Pride Alliance hosts ‘CommUnity Pride Week’
Katie Hofstetter

This year’s CommUnity Pride Week will be the biggest and best ever if the event organizers have anything to say about it.

Cal Poly Pride Alliance, with support from Gay, Lesbians and Bisexuals United (GLBU), have planned six days “chock-full of pride events.”

The week’s events get underway today with slam poetry at 7 p.m. in Phillips Hall, where top national slam poets will compete in a slam-off, and top campus slam poets will showcase their talents as well.

Kramer said the Pride Alliance is “hoping to fill the place” for the show, and expects a big turnout on Thursday night as well, when Tristan Prettyman performs for an 18-and-over crowd at Downtown Brew Co.

“This year we really went all out,” Kramer said. “We got a lot of support from the community and we have the means to do a lot more than we did last year.”

Pride Week will wrap up Saturday with a Youth and Student Empowerment conference that will highlight with a talk from “The Real World: Chicago” cast member Chris Beckman.

On Wednesday, May 17, the Pride Alliance will host a panel on college admissions for LGBTQ youth.

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Lenders contest feds over loans

Charles Nguyen

LA JOLLA, Calif. — An association of loan lenders say that student loans offered by independent companies are cheaper for taxpayers than loans distributed directly by the federal government.

The argument — published in a study by America’s Student Loan Providers — attempts to debunk findings released earlier by the Government Accountability Office that endorsed direct loans, which compete with those offered by private lenders.

According to the industry study, loans issued by Federal Family Education Loans, an umbrella program that administers several government programs, and government estimates based on overly optimistic projections of future interest rates, are more expensive than direct loans.

According to the GAO, a federal investigative agency, released an analysis showing that guaranteed loans are cheaper than direct loans.

The difference can be explained by tax revenues, not included in the government’s numbers, from two programs, and government estimates based on overly optimistic projections of future interest rates, according to ASLP Executive Director Kevin Bruns.

“Sadly, (FFEL has) become a partisan bag, almost entirely because of the enormous impression left by government cost estimates,” he stated in a press release. “The truth is that guaranteed student loans are a better deal for taxpayers.”

Last fall, the GAO, a federal investigative agency, released an analysis showing that see Loans, page 2

Former CSU chancellor re-hired in controversy
Katherine Tiffin

Many California Faculty Association (CFA) members are outraged over the California State University’s decision to hire former Cal State Los Angeles English Department, unlike other professors who teach about nine classes. Munitz will also help with fund-raising for some other departments, Travis said. “It’s pretty vague.”

In 1997, the university made an agreement with Munitz that guaranteed he could return as a “trustee professor” which is why the university re-hired him, Travis said. The CFA said his salary would be halfway between what he was making as chancellor and what the highest professor is paid, which is where the $163,776 figure came from.

“For him to come back at a salary at two times as much as the full-time professors, (it’s) not a very wise use of the CSU’s money,” Travis said.

The CFA believes the letter was “a letter of offer; it’s not an official contract,” Travis said.

Part of the members’ outrage is due to student fees increasing 76 percent in the last three years while the top CSU executive salaries have only increased by an average of 13.7 percent (not including perks), according to an analysis released by the California Faculty Association.

WHAT: Nobel Peace Prize Nominee Jeff Halper, a scholar and writer from Jerusalem, will give a presentation titled “Palestine/Israel: Peace or Permanent Conflict.”

WHEN & WHERE: Monday, May 15 from 6-8 p.m. in the Grande Cafe with a breakfast sponsored by Provost Office, the International Office, and Guest Relations.

WHAT: Provocative Perspectives speaker John Gray will discuss “Eros & Civilization: Sex, Love, & the Fallacy of Race and the Impact of Color.”

WHEN & WHERE: The free event will take place Thursday, May 18 at 8 a.m. in the Grande Cafe, with a breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m.
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people like heterosexuals, when they can have fun too!"

Kramer said the only part of Pride Week that may be controversial on campus is a display depicting card­board cutouts of same-sex couples walking down the aisle, a display that was showcased on Dexter Lawn last year as well.

Both Kramer and Asada acknowledged the egging of pride booths that occurred in the past year, but both said they do not expect similar behavior from students during the 2006 Pride Week.

"I think Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo as a whole are kind of like Candyland. I think gay people are, if not accepted, at least tolerated," Asada said.

Kramer agreed and said, "I don’t think there’s that fear that you’re going to walk down the street and someone’s going to call you names."

Pride Week is only one of five major events the Pride Alliance takes part in every year, Kramer said. The other four are National Coming Out Day, Transgender Remembrance Day, World AIDS Day, and National Handholding Day.

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direct lending costs have "generally remained lower" than guaranteed programs’ costs. However, even the agency admitted in the report that its estimates were incomplete.

