robin Singh Educational Services.

For more than seven years, the two companies have been locked in a bitter struggle over the domain name. Texas Test Masters has consistently been blocked by the Texas U.S. district court in Houston called the California company's liberty of law- suits against the Texas Test Masters: "a campaign of terror."

The New York State Consumer Protection Board has also warned the public that the Texas Test Masters is attempting to defraud students using Singh's reputation.

Corporate deception is not the only thing students need to watch out for. University students often fall victim to false advertising by private tutors as well.

Marywon Bydon, founder of the Ann Arbor-based 180 LSAT Company said one of her students went on to teach several courses by impersonating Bydon, who charges $250 an hour in private lessons.

"There's so much of this fake­ ness," Bydon said. "It's astonishing. It's everywhere."

Bydon said that in her 11 years working in the area, she's seen an increase in false references and test scores and had friends pose as refer­ ences on the phone.

Bydon estimates there are about 25 private LSAT tutors in the area, but said she would only consider hiring three of them.

"(While shopping for a prep course) we recommend students truthfully do their homework," said Mariella Mecozzi, a senior assistant director at the University's Career Center. "It's just like buying a car. You want to check all their sources, preferably more than once."
Red Square comes alive with parade celebrating WWII victory

Judith Ingram
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday presided over the annual Red Square parade celebrating the World War II victory over the Nazis, paying homage to the sacrifices of elderly veterans — but making no mention of the Soviet Union's allies.

Putin's brief speech from a podium in front of Lenin's Mausoleum reflected the current, uneasy period of discord between Russia and its one-time allies in the West, and was particularly striking in contrast with last year's massive Moscow celebration, which included some 40 world leaders.

Putin called the holiday, Victory Day, "a day of great triumph of our people." He said the war effort represented the people's unity.

"And history before had never seen such unity, such sacred brotherhood, such powerful faith in victory," Putin said.

He called for international solidarity in the face of current threats, saying "peace, freedom and good-neighborsliness between peoples are the bulwark of a just, democratic world order and global security."

War veterans, their jackets festooned with medals and ribbons for bravery, cheered as rows of soldiers and sailors marched in formation across the plaza. For the first time, all 6,000 officers and servicemen in the parade sang the national anthem and a military song without the accompaniment of a band, and servicemen with white, blue and red flags poking out of their rifle barrels — symbolizing the Russian tricolor — performed exercises to a newly composed piece for drummers.

For many in the former Soviet Union, the victory over Nazi Germany stands out as the proudest moment in a troubled past. It was achieved at a tremendous cost, with an estimated 27 million dead and much of the western part of the country devastated.

"It was such a great privilege to serve the fatherland," said an 84-year-old veteran in the stands who gave only his first name and patronymic, Mikhail Petrovich. That was true even though his parents, members of the Bolshevik Party under Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin, had been drummed out of the party and killed during the Stalinist repression, he said.

"We were made into zombies by Stalin," the wartime leader, he said. "There was no such thing as a person. I'm still fighting, as long as I have strength. I will fight against the government, who sit in the Kremlin, who live only for themselves and who have created this regime for them and their children's benefit and their personal wealth," said veteran Nila Gulicheva, her jacket decorated with medals and a small portrait of Stalin.

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BEIJING — Chinese and U.S. agents seized more than 300 pounds of cocaine smuggled from Colombia, authorities said Tuesday — a record drug bust for China that underscores how South American narcotics gangs are aggressively moving into Asia.

Nine people were arrested. Chinese television footage showed a locker stacked high with dozens of bricks of smuggled cocaine, some with a yin yang symbol embossed on the solid white blocks.

The suspects include two Colombian citizens arrested in Hong Kong, along with suspects from Hong Kong and mainland China, said Liu Guangping, spokesman for the Customs spokesman for the Customs General Administration of China. — The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's prime minister-designate said Tuesday that he expects to present his team to parliament for approval by the end of the week. Nouri al-Maliki said representatives of the country's political parties had agreed on what factions would hold the "main posts" but were still discussing the distribution of "a few" of them. Those included the ministries of oil and transportation, he said.

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UNDER FOUR? OR KICKED OUT THE DOOR?

80% of students haven't had trouble with authorities due to drinking. The average CP student drinks less than 4 in a sitting.

Based on a survey collected by Cal Poly Natty of 512 randomly selected Cal Poly students with an error margin of +/- 5%.
The majority of the world does not support Israel's actions.

