Program polarizes campus

SAUDI ARABIA'S PUSH TO DEVELOP HIGHER EDUCATION LOOKS TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES FOR HELP

Giana Magnoli

Many argue that the program will be discriminatory toward certain faculty, especially women, homosexuals or Jews.

International Education and Programs director John Battenberg offered some insight into the controversy surrounding the proposal. If one is overly Christian and wants to evangelize, you're going to have a problem," Battenberg said. "And that's if you come from the U.S. or Western Europe or anywhere else. If one is Jewish-American or Christian-American and one is discreet, one should be allowed exchange.

Marlize van Ronsburg

A campus-wide concern about the yet-to-be finalized and controversial contract between Cal Poly's College of Engineering and Jubail University in Saudi Arabia has mounted, students are taking action to ensure their voice on the matter gets heard.

A petition requesting for an open forum between Cal Poly students, the Academic Senate and university administrators was circulated in the University this week, and presented at the Associated Student Inc. Board of Directors meeting later in the day.

The petition, which circulated for six hours, gathered 120 signatures in support of such a forum, according to Christina Chippe, Cal Poly College Republicans president and one of the organizers of the petition.

"I'd like to emphasize that this petition has unified several groups that often are not in agreement," Chippe told the board, adding that the Cal Poly College Republicans, Cal Poly Democrats, College Libertarians of Cal Poly, and College of Liberal Arts Student Council had all signed on in support.

The proposed deal between Cal Poly and JUC has been met with heated contention ever since it became

Cuesta student dies in collision on Hwy. 101

Cuesta College student Ian Ambrose, 23, died in a car accident on the Cuesta Grade Monday night, officials said.

Ambrose was in the passenger seat of a 1989 Toyota pickup driven by his brother, Alex. According to California Highway Patrol officials, the pickup made an "unsafe lane change" from the slow lane across two lanes around 9 p.m. and was struck from behind by another car while traveling north up the grade.

The truck reportedly rolled several times before coming to a rest in oncoming traffic and was struck by a SUN fatal ejecting Ian Ambrose, who apparently was not wearing his seatbelt, from the car. Police said his 21-year-old brother suffered minor injuries.

The driver of the SUV was released from Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center later that night. The driver of the other car was unreported.

Ambrose was a resident of Morro Bay and wanted to transfer to Cal Poly and study wine and viticulture.

Patrick Barbieri

Cal Poly campus buildings are expected to become more eco-friendly, thanks to efforts by students and staff.

Both groups are working together to ensure new construction projects and existing buildings are deemed sustainable by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council.

"Sustainability is a non-partisan issue. It affects everyone," said Chad Worth, an industrial engineering senior and president of the Empower Poly Coalition, an organization advocating sustainability issues on campus. "We're trying to be the agents of change."

For existing buildings, staff members are looking into ways to conserve energy and improve operation efficiency. The Faculty Offices East building is the first to undergo these changes, requiring everything from light bulbs to water fixtures be scrutinized and remodeled in order to conserve resources and become more sustainable.

"We're using Faculty Offices East as a pilot building," said Cheryl Mollan, project manager for Facilities Services, who has devoted over a year's work toward the cause.

"We plan to certify other buildings as well. It's a great way to promote sustainability and it shows Cal Poly's interest in using natural resources and thinking environmentally."

New projects like Poly Canyon Village are being built with greener components such as low-flow plumbing fixtures, low VOC (volatile organic compound) paint, energy-efficient air-conditioning systems, and materials with longer lifecycles that require fewer replacements.

"LEED certification is important because it offers a bold statement that the project is sustainable," said Joel Neele, senior associate director with Facilities Services.

"Thinking environmentally also increases costs, but staff members expect to recoup their losses in a very short time. The benefits of obtaining LEED certification include lower operating costs, increased property value, reduction of waste and emissions, and tax rebates and other incentives, as well as an increase in overall occupant well-being and productivity."

Earlier this month, the Recreation Center expansion referendum passed with an overwhelming 88.7 percent vote to make the project LEED certified, ensuring that the new facility will meet the highest standards of performance and sustainability.

"A LEED building is like a car engine that has been tuned to run efficiently," Worth said. "It may be more expensive than an old beater, but in the long run it's better than a car that may not be performing to its potential."