"Given the uncertainty identified by the GAO, it’s no surprise the report doesn’t include any specific recommendations," said Tom Davis (R-N.J.), chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Government Reform, in a press release on May 9. "Until we get answers, it would be irresponsible for policymakers to promote one program over the other when so many schools have continued to identify competition as the key benefit that comes from maintaining two loan programs."

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WHO SAID THAT?

By a curious confusion, many modern critics have passed from the proposition that a masterpiece may be unpopular to the other proposition that unless it is unpopular it cannot be a masterpiece.

— GK Chesterton

Happiness is always a by-product. It is probably a matter of temperament, and for anything I know it may be glandular. But it is not something that can be demanded from life, and if you are not happy you had better stop worrying about it and see what treasures you can pluck from your own brand of unhappiness.

— Robertson Davies

Cupidity: eager or excessive desire, especially for wealth.

Wordly Wise

THE WEEK IN ASI EVENTS

FREE SHOW
FREAK OUT ARTIST CHRISTOPHER CARTER
Monday, May 15
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"Streets of SLO" is part of Student Community Services' Homelessness Awareness Week. The show features art created by children and adults of the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter. The exhibit is on display 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, May 19 in the UU Gallery on the second floor of the UU.

UPCOMING

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Bad news is also coming from the northeast. New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch declared a state of emergency for one county. Lynch added that forecasters were predicting 12 to 15 inches of rain by the end of the storm in parts of southern New Hampshire. "It continues to change and the situation continues to worsen,"

In some towns, police and fire crews used boats to get people out of their homes and stranded cars after hundreds of roads were damaged. Others got around in kayaks. Some towns shut down, not letting anyone pass except emergency vehicles.

In Massachusetts, cars were pulled from flooded streets in downtown Peabody, about 20 miles north of Boston, and about 300 people were evacuated from an apartment complex for seniors. Businesses stacked sandbags at their doors, trying to prevent damage from water that at one point rose to waist-deep.

"I have no heat, I have no hot water, and my cellar is flooded up to its tippy top," said Esther Gibely, who sought shelter at Peabody Veterans Memorial High School.

About 150 residents in Melrose, Mass., had to leave their homes after sewage lines were overwhelmed, backing up into houses, said Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney. About 10 communities in the northeastern section of the state opened temporary shelters, Romney said.

Some parts of New Hampshire had seen 7 inches of rain by midday Sunday and forecasters said up to 5 more inches might come during the day.

About 100 residents were evacuated from their homes in Wakefield, N.H., because of concerns about two dams in the area.

Officials also reported a railroad culvert and embankment washed out in Milton, with train tracks suspended in midair. And the local emergency management office in Hooksett said the town essentially was closed because so many roads were flooded.

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Freak-out’ artist reads thoughts, fries minds

Christina Casci
MUSTANG DAILY

Bending spoons and glass without touching them and knowing exactly what playing card an audience member is thinking of. These are all aspects of Christopher Carter’s show — and that’s just the beginning.

“1 freak people out with demonstrations of mind power,” Carter said. “It’s all very memorable.”

Carter is performing at Cal Poly tonight at 8 p.m. in the Chumash Auditorium. The show is free and the tricks he pulls will shock everyone there.

He acknowledges that some of what he does is illusion, but most of his tricks are psychological. “I’m an entertainer whose job is frying your mind,” he said.

One such trick is guessing what playing card an audience member is thinking of. He makes them think of the playing card and look into his eyes. He says, “red, black, red, black” repeatedly and watches the person’s eyes. “The shift in the eye tells me I have figured out what the person was thinking,” he said.

Another trick is to have an audience member pick up an ace of cards and look into his eyes. “I get birth dates, phone numbers, social security numbers — I even got a bra size once, but that was because the guy next to her was thinking it,” Carter said.

According to his Web site, www.mincreamp.com, Carter has appeared in numerous shows and has non awards from different publications such as Campus Activities Magazine. The magazine dubbed him “Best Male Performer.” He has been doing this job full time for 15 years.

“I’ve been doing stuff like this since I was a kid,” Carter said. “When I was a kid, I would spend the summer with my uncle. He let me watch him play poker and he stank at cards. I figured out that you can read people because they wear their hearts on their sleeves.”

He said that as soon as he started acting on what he learned, people’s reactions were often very extreme. “Sometimes when I’m bored in an airport I’ll amuse myself and do some of my stuff,” he said. But he added that it’s hard to get people in the right mindset when they aren’t at a show. “I manipulate people,” he said. “Not in a bad way, just manipulate their thoughts.”

Carter’s favorite part of his job is people’s reactions. Some people laugh and are amazed, while others swear and scream to the point where they have to leave the room and come back, he said.

