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that the best journalists have always known this. 3) A blue character on the Muppets with a very phallic nose.

According to Wikipedia, Gonzo journalism "argues that journalism can be truthful without striving for objectivity. It is 'natural speed, slow up and swooping, spiraling' to just about everyone. It is 'Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas: The Savage Journey to the Heart of the American Dream,' written by the late, great doctor of journalism, Hunter Stockton Thompson.

Thompson was known as a radical in the journalism world through his extreme style both on and off the job, but whatever he did, he did it with reason. Many people think of Thompson simply as a "natural speed freak, eating whatever came by," as noted in "Fear and Loathing." But as Thompson often told people, "I hate to advocate drugs, alcohol, violence or insanity to anyone, but they've always worked for me."

Thompson may have indulged a bit, but his character went much farther than the bottom of the bottle or end of a joint. Between 1960 and 1980, he made a mark in the journalism world writing for Rolling Stone as a political reporter following the Nixon administration, while at the same time sharing his thoughts on the world in books, including "Hell's Angels" and the trilogy of published "Gonzo Letters."

Much more than just a writer, Thompson was known as a father, a husband, a reliable friend and a guy who was always down for a good time. In 1970, Thompson ran for sheriff of Aspen on the Freak Power ticket. Over his time, as he called it a "sweet and righteous American saga," he attacked many political figures in his writing and was a big fan of guns and explosives, often blowing up something in his yard.

In April 2005, Thompson took his own life on his property in Woody Creek, Col. This following month, Rolling Stone dedicated an issue to him, filled with letters from friends remminiscent about their good time with Thompson, people from close friend Johnny Depp (who played Thompson in the film adaptation of "Fear and Loathing") to Jack Nicholson and older political figures wrote in. I think Thompson wanted to see how much life had to offer. His extreme nature was intimidating, but as Depp commented in Rolling Stone, "He was a truth seeker. He was a hypersensitive medium who channeled the underlying currents of truth, concealed in veils of silken lies that we have become accustomed to swallowing." Thompson took life as a roller coaster, with the slow up and swooping, spiraling downs. "Buy the ticket, take the ride!"

Nick Coury is a journalism senior who has dressed up as Hunter S. Thompson for the last three Halloween. The "good doctor" was a great influence on his writing.
The Faculty

Name: Musty the Mustang • Year: super senior
Hometown: Cal Poly • Major: athletics/spirit

Gonzo Briefs

Liz Soteros-McNamara
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly journalism department faces a civil suit against a howler monkey from the San Diego Wild Animal Park, which filed its student intent to register (SIR) in April.

Bobo, the monkey, received a notice of admission the first week in March after applying well before the Nov. 30, 2005 deadline. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) backed the suit.

Its student intent to register was later dismissed. The Denver Broncos, because I'm already a horse.

— Shoot out: To the Mustang Maniacs and every Cal Poly sports team.

Who Said That?

I've come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that's as unique as a fingerprint — and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you.

— Oprah Winfrey

Living in L.A., everyone likes to mold you and change you. I don't care about fame, I don't care about being a celebrity. I know that's part of the job, but I don't feed into anyone's idea of who I should be.

— Jessica Alba

Wordly Wise

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Obdurate: Hardened in feelings or in wrongdoing; unyielding.

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Bishop Peak explodes!

Amy Aurnam  

Thick ash clouds and car-splitting screams of terror filled the evening sky over Bishop Peak on Saturday when the beloved mountain unexpectedly erupted, spewing giant boulders and molten lava down in south side.

"It was so freaking scary!" Lindsey Kendall, an animal science senior, said from the scene of the disaster. "I had just finished hiking Bishop with my dog Bogart and I was about to get in my car when there was this huge rumbling sound and then—boom! Then, I started screaming and Bogart started howling. It was crazy!" she said.

The San Luis Obispo police arrived shortly after the eruption and began evacuating homes in the foothill area as a safety precaution. Police have also shut down traffic on Los Osos Valley Road and Foothill Boulevard until disaster units can remove all volcanic debris from the area.

"We've called in geological and seismic specialists to assess the extent of the peak's damage," Officer Colleen Kesany said. "It's uncertain whether or not the peak will continue to rupture."

Residents were sent to shelters in Paso Robles and Arroyo Grande and will remain until the site has been declared safe. Nearly the entire San Luis Obispo community has made the choice to evacuate the area, however, a handful of citizens have chosen to begin returning to leave the city.

"San Luis Obispo has been my home for the past 50 years and no act of nature will remove me from my home," community member Earl Jeness said. "If things get worse, officers will pull me from the ash." Jeness, 75, said nature is the least of his worries and he will remain in his home for the duration of the evacuation.

According to a report written by a team of volunteer Cal Poly geology professors, "The peak has remained dormant for approximately 1,000 years. The seismic activity responsible for the explosion was so deep in the Earth's mantle that it remained undetectable."

The team presents its report tomorrow to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger who has declared San Luis Obispo a natural disaster zone.

Bush twins spark massive student riots

Brigette Barbosa  

What should have been the happiest day for Cal Poly students since recreation administration became a real major quickly turned into chaos and heartbreak.

President George W. Bush's twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara, introduced the four-year plan to make Cal Poly a wet campus. The twins, who have previously been arrested for underage drinking on several occasions, unveiled Cal Poly President Warren Baker's "Reading is Fun, and Booze is Cool too! plan.

The plan goes into effect immediately after graduating seniors.

"Graduating seniors of appropriate age may now celebrate the fact that they have made it this far by popping open a bottle of the bubbly stuff," Baker said.

Sources reveal the recent stress on the four-year plan to make Cal Poly a wet campus was one of the contributing factors for the Bush twins's arrival.

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CAL POLY

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"I thought Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie were coming," journalism senior Liz Soteros-McNamara said. "I feel so used. That's so not hot." Empty autograph books and disposable cameras dropped to the grass as angry scowls replaced happy faces. Spectators boomed in disgust.