In response to Saleem Azad's article on Palestine, I agree with the main point (now, before I get buried for this, let me just get it out in the open: I am a Jew). Even if this event is just propaganda for the Palestinians (which it didn't seem like to me when I saw it), it doesn't even serve to counter the huge amount of money and effort Israel puts into propaganda here in the US. I have never heard Malik speak. I understand he is a man of peace and only wants to see an end to the conflict in Palestine. Also, you claim he has been brought here "for propaganda, for inciting hate and racism". You have never heard Malik speak. He was careful to point out that we are on the verge of a major energy crisis with no simple solution. He went on to state that, without immediate action to address the impending challenges, he predicts civil as we know it will cease to exist within a century.

If that's not enough to capture your attention, I don't know what will. The purpose of his keynote speech however, was not just to spread his gloom and doom fear at Cal Poly, but to inspire the President's Cabinet and university leaders to embrace Cal Poly's role in developing and advancing effective technological and policy solutions in the face against the end of cheap oil. As the forum drew to a close, it was clear that Cal Poly is well positioned to play an important role in addressing energy and environmental challenges, and that the university's top advisors, college deans and President Baker himself not only agreed, but were committed to ensuring that Cal Poly will be a leader in producing the young professionals, civic leaders and technologists that will be necessary to address the looming energy crisis on the horizon.

The recommendations coming out of the forum were not only for Cal Poly to create models for sustainable solutions to be demonstrated on campus, including renewable energy, sustainable transportation and environmental stewardship of our agricultural lands, but also to challenge our students to solve pressing problems facing industry today, and assist us in the transition to a sustainable non-fossil fuel economy.

In addition, the President's Cabinet has expressed interest in drafting a position paper outlining the parameters of an enlightened energy and resource policy, and defining Cal Poly's role in implementing such an initiative. This is an exciting time for Cal Poly students who want to play a role in protecting the future, through stewardship of our environment and natural resources. We already have several clubs working on realistic solutions to help solve energy, bio-fuel, solar energy, green building, sustainable agriculture and more and more. Like Dr. Goodman, I too believe we have a serious challenge ahead, but we differ in that I believe that solutions are within reach and I believe that Cal Poly students, with the support of our faculty and administration, will be largely responsible for implementing immediate solutions, developing future trends and ultimately ensuring that the future is safe and healthy for our children's children, and the seven generations that follow.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Palestine Awareness Week Will advocate peace

On Wednesday in "Palestine Awareness Week needs to advocate peace", Ben Goodman wrote, "during the Palestine Awareness Week, Amir Abdel Malik Ali...talks about Israel as an apartheid country, calls her a Nazi regime and vocally advocates one-state solution: Palestine, No Israel." Ben, please don't put words in our mouth. This is Palestine Awareness Week. Malik hasn't given his speech yet, so how can you claim to know what he has said? While
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tics Tuesday through Friday. Each practice lasts for several hours, said Brian Kelly president and senior in construction management.

The lacrosse season runs from January through May. The team is currently ranked No. 11 in the nation. The team will compete in the Western Collegiate Lacrosse

League Final Four that takes place the last weekend in April. The goal of the team is to win the league and go on to win a national championship.

Kelli said that the physicality of the game combined with speed makes lacrosse a great game to play and watch. Lacrosse has been called “the fastest game on two feet,” she said.

The roller hockey club practices three times a week. Patrick Moran, president of the club. There are 33 members broken into 11 A-team members and 22 B-team members.

Moran, a construction management senior, said the A-team is placed 10th in the nation and the two B-team placed first and second in their league.

Some upcoming events for the roller hockey club are games against rival Santa Barbara and a game between the A-team and one of the B-teams.

The sport goes throughout a good portion of the year, starting with tryouts in October all the way to nationals in April.

Cal Poly offers a wide variety of sports clubs and for more information on these clubs or others check out the Web site, www.as.calpoly.edu/csp/sports-clubs.

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tes of those days in a time when professional volleyball was in its infancy, Massey said.

Cal Poly coach Jon Stevenson has talked up the intense rivalry and respect held between the Gauchos and the Mustangs during the 1980s. Some of the best vol­leyball in the nation was played in Mort Gym, especially when the two schools clashed.

On Saturday, Stevenson hopes to see a revival of the storied rivalry and ardor support that has disappeared over the years — 1.176 packed the gym to see Cal Poly upset the Gauchos in Mort Gym during the 2005 season compared to the 3,000-plus that used to pack the stands in the days of “The Magnificent Seven.”

Most importantly, Stevenson wants to see the community come out and now in need of as much support as she can garner.

So, the question is: Whose you be on Saturday at 4 p.m. when the two square off for Central Coast supremacy and, more importantly, a chance to raise money for Tschaser-Daniel, a player who gave so much to the community and is now in need of as much support as she can garner.