RYAN POHLE MUSTANG DAILY

Mechanical engineering professor Jim Locascio speaks out against the proposed Saudi Arabia program at the Academic Senate meeting Tuesday, March 4.

RYAN POHLE MUSTANG DAILY
Help continued from page 1

time. It's the same with homos­
sexuality. There are giants in Se­
di Arabia; my sense is that they
don't broadcast it."

Segregation of the sexes is com­
mon in many sectors of so­
ciety, including higher education.
JUC is a co-ed institution, but
since JUC's engineering program
only has male students, it's safe to
assume that no female faculty would
be allowed to teach, Bat­
tenberg said. He has taught fe­
male students in Saudi Arabia as a
former U.S. State Department
Language Specialist but had to
do it through a closed-circuit TV,
in which they could see him but
he could not see them.

However, he thinks it's less
likely that a female professor
would be allowed to do the same
with male students.

"If we start coming up with a
litmus test about what countries
need to do in order for us to
have an involvement with them,
there are going to be very few
countries that pass it," he said.
"It's hypocritical because many
countries have serious reserva­
tions about American foreign
policy. By extension, should they
not send their faculty or students
here?"

Though there have been at­
ttempts to block the Cal Poly
program, many other U.S. un­
iversities have already signed on
to help Saudi Arabian universi­
ties develop their programs. UC
Berkeley and Stanford have both
signed similar deals worth
$30 million to $35 million each
with the King Abdullah Univer­
sity of Science and Technology
(KAUST), while Cal Poly would
receive $5.9 million for its part­
nership with JUC.

However, KAUST has a $10
billion start-up budget and is ex­
pected to have 20,000 students,
while JUC only has 455 students.
The deals are similar, with Ame­
rican universities assisting in the
development of the Saudi schools' engineering programs.
Both Berkeley and Stanford's deals
are centered with the mechanical
engineering department, while
Cal Poly's mechanical engineer­
ing department initially opposed
the bill by a 15-1 vote.

As to the issue of the coun­
try's different culture, Bat­
tenberg stressed that a university­
to-university relationship does
not mean one is endorsing a
country's policies, but is merely
attempting to better understand
the region and culture better.

"It's an area that dominates
our headlines, television, radio
and newspapers but (most peo­
ples) have very little knowledge of
it," he said.

He doesn't agree with Saudi
practices, but supports Cal Poly's
proposal to develop a partnership
there.

"I think Saudi Arabia is a coun­
try in transition. In the years
that are not signed or not-signed, be brought
up the matter as represented.

The proposal to secure a con­
tact for Cal Poly to assist JUC in develop­
ing and implementing its engineering
school was first prepared in January
2007 by faculty in Cal Poly's College
of Engineering.

Cal Poly was chosen at that time
from a list of other American universi­
ties to assist JUC with the implemen­
tation of a new bachelor's degree pro­
gram in civil engineering. JUC later
requested that Cal Poly assist them
not only in the implementation of
the new civil engineering program, but
also program in mechanical, electrical
and computer engineering which will
be developed in subsequent years.

The five-year contract with JUC
is valued at $5.9 million, which cov­
ers only both the estimated $4.6
million in direct overhead costs, such as sala­
daries and wages for faculty, supplies,
and equipment, and airfare costs
and $1.3 million in indirect costs.
Cal Poly offered the indirect cost
the actual money Cal Poly would
be taking from such a deal — to
the Saudis at the rate of 30 percent
of overhead, compared to the nor­
rnal 10 percent rate. The 10 percent
discount for JUC apparently came
about during negotiations between
the two schools.

The still-pending agreement be­
tween Cal Poly and JUC is part of
a larger push by the Saudi govern­
ment to expand the country's un­
dergraduate engineering education.
UC Berkeley and Stanford recently
signed similar deals with King Ab­
dullah University in Saudi Arabia,
although in that contract each school
will each get nearly $30 million, and
women and minorities would be al­
lowed to participate.

"I just don't understand why Cal
Poly didn't also hold out for a better
deal like that," said LoCascio in an
earlier interview.

Students at Wednesday's petition
presentation apparently felt the same
way.