"It's not even about the fact that they're Republican," Cal Poly Democrats President Mia White said. "It's about broken promises and unfulfilled dreams. I've waited my whole life for this."

White and fellow club members wore homemade shirts reading "Paris Hilton Sex Tape: Freedom of Expression at its Finest?" Her group was the first to leave the event.

"We prefer a silent protest," White said.

A group of students and teachers, mostly men, circled around the stage erecting signs and yelling profanities denouncing the Bush twins.

"It's going to take a lot of screwdrivers and frozen fuzzies to make those two look hot," journalists department head George Ramos said. "Drink up my amigos."

Ramos, a long-time Hilton fan, said he was too upset to even try to put the poster he keeps of her stashed inside his desk.

Secret Service members faced the protestors with mace and tear gas forcing them to disperse. In Houdini-like fashion the Bush twins disappeared, leaving students budding amongst themselves for comfort. Cal Poly will provide students with free counseling services through the rest of the week to help them deal with the no-show-idol syndrome.
Cal Poly, Cuesta and Men's Colony form megacampus

Jared Cleaver

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has announced a radical money-saving plan which merges California's penal system with its higher education system.

"This initiative will revolutionize the way we rehabilitate prisoners and educate college students in California. We will be able to double our spending power by using the same tax dollars to pay for both education and incarceration," Schwarzenegger said at a capital press conference on Thursday.

California Polytechnic University and Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo have been selected to combine with the California Men's Colony, which is located between the two campuses.

The new complex, tentatively named Cuesta Polytechnic, will represent the first of a new wave of governmentally-sanctioned, multi-functional mega-structures.

"The physical proximity of the college campuses and the detention center made San Luis Obispo the ideal location to pilot our new Rehabilitation Through Education Program," Gov. Schwarzenegger said.

Non-violent inmates will be given the opportunity to attend university classes in lieu of prisoner work programs.

Student prisoners with GPAs of 2.5 or higher, will be able to live in male-only dorms, although they will not be able to leave campus. Regular students who are on academic probation will be housed in the Men's Colony barracks until they raise their GPA to at least 2.0.

"We believe this will serve as a strong motivation tool for students who are in danger of failing," CPMUS President and Warden Warren Baker said.

"We will build new dorms for regular students. Old dormitories will need latis in the way of conversion to serve as housing for inmates. The program will prepare prisoners for life on the outside."

Senior mechanical engineering major Luke O'Tea has an uncle currently serving a 10-year sentence at the Men's Colony.

"My parents were always nagging me to go visit him, but I didn't want to drive all the way out there," O'Tea said. "As luck would have it, it looks like we're going to be in the same ME class in the fall. He was an engineer before he got caught embezzling money from his company. I think he'll have a lot to teach me — about engineering, I mean."

"I'm all for rehabilitating criminals, but it makes me nervous to think I might have a murderer sitting next to me in my statistics class," senior math senior Alex Kirchmann said.

"This is a win-win plan for everyone concerned. I don't see any way it can fail," Schwarzenegger said.

VODKA AND YOUR BRAIN

Students in Cal Poly's science department have released a study indicating vodka increases brain cells and test performance.

Time to celebrate! Vodka increases brain cell size

Kathleen Tiffin

Many are partying it up in celebration of a recent study conducted by students in the science department. The survey found vodka helps increase brain cells and performance on tests, leaving many professors skeptical about the accuracy of the experiment.

The week-long study consisted of 10 seniors: five female and five male. Half of those surveyed consumed shots of vodka between midnight and 7 a.m. and the other half consumed five cups of coffee between the same hours.

"In all of the surveys conducted, the vodka drinkers consistently performed better," said horticulture junior Jay Manson. "I shocked all of us, but in every case, they were able to find the correct answers and outperform the coffee drinkers."

The students decided to conduct the survey after seeing remarkably high test scores from students who were hungover or drunk during exams.

"We just assumed the students were joking about being hungover or drunk when they had taken the test," Manson said. "When I saw their scores I was frustrated that they could drink and do better than me. I was sober and received a C so I tried it for myself. I got drunk, took an exam and got an A+.

University officials are outraged over the study and say they plan on conducting their own alcohol study. "We don't believe the students conducted their study correctly," said department of agriculture Dean Mary Cross. "We're going to be conducting our own test over Memorial Day weekend. Some of the faculty is going to get drunk and then take each other's tests. That will prove these seniors study wrong."

University police will be on the premises to aid in any drunken problems that may arise during the weekend study.

"I don't care what the professors' study finds," said history freshman Jonathan Jacobs. "I trust the students more than the professors. Of course they're going to deny it. My friends and I are all going to come to class drunk from now on whenever we have a test."

Some faculty members will be holding a meeting tomorrow to decide whether to place alcoholic beverage vending machines around the campus.

If alcohol is going to make my students happier and help them get better grades, bring it on," said architecture professor Arnold Guzziinger. "Maybe the students who sit in the back of the room, fall asleep during class and don't care about being in class will have a more positive outlook on their academic careers."

"I think this study is going to help bring the university to a higher academic level," Cross said. "We could be put on the map as an even more top-notch school like Harvard or Duke. People can try to ignore the study's findings, but once their studies keep finding the same results, they'll decide to make Cal Poly a wet and drink campus."

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California's CSU and community colleges will merge with the California penal system in an effort to save the state money.
Strange complaints have been flowing into the agriculture department lately.

"There was spit all over my shirt and I had to go to class like that," whined architectural engineering freshman Ted Harris. "Totally not cool!"

Since the installation of Cal Poly's llama breeding program, there have been mixed reactions from coeds dealing with the new addition to campus.

"I'm all for expanding the llama population," Harvey Linell said. "But kenneling them in the library atrium really isn't practical."

Some students argue that the animals are a nuisance, while others note that they provide a pleasant distraction from their tense hours of studying.