“I had a girl break into tears once,” he said. “I kind of felt bad about that.”

Though Carter’s busiest tour schedule occurs while universities are in session, he can be found performing at corporate events and motivational speeches.

According to the site, “Chris challenges your people to confront reality and use their imagination as a tool to avoid and overcome obstacles.”

An avid traveler, Carter does nearly 230 shows a year, he said. This is, however, his first time visiting Cal Poly.

“People mostly compare me to a hypnotist,” he said. “I use some of the same skills they use, but in a subdued way. I get people to think what I want them to think.”

Everyone has his or her own favorite trick, he said. However, the mind-reading part of the show is a common favorite and what he is most well-known for. “I don’t want to guess general details that I could research anywhere,” he said. “I want them to think very detailed thoughts that most people don’t know about.”

“Anything I can use is fair game,” Carter said. “I’m not magical and I don’t have powers. I just use the words people to know that he is not claiming to be magical.

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**War is good business in America**

I know that war commentary is at excess in the midst of America's war efforts in the Middle East, a few observations have cropped up in my understanding of this country with regards to war. The main point here is that war is not a good business. In fact, it is great business. It is better than Starbucks, big tobacco and cruel: it is a business of war, read the lyrics to "Youngstown" by the immaculate machine. With the expense, in both lives and goods going toward this war, will our involvement in Iraq really be worth it?

For more information on the business of war, read the Lyrics to "Youngstown" by the immaculate machine.

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**What makes Bush think he can go into Iraq over the course of five years and "Americanize" them?**

Speaking of wartime government, the good of Texas presidential mandate, must have a massive ego in thinking that he can calm down the Middle East. My dad often tells me what his Lebanon father told him concerning that area:

"Those people are nomads. They have been fighting each other's tribes for thousands of years."

**Explanation:**

What made Bush think he can go into Iraq over the course of five years and "Americanize" them?

Now, I've only been alive for 22 years, but this conflict seems to be similar to a war the United States fought in the 1960s, the Vietnam War. There is an overall feeling that Americans are not sure about their involvement in the Middle East. Who is the Viet-Kong of today? After Sept 11, 2001, America was in a unified state of terror. Though I am sad for the loss of Americans, my children and myself included, will be paying for this war for a long time by means of medical care for soldiers and the government taking our hard-earned dollars to stuff into the cracks of America's war machine.

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**What makes the public read the truth:**

The freedom of the press is guaranteed by the Constitution, so the powers that he cannot prevent the masses from seeing the whole picture. What happens when the media lets personal opinion dictate their portrayal of a story? We are deprived of the truth. We are

subject to the opinion of few on issues that affect us. Readers should be free to judge the information themselves. According to the Society of Professional Journalists, there are four main responsibilities:

1. Seek truthfulness and report it — journalists should be honest and fair in collecting, reporting and interpreting information. There should be a distinction between advocacy and news reporting. This also includes testing the accuracy in the sources and identifying sources whenever viable, because the public is entitled to as much information as possible on sources' reliability. Misrepresenting quotations, over-simplifying or highlighting incidents out of context is their right. Analysis and commentary should be back-labeled and not misrepresented fact or context.

2. Expect news that is proportionate and relevant to provide a complete picture, our readers should be as apparent as possible. We expect journalists to cover those aspects of society that are functioning well and if the news presented is not pleasant, journalists need to show compensation toward the affected individuals. Journalists should also balance the public right to know with the personal right to privacy.

3. Maintain independence from those they cover — a journalist's No. 1 obligation is the public's right to know. It should be clear that commentary, columnists and editors are serving the citizen debate, rather than the narrow interests of a particular outcome. Their work should show evidence of independent thinking — not always criticism of one side and praise of the other. And whether the sources of information are official or unofficial, don't hesitate to give voice to the voices.

4. Accountability — last but not least, a journalist presents — he should stick behind it. A journalist is responsible for what is and what isn't being said. If a mistake is made, the reporter should 'fess up to it. News sources or public forums for readers and viewers to make story suggestions or raise criticisms.

As students at Cal Poly, we have an obligation to read or listen to the news. Even if you don't agree with what you see, go out there and listen. Whether you are on phone contacts or public forums for feedback and read the editorials. Doesn't it bother you to not know what's going on in the world?

**The Bottom Line:**

Journalism can entertain, amuse and lift our spirits, but responsible news organizations must also uphold the moral and ethical conduct that is expected from the profession.

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**SPORTS**

**Track**

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was Casie Akinni, who finished third in the 800 with a career-best time of 2:16.2.

Of the women finished in fifth place with 76.50 points, Cal State Northridge took the team championship with 207 points. UC Santa Barbara finished second at 163.30, and Long Beach State rounded out the top three with 152.