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Poly triathletes take top 10 at Wildflower

Christina Casey
MUSTANG DAILY

This weekend, thousands of people showed up to participate in the nationally-acclaimed Wildflower competition. Even some of their families joined them. Not only were the racers there, but so were volunteers from Cal Poly.

There were three different tracks that triathletes could choose from. The longest track was the Wildflower Web site, it is meant for beginners or novice athletes. It consists of a 25-mile swim, a 16-mile bike and a two-mile run. The age groups for this race ranged from 8 and under to 70 and older, according to the site.

The track that college students competed in the most was the Olympic Distance Triathlon. This was meant for amateurs and relay teams. It consisted of a 1.5K swim, a 40K bike and a 10K run. College could sign up as teams and have a collective time. The Cal Poly team, according to the Web site, consisted of Chris Turkovich, Evan Rand, Anthony Yount, Melissa Barrett, Ashley Erickson and Tamara Presser. Their collective time was 14 hours, 24 minutes, 17 seconds, which was a better time than UCLA, Cal State Long Beach and others. All three males finished in the top 10 of males in the collegiate competition and all three females did the same.

According to weather.com, the weather on Saturday hit 76 degrees and on Sunday 84 degrees. On Saturday, the Long Course and Mountain Bike triathlons took place and the Olympic distance triathlon took place on Sunday.

"The weather was amazing," McCombs said. "It wasn't too cold or hot during the race and it made the weekend even better because it's the first long stretch of good weather Poly students have seen in awhile."

Turnout was high for all races. For the long course, 49 professionals and 1,755 amateurs finished. In the Olympic distance triathlon, 2,354 participants finished the race and 724 racers finished the mountain bike triathlon, according to the Web site.

The volunteers enjoyed their time helping. McCombs said. "Everyone was just happy to be there helping out and hanging out with their friends," McCombs said.

Both the men's and women's Cal Poly rodeo squads are among the nation's leaders this year.

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Frank Stranzl
SPORTS EDITOR

I imagine jogging down Grand Avenue with a few close friends, the wind bristling through your hair and the sun shining on your glistening skin. You've got a light sweat going as you huff and puff your way toward Monterey Street.

"Just 10 more minutes," your friend shouts with encourage-

ment.

But today is anything but a typ-

cal day — as you turn right onto Monterey Street, you hear the roar of a car coming from behind. Cars are constantly passing by, but this one seems unnaturally close. All you hear next to a car as you are thrown into the air and then crashes to the cement. You can hear your friend's voices, but they're fading ... along with your thoughts and sight. Everything is black.

The next image you have comes a week later, an air tube in your mouth, an IV strapped to your arm. Your friends aren't there helping out and hanging out with you anymore. You don't remember what happened or why you're laying in a hospital bed in pain.

Carol Tschasar-Daniel knows what it's like to wake up in that hospital bed. A car struck the former Cal Poly volleyball standout and left her in a comatose state. The team just won a league championship. It will go on to nationals in May.

Practicing five a week for two hours a day will help the team to get a women's team started.

This year and finished ranked No. 6 in U.S. collegiate club ranks.

The club participates in the Southern California League. The winner of the league gets the title and moves on to play in the Sweet 16, which is similar to basketball, Massman said.

The team meets in October and ends in April. Massman said that last weekend was the end of the season for the team.

There will be a couple of pick-up games throughout the year. He said that a team from Wales will be visiting and will play against the Cal Poly rugby sports club some time in May.

Massman said that with the success of the men's team, he is trying to get a women's team started.

The hardest part of rugby isn't the intense training, but trying to find a place to work out and practice, Massman said. Mosley had been trying three weeks but has not been able to find a place to practice in the San Luis Obispo area.

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Tschasar-Daniel, but that's not the tragic story. Tschasar-Daniel remains in the hospital, her three children waiting at home and her husband at her bedside.

Now, as she and her family try to recuperate from this tragedy, Cal Poly has a chance to make a difference by packing Mott Gym for an exhibition match between UC Santa Barbara and the Mustangs. Donations will be accepted at the game to benefit Tschasar-Daniel, but that's not the only reason to attend.

Believe it or not, there once was a time when volleyball was the big ticket in town. Thousands of fans would pack the gym to see some of the nation's finest teams in the nation competing in Mott Gym.

The spirit of "The Magnificent Seven," a nickname given to the 1985 Cal Poly squad by then local sports caster Mitch Mosby, still flows within Mott Gym. That team donated the No. 1 national ranking for several weeks and electrified fans with a camaraderie and skill level well beyond most see Frankly, page 11