"I love that I can look up from my reading and see the llamas frolicking," Lisa Marks said. "Having the happy llamas so close really eases my mood when I'm stressed out."

The program was introduced at Cal Poly following an announcement by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger that California populations have been dwindling in California, spurred by commercial development infringing on their natural habitat.

"It has been a sad year for the native California llama," he said in a statewide address. "I'm providing special funding to any state university that adopts a 'llama-friendly' designation and makes a commitment to revising the struggling species."

School researchers are taking the mission seriously, exclaiming that "llama-friendly" insignia on university lab coats and enforcing harsh punishments on those students who dare mock or provoke the animals.

"There have been a small number of llama hecklers," said breeding program co-chair Ruth Wallace. "Students need to understand that this rude behavior toward our llama guests will not be tolerated."

Any disturbance of the llamas results in immediate removal from the premises and mandatory community service, with harsher penalties for repeat offenders.

Mischief-maker Aaron Lyons learned his lesson firsthand when he was tackled by University Police following a heckling incident.

"All I did was throw an apple at one of the stupid llamas and then BOOM, I'm on the ground," he recalled. "I didn't even hit him."

Students will have to learn to co-exist with the newcomers as agriculture faculty insist the llamas are here to stay.

"We are committed to the revival of the species," Wallace said. "We will continue the program until llama numbers are out of the red, because a California without llamas is no California at all."

The birds increased their attacks on students last week and are currently holding the Housing and Residential Life staff hostage in the Community Center by driving them back into the building whenever they try to leave.

"We are currently in negotiations with the swallows for safely returning the staff to their families and reaching an agreement so that the students feel safe to leave their apartments," said Peter Peron, vice president of Housing and Residential Life.

The street remained deserted Monday as the sun set on the third day since the hostile takeover of the Cerro Vista apartment by the neighboring swallows.

What began as a symbiotic relationship between man and bird since the construction of the apartment complex four years ago has become a battle for the property.

"I'm afraid to go outside," said Harry Human, a civil engineering sophomore. "My roommate was attacked last week and is still in the hospital."

Problems arose in 2006 when Cal Poly tried to block the entrance to the roof where the swallows nest each spring.

"They compromised when Cal Poly wanted to build the complex," said Sally Swallow, a spokesperson for the swallows. "But now they are trying to kick them out of the roof when they were there first."

The swallows found a way to nest below the barriers that were installed but tensions remained high. Students grew angry with the baby birds made and in turn, attempted to knock the nests down.

"The residents started the trouble," Swallow said. "All the bird want is a peaceful place to raise their young."

Concerned for the safety of their young, the swallows began attacking students who tried to remove the nests.

"I can't sleep at night," said Margaret Mammal, an architecture sophomore. "And the swallows are so vocal, I can't even see out of my window."

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Cal Poly helps boost the state's dwindling llama population, which in turn has led to a boost in complaints from fed-up students.

Cal Poly top in gas consumption for California schools

Ronnie Meenan

For the 17th year in a row, Cal Poly was ranked as the No. 1 gas-guzzling school in California.

The study, which was conducted by the Americans Against Big Oil Destroying Us (AABODU), looked at colleges and universities across the state and concluded that Cal Poly would once again take the award.

"The reason is pretty simple," Thomas Lavine of AABODU said. "All these big, giant trucks that run rampant on the Cal Poly campus is the chief reason why the school is able to sweep the award year after year. The trucks look like tanks and they get horrible gas mileage."

Studies also show that students are aware that their vehicles are not fuel efficient in the slightest bit, yet are unwilling to trade in them for more practical, Earth-friendly vehicles.

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY SHELA SOCHIK MUSTANG DAILY
Tupac (above) found looking hungry and distracted in class.

Brigette Barbara MUSTANG DAILY
A wild manhunt ensued follow­ing hystera in a women's studies class Friday. The wanted man was report­edly rag legend and icon, Tupac Shakur.

"He's alive! I know for sure now because I saw the whites of his eyes," business junior Rachel Byrne said. "My boyfriend is obsessed with Tupac and has been trying to con­vince people for years that he is still alive. Now I believe."

Shakur was sighted peeping in a classroom window with a "lost, hungry puppy look" on his face, Byrne said. "I was staring out the window trying to stay awake when he popped up from nowhere. I think he was looking for food."

The starring, lost Shakur took off as Byrne alerted the rest o f the class. Students rushed out the door to
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around the corner. To make a good impression
tell him that you'd rather hit up "Mikkie D" instead of the new trendy restaurant on Monterey Street. He just wantsrvon his Big Mac and angry
friends. He is sure to appreciate your willingness to
be open and save money.

"Dress to impress" is the name of the game. Wear a shirt that can be folded and a pair of jeans that are not too baggy. Accessories are key – a scarf, belt, or even a hat. Don't forget the shoes!

Your boyfriend troubles will be nonexistant and the single-woman life you knew before will now be a romantic and electrifying lifelong relationship.

Katherine Tiffin MUSTANG DAILY
Have you ever wondered how some people can have girls flock to them all the time while others will do almost anything to just get a girl notice them? Well, here are 10 secrets to help you "Snag a boyfriend in 10 days!"

Don't brush your teeth. Guys are turned off by clean, white teeth, so try to only brush your
pearly whites every few days. Their attraction to you will skyrocket.

Drool. When you see a person you are attracted to, walk up next to them and begin to drool while telling them how unfortunately hot they are. Once they realize how much you like them, they can't help but take you out.

Don't shave. Guys are more attracted to girls who are "as natural." Continue wearing those headbands and tank tops, just keep the shaving to you more than ever before.

Snort. Guys hear laughter everywhere, so to help distin­guish yourself from your male friends, spice up your laugh. Every girl once in a while throws in a quick snort. It is a sure way to grab his attention and make him realize how special you are.

"I caught a glimpse of him, but I wasn't convinced, so I started the chase," journalism junior Leslie Hammann said. "I don't know what all the commotion is about; it looked like Al Roker to me."