The men's track and field team will be represented in the NCAA West Regionals by Borlas in the javelin, Joe Guel in the 400, Adrian Redak in the pole vault, and Chris White in the shot put. Llamas stands the best chance of making the NCAA Championships in the 3000 steeplechase.

The women will bring Bye in the 1500 and Cisco in the 100 hurdles.

The regional championships are May 26-27 in Provo, Utah.

**Volleyball**

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Stevenson said: "They have sights on a spring finale against UC Santa Barbara. Prior to the accident, Mott City was ready to cancel the match," Stevenson said.

However, Gregory quickly changed her mind following the accident. Stevenson was dismal through the first two sets, but then she hit higher percentages and made several big spikes.

The Mustangs' 2006 schedule. The Mustangs will wait until the fall for the beginning of the fall season.

**Snubbed**

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1985 squads were both ranked No. 1 in the country and were the hot ticket in town, often filling Mont Gym to capacity, the former outside hitter said.

Fast and furious rafter, Cal Poly dispatched an under-rated UCSB in five matches — 28-30, 26-33, 36-20, 15-9.

The Gauchos had to suit up several seniors from the 2005 roster to compensate for several players who transferred this off season, Stevenson said.

Alisa Walker, a freshman transfer from San Diego State University, led Cal Poly offensively with 19 kills on a 1.92 percentage. Sarah Riviere and Kylee Atherton each had 13 kills while Jaclyn Houston chipped in with 10. Kristin Jackson had a match-high 32 digs.

The game concluded Cal Poly's spring season. The Mustangs will wait until the fall for the beginning of the fall season.

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Cal Poly utility player Teresa Miller played her last game in a Cal Poly uniform after the Mustangs were left out of post-season play by the NCAA selection committee on Sunday.

Frank Stranzl
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Cal Poly softball is quickly becoming synonymous with the term "snub." Snubs are teams that have amassed resumes worthy of the NCAA tournament, but don’t make the championship field. The Mustangs will spend another off-season wondering what could’ve been after another peculiar decision by an NCAA selection committee.

“We were actually happy when we saw they took UC Santa Barbara. We thought, ‘Oh great, they’re going to take four from our conference,’” said second-year Cal Poly coach Jenny Condon. Not so fast. 

The coach and her team watched the national-

daily televised selection show on ESPN without hearing Cal Poly’s name called.

Three teams from the Big West will play in the NCAA tournament — Long Beach State, Cal State Fullerton and UC Santa Barbara — while the Mustangs, who finished in third place in conference play, were passed by.

Cal Poly (27-23, 11-7 Big West) defeated the Gauchos (24-20, 8-10) in two of three games this season. The Mustangs finished ahead of their Central Coast rivals in the Big West standings — not to mention the Gauchos had a sub-.500 conference record — but that wasn’t enough to propel the Mustangs into the NCAA tournament, apparently it wasn’t enough to keep the Gauchos out of post-season, either.

Robyn Kontra, the Mustangs’ top starting pitcher, said the team’s “hearts just dropped” initially following UCSB’s selection. However, it was only halfway through the selection show when the Gauchos were announced — there was still time left.

“One thing the commercial break, we thought if they took UCSB then we had to take us,” Kontra said. “You don’t take the fourth-place team that we beat two-out-of-three times and not take us.”

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Cal Poly’s spring volleyball win over Central Coast rival UC Santa Barbara certainly didn’t seem like your typical off-season exhibition.

An estimated 500 fans — the Cal Poly band included — packed Most Gym in a show of support for Carol Daniel, a former Mustang great who was struck by a hit-and-run driver on April 8 at Dana Point, Calif.

The event, which was followed by a fund-raising dinner at Giuseppe’s in Pismo Beach, raised more than $3,400 toward Daniel’s mounting medical expenses.

“I think it will mean a lot to Carol (Daniel) when she finds out what took place in her name,” Cal Poly coach Jon Stevenson said.

Daniel, 41, was jogging with three friends along the Coast Highway when a driver veered and hit Daniel and Stacy Neria, 34.

William Todd Bradshaw was scheduled for arraignment on Friday in connection with the incident.

“We talked about it a lot when it first happened,” Cal Poly junior setter Chelsea Hayes said. “The main thing Jon told us is to appreciate what you’ve got and if you can’t then look at what Carol’s going through.”

About a week after Daniel was hospitalized, Stevenson and a former teammate of Daniel’s, Claudia Trudeau, began fund-raising plans.

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A host of Cal Poly volleyball alumni were in attendance on Saturday to support Carol Tschasar-Daniel, a former Cal Poly volleyball standout who remains hospitalized following an April 8 hit-and-run accident.

Exhibition match draws ample support for hit-and-run victim

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