That would explain earlier reports of Shakur looking "hungry." Presumably shot five times and killed in November 1994, Shakur has been sighted as frequently as Elton. Fans and bloggers keep his mem­ory alive and post updates of where he might show up next. One Web­ site, Thing-News.com, posted the Cal Poly sighting a mere 20
minutes after the event.

"Confession spread across campus in the top of the hour drew near and students filled out of their classes. I heard Beyonce Knowles was on campus," one hysterical student yelled as he was passing by the El Coral Bookstore.

Students and faculty followed the student toward the Administration

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Movie-goers go goo-goo over 'Glitter'

Amy Asman MUSTANG DAILY
Hollywood's golden boy, Oscar, is moving to a new crib.
The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced Monday that it will be conducting a
recall of several Oscars awarded in 2001. The recall was summoned into action earlier this week after an anonymous member of the Academy petitioned the organization for a "grievous oversight", committed during the 2001 awards ceremony.

"The petitioner apparently rented 'Glitter', which she called a cinematic masterpiece and was thoroughly out­raged that the named movie and its actors did not appear on the 2001 bal­lots of nominees," Academy President Karl Malden said.

The Academy held an emergency
midnight summit at the Kodak
Theatre in Hollywood to address the possibility of rewatching winners for the Best Picture and Best Actress in a Leading Role categories.

After hours of painstakingly careful consideration, Academy members deemed the petitioned movie — Mariah Carey's musical drama "Glitter" — the year's "true and rightful" Best Picture.

Malden also said the high­ly-esteemed pop princess will receive the coveted Best Actress statue in an excessi­vely lavish ceremony and ban­quet later this week.

"The truth has finally come out," said television
mogul Oprah Winfrey, who is also acting president of the Academy's under­ground fan club "Mariah Lovers of the World Union."

"I can't tell you how long we have all waited for this recognition! And now it's finally here," Winfrey said while wiping away tears of joy.

The controversial decision, howev­er, was met with considerable opposition from the Academy's sister organization, the Screen Actors Guild. A rabid group of professionals, including celebrities Russell Crowe and Susan Sarandon, stormed the midnight theater with barstools and evil masse­ nger dogs rigged with laser beams attached to their heads, police said.

"This is total bullshit!" Crowe before he was carried off by police

task forces. The group's planning a 24-hour sit-in outside director Ron Howard's Hollywood mansion later

this week. The event will also feature slam poetry from former Best Actress winner Halle Berry entitled "How to Kill a Poptart in 10 days" and "Why Hollywood Sucks!"
Your Neighbor the Beer Bum

If you believed everything you heard about beer, you'd think you could spot a drinker from a mile away. Large round beer bellies, scruffy facial hair, reeking in raggy clothes with unwashed hair and sporting yellow teeth — all hallmarks of the typical drunk. And while these details do depict many who go to the bars several nights out of the week, there are some who can get away. Large round beer bellies, senior at Cal Poly who works part-time as a waiter in a local restaurant, the Mustang Daily caught up with him outside of Frog & Peach for a quick pint and chat. Of course, "Sam" is not his real name.

Mustang Daily: First off, have you ever made beer?

Sam: I haven't, but a few of my friends have tried. It takes a decent amount of work and never seems to turn out as good as a Newcastle you buy at the bar.

How often do you drink?

Whenever I don't have to wake up early the next morning, which is usually two or three times a week. The guys and I head to the bars and chill out at our apartments. We usually start drinking around 9 p.m. and crash out at about 3 in the morning.

Does drinking like that affect your work and school?

Well, I'm sure it doesn't help. I wake up in the mornings with a headache, resenting my alarm, and sometimes blow off homework or call in sick to work in order to party. But I'm in college, and this is the typical behavior for any of us.

What's so great about beer?

Everything. It makes me feel good and makes other look better, if you know what I mean.

Do a lot of people around here drink beer?

It's a college town; of course a lot of people around here drink — students, parents, tourists.

What's the worst thing about drinking beer?

The hangovers and maybe the loss of control over yourself. Like this one time, I woke up after a fun night of going nuts next to this hideous girl. I mean, I finally realized why they call it "Coyote Ugly" because I seriously thought about biting my arm off to get out of that bed. (Shivers) But anyway, unless you drink way too much you still have some handle on what you're doing and can have a great time. Oh, and the puking isn't always very fun either.

What do you think of alcoholics?

They're losers. Anyone who would spend their entire life drinking and drowning their miseries in alcohol are stealing from the world and telling everyone to do the same. They're losers. Anyone who would waste their entire life drinking and makes other look better, if you consider yourself a normal person, is not worth associating with. They bring a bad name to those of us who don't do the same.

Would you recommend drinking beer to your friends?

I wouldn't go out advertising beer to your friends. They're all great, but it's not something I would recommend to them.

Would you drink if someone offered you a beer right now?

F---- yes. Free beer is one of my favorite things in life!

—Cristina Albers

Although the ingredients may all be legal, if you are under 21 then this is an illegal activity

Curious to know how home-brewers do it? Is it really as simple as they say? Let's find out.

But before we start, let's think about safety. Although toxicity isn't much of an issue, be sure to wear gloves and a surgical mask, you never know what could happen. Then let's not provoke any suspicions, although the ingredients may all be legal, if you are under 21 then this is an illegal activity.

OK, so let's get started.

Here's some guidelines to follow that we easily found on the internet, plus the help of a master home-brewer here in San Luis Obispo. After some experience, adding your own personal creativity is a must.

You can attain most equipment and ingredients from most local grocers which shouldn't take long and won't be too pricey. Here's what you'll need:

1. Beer kit
2. 1-quart stainless steel brewpot
3. 7-gallon airtight primary fermenter
4. Airlock and stopper which allows carbon dioxide to escape during the primary fermentation.

Make sure you get the right size stopper to fit the hole.

1. Plastic hose, about 5 feet in length and must be food-grade plastic. (This is what you use to transfer beer from bucket-to-bucket, so keep it clean and kink-free.)

1. Bottling bucket. Must be at least as big as your primary fermenter because this is where you will put your beer before bottling.

40 16-ounce bottles. This is where the secondary fermentation takes place. Forty bottles should fill about 5-gallons worth of beer. Plastic bottles work better with screw-on caps, but the beer doesn't ferment as good as it would in glass bottles. (Also, dark-colored bottles are a must because light damages the beer.)

1. Bottle brush to make sure all the bottles are cleaned and sanitized well.

1. Stick-on thermometer. This goes on the primary fermenter and can be found at a pet store in the aquarium section.

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Wonder why beer is everywhere these days? For one thing, it's simple to make.

If you can follow a recipe, you're in business!

By Jemma Wilson

1 Small bowl
1 Sauce pan
1 Rubber spatula
1 Pair of oven mitts
1 Big mixing spoon (stainless steel or plastic).

Now that you have the essentials, it's time for the ingredients. As a beginning brewer, buying a "beer kit" is the best way to go. This tells you what kind of beer you will make and will include the necessary ingredients. The beer kit consists of a large can of hopped malt concentrate and a packet of yeast. You will also need to buy "fermentables" which is what makes the alcohol. These can include brewers sugar, dry malt extract, liquid malt extract, rice syrup, demerera sugar and Belgian candi sugar. Any combination can work and should not exceed about two pounds.

Let's start cooking.
Sanitize, sanitize, sanitize! Not enough can be stressed on how extremely clean every product must be before use. A dishwasher with a "dry heat" cycle works best.

Now bring two quarts of water to about 170 degrees (not a complete boil), then remove from heat. Add your beer kit and additional fermentables as directions in the kit say. Stir aggressively to make sure everything is dissolved. Then cover and let sit for 10 to 15 minutes on the lowest heat setting. Next add your contents to the primary fermenter, which should have four gallons of cold water in already. Put some muscles into it and mix it for about two minutes, help adding oxygen to your wort. Then after it has cooled, you can add your yeast and leave to ferment.

After about five days you will want to check if your beer is still fermenting. When the bubbling stops or slows to about two minutes between the bubbles, then your beer is ready to be bottled. But wait, don't drink it yet, we still have some things to finish.

After bottling your beer and securing the caps tightly, leave the bottles in a cool, dark place (not a refrigerator, more like a closet) and leave for a minimum of two weeks. Yes, two weeks may seem like forever when you are staring at endless beer in your closet, but this is considered the secondary fermentation stage.

Now, the fun part.
Once the cloudiness from the yeast has cleared, you can put the beer in the fridge until it is crisp cold and ready for consumption. A helpful tip would be to pour the beer into a glass rather than drinking it out of the bottle.

Kick back in the sun with your ice-cold beverage in hand and be proud of what you have accomplished. The boundaries are limitless now. Be sure to share your creation with friends ... and of course the Mustang Daily staff writers.

- Women currently account for about 25 percent of beer consumption in the U.S.
- A mug a day keeps the doctor at bay? Beer has no fat or cholesterol and is low in sugar; it also contains significant amounts of vitamin B, healthful minerals and fiber. Moderate beer consumption has been shown to reduce stress and the chance of heart disease.
- Beer is about 13 calories per ounce, as opposed to 22 for white wine, 65-85 for liquor and 160 calories for potato chips.
- Bad beer smells like a wet newspaper odor and indicates oxidation. "Skunkiness" can also result from sunlight damage hence brown bottles to protect beer.
- The world's strongest beer is Samuel Adams' Triple Bock, which has reached 17 percent alcohol by volume. To obtain this level, however, they had to use a champagne yeast.

Source: The Santa Cruz Sentinel, April 2006.
-Cristina Albers

Nearly 25 gallons, placing America at No. 13 worldwide. The Czech Republic is first, the Republic of Ireland second and Germany third.

What You Can Expect from Your Homemade Beer

Confusion and impairment on your motor functions. Falling off the toilet seat, tripping over your own foot while walking down the street and the inability to high-five your friend won't seem out of the ordinary. Increased self-confidence and an overall state of euphoria. You no longer feel embarrassed to walk up to the hottest looking person in the room and ask them out. Those you've never even met now seem like your best-friend, and you're going to give them a hug! Emotional extremes; one minute you're crying and the next minute you're throwing glass at the captain of the debate team. You have an argument for everything, but it's hard to hear it through your slurred speech.

The inability to perform complex tasks, such as driving or completing your calculus homework. A slight sense of paranoia. Everyone around you is mad and you believe it's your fault. Oh, and the earth may be under attack from some species of aliens. A reduction in your inhibitions that will lead to embarrassing behavior. No, it's usually not normal to strip naked and run down Main St. singing, "I'm a Little Teapot." Decreased attention span, causing you to focus in and out on the stories and games that are taking place around you... oh shiny!

Prolonged reaction time will cause you to laugh at your friend's joke about a minute after the punch line has arrived.

But don't worry; your impaired short-term memory will make you forget most of the events of the previous night anyway.

-Cristina Albers
Whatcha gonna do Cal Poly?

Jennifer Boudevin

"I was riding my skateboard down Perimeter and a UCPD cop came up behind me with sirens wailing," he said. "When I stopped the officer and three camera men asked me, called me and started recording me.

The incident illustrates the new crackdown on campus crime, a joint effort of the University Police Department and the popular TV show "COPS.

"As part of its college "On Location" special, "COPS" is teaming with campus law enforcement around the nation in an attempt to curtail student offenses. "So far having the show visiting campus for footage has been a real honor," Interim University Police Chief William Watton said. "The guys are great to work with and I think the message is definitely getting across to the student body that campus law violators will not be tolerated."

Construction management sophomore Jillian Moss found herself trying to shield her face from the camera after receiving a ticket for walking in the bike lane.

"I didn't even know what they stopped me for and now I'm going to have to explain to my parent who I'm on "COPS," she said. "I think the program is overkill, but I must admit I am certainly deterred from doing it during the designated biking lane again!"

The most entertaining part of the show promises to be the parking stings, where hidden cameramen wait for parking violators to return to their cars and catch their reactions to often $100 tickets.

"Some of the kids' faces are just priceless," Watton said. "It's like, 'Surprise, sucker! You almost want to feel bad for the poor guy."

Liberal studies senior Art Doll found himself the victim of a parking sting and received a $300 ticket after reversing into a parking space.

"Having the cameramen jump out of the bushes at that moment just added insult to injury," he said. "Now I'm going to look like a big sotie hooling on national TV."

"Cops" will continue conducting the operations on campus throughout this week before moving south to patrol USC Santa Barbara.

When Clyde Rodger's prized dwarf hamster passed away last year, he knew a memorial burial wouldn't be the right remedy to ease his pain.

"I had grown so used to spending every day with the little guy that putting him underground would be an impossible adjustment," he said.

The dilemma got Rodger thinking.

"Baxter was so beautiful, such a champion," he said. "I thought, why not put him on display others to enjoy? He brought me so much happiness during his life, surely he could inspire others in death."

He researched the qualifications necessary to practice taxidermy, and three short weeks later received his certification.

After great success embalming Baxter, Rodger expanded his clientele to include friends and neighbors, garnering local attention for his craft.

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Sick?

As a last resort, use the Mustang Daily as a tissue.
I'll trade my vote for a bit of chivalry

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Editor goes for a wild ride, receives jail time

Justin High-Fivelga

Rolling the streets in search of your cousin Tina in a shiny green and yellow John Deere lawn mower might be legal in Placerville, Calif., but in sunny San Luis Obispo, Mustang Daily Editor in Chief Dan Watson received jail time for driving under the influence, reckless driving and evading arrest when he ran from San Luis Obispo Police Department officers after he was seen driving his souped-up mower through town and across two counties with speeds more than five times faster than a normal tractor.

"That tractor was unbelievable," SLOPD Officer Jerry Wise said. "Those spinning wheels and that beaver-pelt seat made it quicker than a damn Ferrari."

Though Watson suffered little more than some cuts and bruises, local officials said his drunken behavior will cost him some time in a county jail.

"I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw a John Deere tractor weaving all over the road coming down Figueroa," Vega said. "I thought he drank like a skunk while illegally driving his tractor on the streets — he'll have some time to think about what he did while behind bars."

Under civil code Z06346, it is illegal to operate any farm equipment on public roadways without prior consent. More than just any tractor, Watson's John Deere was heavily modified with a beaver-pelt seat, a gun rack, spinner rims and lots of rattus oxide that allowed him to easily evade the police as his tractor was able to go more than five times faster than a normal tractor.

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Though Watson will spend the next two weeks in jail on a $3 million bail, he claims he was innocent. Despite a thick Southern accent that was hard to understand at times, he spoke with reporters during visiting hours.

"I'm goddamn innocent," I tell ya. I did that shit all the time up in F-ville (Placerville), that shit's allowed up there," Watson said. "Those stupid sons of bitches wrecked my Deere (John Deere), new coon-skin seats in all, and I was only 15 hours deep when they busted me. I was still fine to drive."

At the time of arrest, Watson bled a 3½ more than 20 times the legal limit. Watson is currently incarcerated and awaiting sentencing.

Students rebel against 'archi-torture'

Kendra Deutsche

With final reviews only a couple weeks away, junior architecture student was risking their design lab grades by walking out from classes.

Last Wednesday, the students mutually agreed not to attend their five-hour architecture and design laboratories. The walkout was still in effect as of Monday, with only a handful of students from the entire junior architecture class actually attending labs.

The walkout began just one day after architecture junior Samantha Stevens was hospitalized for malnutrition and exhaustion following nearly four entire days in the lab.

"When Sam (Stevens) was put in the hospital, we realized how ridiculous this all is," said Dave Marcus, an architecture junior.

"With the amount of work they expect us to get done in such a limited time, it's no wonder something like this hasn't happened sooner," said Allie Johnson, an architecture junior. "And it has to stop now."

Junior architecture labs have been compared to sweat shops, said architect junior John Wolfe. "We are protesting the inhumane treatment that occurs in these labs."

The slogan "architecture is apparently true."

"I just couldn't take any more of it," said Robert Michaelis, also an architecture junior. "It was serious torture, and it just isn't necessary to treat students like this. It's downright cruel."

"We spend days at a time in lab, sleeping only a few hours here and there, and we don't have time to shower or eat," architecture junior Celeste Hernandez said. "Our professors just don't take into consideration that this is absolutely ridiculous and unhealthy for us, and until they do, we will not go into lab."

Students have not said when or if they will resume classes, though some speculate they will wait until final reviews.

"You definitely fail if you miss a final review, so I'm pretty sure we'll all be back right before then," said Jamie Erickson, an architecture junior. "None of us wants to fail, we're just trying to show how inhumane these labs really are."

Department faculty said that if students do not return to classes by Wednesday, severe consequences will result for each student involved; though they have not released details as to what the punishment will entail.

Failing design labs can make it nearly impossible to graduate on time, architecture junior Nicole Martinez said. Professors will fail students that do not attend final reviews, which could set them back up to a year.

Although the majority of the class is participating in the walkout, there are some students unwilling to risk their grades after working so hard for so long.

"They're threatening to fail all of the participating students," architecture junior Sean Howard said. "I can't sacrifice all the work I've done just because I'm tired."

Architecture faculty members were unwilling to comment at this time.
Justin High-Fivella
MUSTANG DAILY

With a few waves of a mouse and a click of the keyboard, everything Cal Poly was built on every thing stood for, crumbled yesterday as Cal Poly President Warren Baker was seen in tears leaving the San Luis Obispo courthouse after losing a bitter lawsuit against electronics giant and Microsoft mogul, Bill Gates.

Unbeknownst to the public, secret court proceedings took place, known as Cal Poly lost its motto, "learn by doing" to Gates who apparently has owned the rights to the phrase since 1996 when he created a "How-To" series for novice Windows users.

Though the series was never released, Gates, who coined the phrase, still owns the rights to it and wasn't aware that Cal Poly stole its motto, "I was just cruisin' through ole San Luis in my Bentley on the way to my private underground lair in Santa Barbara and thought I'd grab a world famous 'Bull Sweat,'" Gates said. "Then when I picked up the Mustang Daily, I noticed Cal Poly stole my durn phrase."

It's reported that within minutes through wireless laser technology, a lawsuit forms were sitting on Baker's desk denoting a trillion-dollar lawsuit against Cal Poly for stealing his thunder.

"I couldn't believe it. While hunkering in the sun of my Avila Beach mansion sipping some limited reserve Ethiopian coffee, Bill Gates lowered snatched out of my computer, walked up to me and said 'you've been served,'" Baker said. "Then like that, he was gone, and I was left with a helluva lawsuit.

Though Baker and other Cal Poly administration bigwigs were seen in shambles with tear-laden lapels, a pudgy-chested Gates promised a solution that both sides agreed will work.

"Since I have soo many monies and I am soo damn classy, I decided that if they (Cal Poly) use my name in their motto, then I will let this miniscule institution continue to operate," -- Bill Gates

Internet mogul Bill Gates preached to Cal Poly students from "the P" and emphasized the importance of harnessing your flair.

Students protest 10 a.m. classes for interrupting 'The Price is Right' Jennifer Boudewin
MUSTANG DAILY

Students filled the quad Thursday afternoon to join in the protest that has been hailed as "the biggest demonstration ever seen on campus."

"Bob my hero," said one T-shirt, "Penko or bust!" proclaimed another.

The march was the latest in a series of student protests in an effort to ban 10 a.m. classes, upset that the learning time interrupts class schedules around their own personal motives.

"It's such a hassle planning my class schedule around my passions," Mark Wise said. "People think 'TFR' is just a game show, but they couldn't be more wrong." Wise has been in the show's audience six times now, once making it to contestant row. "It was so surreal, really a dream come true," he said of kissing Bob on the cheek. "I lived the moment so many times in my head, having it happen in real life was more overwhelming than I had ever envisioned."

Cal Poly President Warren Baker has addressed the protesters, admitting to being a loyal follower of the show himself.

"Of course I love it," he said. "I won't let anyone interrupt my enjoyment of the showcase showdown."

Baker has vowed to take the matter to the higher officials. Until further developments are announced, the students will rally for the cause, with demonstrations planned daily.

"I have found my calling in this cause," Mitchell said. "And I will see justice served."

Hundreds of followers came out in support, each with their own personal motives. "The programme is the big flame around my passion," Mark Wise said. "I just can't believe people are making fun of it for being time consuming."

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Jemma Wilson
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Protests, riots and streaking were among many of the student responses after school officials announced the removal of the parking structure located on Grand Avenue for construction of a new journalism building.

"This is an outrage! How I supposed to get to school if I can't park here?" said Charles Heredia, a business administration senior.

Heredia is upset because it marks the second time in two years that a major parking lot has been removed on campus, severely limiting parking for students, especially as permit prices dramatically rose.

"This administration realized how hard we have been working with the Mustang Daily, KPWR, and CPTV, so this in their way of giving back to us," Hope said.

"I can't wait to kick back and relax in our hot tub after a long day of writing," she said.

Parking structure removed for new journalism building

Mustang Daily editors put out daily. No. Really. 5 nights a week
Triton dons the green and gold

Katie Hofstetter
MUSTANG DAILY

While in the movie "Air Bud" the athletic dog was known for its offense, Cal Poly's own canine hoopster has mastered the art of defense.

Triton, the Doberman Pinscher took it, can't seem to make it five minutes into a game. His tough defensive tactics have led to countless foul-outs and injuries of some of the Big West Conference's top men's basketball players. But Triton's teammates appreciate his intensity, affectionately dubbing the canine "Rabies."

"Rabies is the best!" fellow basketball teammate Davon White said. "Yeah, OK, he can be a tad brutal at times, but like the rest of us, he's just going after the ball!"

Cal Poly coach Kevin Bromley said that Triton is quickly becoming one of the team's biggest assets.

"The strategy is this: Get him in there the first five minutes and have him pump up the team before he fouls out. He's been coming through really well. After Triton fouls out, the rest of the team is able to get out there and dominate." But the Mustangs' approach to defense, which has led to their undefeated Big West record this season, is not appreciated by other conference coaches.

"The Cal Poly strategy is to get that crazy dog in there to take out all of our best players in the game's first five minutes. It's ridiculous and unfair play," Cal State Fullerton coach Bob Burton.

Regardless of the mixed views surrounding collegiate basketball's first canine player, Triton still has three years of NCAA eligibility, and Bromley said he will play a vital role in next year's team as well.

"If the rest of the Big West Conference has any hope of beating Cal Poly, they're going to have to stop complaining about Triton and instead find a way to beat him, because right now, he's unstoppable," Bromley said.

Bonds isn't alone—Poly golf on 'roids

Katie Hofstetter
MUSTANG DAILY

In a scandalmaker than the illegal Mission Prep recruitments, the NCAA announced yesterday that five members of the Cal Poly men's golf team tested positive for steroids use.

Trent Jackson, who shattered records, with 12 individuals wins this season, was one of the players named by the NCAA. Brian Gilbert, John Holt, Jonah Green and Ronald Nicole make up the four other team members accused of using steroids.

"It's a real tragedy that the face of the ultimate gentleman's sport has been tarnished by these record-chasing hoodlums who have no respect for the nature of the game," NCAA spokesperson Donald Trice said. "Rest assured, these players will be subject to the ultimate repercussions of the NCAA."

The NCAA uncovered the steroid use after random drug testing of the men's golf team, the first time an NCAA golf team has been drug tested in over 10 years.

But news of steroid use among Cal Poly golfers is a long time coming for the team's few followers.

"In the past couple of years it's been getting harder and harder to tell the golfers from the football players," avid golf fan Tina Simmons said. "I think everyone has noticed that the polo shirts have been squeezing the golfer's necks and cutting the circulation off their bulging biceps, especially with Trent Jackson."

Jackson, in a press conference held after the NCAA announcement, confirmed his use of steroids. He said although he was offered steroids as a high school golfer, he did not begin using them until three years ago, when he first came to Cal Poly.

"I really don't see what the big deal is," Jackson said at the press conference. "Look at the pro golfers and tell me they're not jacking. Heck, look at UC Irvine's guys. Steroids and golf go together like steroids and baseball. It's just baseball gets all the publicity because nobody cares about golf."

Ironically, in the fall of his freshman year at Cal Poly, Jackson was reunited with his second cousin once removed, Trent Jackson, who said he was offered steroids by a high school golfer, he did not begin using them until three years ago, when he first came to Cal Poly.

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Records have been set since then, but golf balls were never injected with steroids by Cal Poly's team. Records have yet to be announced by the NCAA.

"Once I started using it took me a while to get used to the newfound power," he said. "Steroids helped my driving a lot, but I had to get used to putting so I spent a lot of time at Bloomers until I finally got it down.

Punishments have yet to be announced by the NCAA.
Grand slam celebration gets Poly player ejected

Brigette Barbara

The highlight of the weekend for the Cal Poly baseball team was not pitcher Ryan Hunter's no hitter, or even star infielder Josh Lansford's infield home run. It came when out­fielder Ryan Lee hit a slider that should have ended up in the dirt over the left center wall for a grand slam. The slam put the Mustangs up 8-3 in the seventh inning.

Lee stole the show as he touched home plate and began to do dances resembling the moonwalk, running, jumping and moving from "Napoleon Dynamite" to "Flashdance."

"Celebrating after a hit is one thing. For pumps and butt slaps you're doing a dance that looks like a seagull on top of home plate is unacceptable," umpire Michael Hendr said.

Lee was forced to leave the field after his "performance."

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Grand slam celebration gets Poly player ejected

Brigette Barbara

The highlight of the weekend for the Cal Poly baseball team was not pitcher Ryan Hunter's no hitter, or even star infielder Josh Lansford's infield home run. It came when outfielder Ryan Lee hit a slider that should have ended up in the dirt over the left center wall for a grand slam. The slam put the Mustangs up 8-3 in the seventh inning.

Lee stole the show as he touched home plate and began to do dances resembling the moonwalk, running, jumping and moving from "Napoleon Dynamite" to "Flashdance."

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Stadium bolts can't hold

Kathrene Tiffin, Mustang Daily

Since August 2005, donations have been piling in and workers have been on track to have the renovated Alex G. Spanos stadium ready for fans and players by the fall quarter, but it all came tumbling down after they purportedly unscrewed too many bolts.

"We did it because we were told we couldn't wear open-toed shoes to work," contractor Don Watt said. "Apparently we unscrewed too many because all of a sudden we heard squeaks that we knew were not good. We didn't mean for the structure to collapse, just to cause a little bit of damage. Thankfully I had my steel-toed shoes on today, otherwise I probably would have lost a toe."

"It took less than 15 seconds for the entire structure to collapse," said project manager Jason Reed. "Everyone escaped unharmed for the most part. Some were hit by Debris, but they'll make a full recovery. All everyone was screaming was 'get out!'

While designers are optimistic about the project's future, the hopes of athletes and many other people who were anticipating the opening of the remodeled stadium will have to wait at least another year for the stadium to be completed, according to early renovation estimates.

"We're going to have to play our games in the parking lots now," football coach Derrick Martin said. "We never thought it would come to this, but we will work it out. We'll just put some Astroturf or something on the ground, the players will just have to deal with it."

"We are going to have to raise the money all over again," Reed said. "It's depressing to watch almost $20 million go down the drain, but we have to stay positive. If we lose hope, everyone will lose hope."

Mustang Stadium was under renovation — that is until the bolts busted and the stadium exploded into nothing more than a pile of $20 million rubble.

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Drunken mascots erupt into fisticuffs

Jared Cleaver, Mustang Daily

Cal Poly baseball fans recently learned a valuable lesson at a game against the UC Irvine Anteaters: large quantities of competitiveness and alcohol do not mix very well.

After five scoreless innings, it was obvious that the crowd was ready for some action. However, nobody was prepared for the action that would ensue.

"I was standing in line to get a beer when I saw a group of people gathered in a circle, laughing hysterically," senior fruit science major Eric Yamami said. "I went to check it out, and the Musty the Mustang was having a beer-chugging contest with the Anteater. The Anteater was actually pouring the beer down the hole in his shoe."

Fortunately, the scoreless game and the competitiveness of the mascots led to a very unorthodox competition.

"They were tried at seven rounds apiece, going into the tiebreaker," Yamami said. "That's when the benches cleared."

"When I first looked, I couldn't tell what was going on," Barubbi said. "Way down the first base line, the two mascots were going at it. The Mustang had a hold on the Anteater's snout and was just beating the hell out of him with his right hoof. When security tried to break it up, that's when the benches cleared."

Changes have not been filed against the workers, but "we might just make them join the cheer squad," Reed said. "That's worse than jail time."

The athletic department has not confirmed which parking lot the football team will play on, but said they will be moving old desks into the parking lot for seating. "It's not the ideal seating arrangement, but we don't have a choice," Reed said. "The entire situation has left us crushed, absolutely crushed."

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