"I believe that any agreement with
a university or organization that
receives funding from any group,
specifically my Jewish friends or their
Jewish professors, is an unethical de­
cision," said Brian Crawford, an
architectural engineering student and
member of Hillel of Cal Poly.

"How can (students) change this?
stated LoCascio.

"The only thing you can do is get
eight enough people to say this is a bad
idea," he answered.

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Briefs

State

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Authorities say they have rescued 16 people who were stranded for four days off the San Diego coast in an apparent smuggling attempt from Mexico.

Customs and Border Protection says the boat was found eight or nine miles offshore early Wednesday. There were no reports of death or serious injuries, but some people were dehydrated and sunburned.

All 16 were taken to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego and placed into custody of immigration authorities. Their nationalities and immigration status were not immediately known.

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Democrats in the state Assembly on Wednesday proposed additional taxes on oil companies as a way to raise $1.2 billion a year for education, which faces billions in cuts this year.

Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez scheduled a vote later in the day on the plan to tax petroleum companies 6 percent on the oil they extract in California, with a deep budget deficit.

The additional revenue would parallel other $4.8 billion in education cuts proposed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The governor is considering a measure that would allow $2.8 billion in state spending regardless of the budget deficit.

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National

CHICAGO (AP) — Treflynn Corne was out of her car for just minutes and no more than 10 yards away.

But that was long and far enough to land her in court after a police officer spotted her sleeping 2-year-old daughter alone in the vehicle. Corne had been seen two years earlier to post $8,299 in cash into a Salvation Army kettle.

Minutes later, she was under arrest — the focus of both a police investigation and a probe by the state’s child welfare agency.

Now the case that has become an Internet flash point for people who either blast police for overstepping their authority or Corne for putting a child in danger.

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Authorities are considering charges in the bizarre case of a woman who sat on her boyfriend’s toilet for two years — so long that her body had been in the plan to tax petroleum companies 6 percent on the oil they extract in California, with a deep budget deficit.

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International

Gaza City, Gaza Strip (AP) — The Hamas prime minister called publicly Wednesday for a period of calm with Israel, laying out conditions that would end attacks on Palestinian militants, open Gaza’s borders and lift economic sanctions.

He shortly after the appeal by Haniyeh, Israeli troops opened fire on a car in the West Bank town of Bethlehem and killed four Palestinian militants, clashing the prospects for a cease-fire.

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong’s government ordered Wednesday that all kindergarten and primary schools be closed for two weeks amid a flu outbreak, shutting down classes for more than a half million students.

The government also asked one of its top scientists to study three child deaths over the past week.

London (AP) — Britain’s Press Association reports that the British Ministry of Defense is saying four Afghan civilians were killed and a fifth was injured in an attack called by in British forces.

The Defense Ministry told The Associated Press British forces were involved in an “incident” south of Helmand province and the ministry was investigating reports of civilian deaths in southern Afghanistan.

A military spokesman said the ministry deeply regrets the incident.

London (AP) — As doctors struggle to eradicate polio worldwide, one of their biggest problems persuading parents to vaccinate their children. In Belgium, authorities are resorting to an extreme measure: prison sentences.

Two sets of parents in Belgium were recently handed five-month prison terms for failing to vaccinate their children against polio. Each parent was also fined $8,000.

“It’s a pretty extraordinary case,” said Dr. Ross Upshur, director of the Institute for International Health at the University of Toronto. “The Belgians have a right to take some action against the parents, given the seriousness of polio, but the question is, is a prison sentence disproportionate?”
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Watching anime isn’t this club’s only activity

Angela Watkins

What’s the greatest anime ever made? Some say “Akira,” others, “Neon Genesis Evangelion” or “Ghost in the Shell,” but the members of Cal Poly’s Minna No Anime club say it’s a hard question to answer.

“It kind of changes, because sometimes I’ll see something new and I kind of go ‘oh wow’ but I still have loyalty to the old thing,” said club secretary and computer science senior Jennifer Pawlik. “I’ll always have a special place in my heart for Twelve Kingdoms.”

This 17-year-old club meets from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. every Saturday to watch ten different animes picked at the beginning of the quarter by officers. Five hours may seem like a long meeting for some, but Minna No Anime’s president insists the time flies.

“It seems like a long time, but we’re watching shows,” said club president and graphics communication senior Aimaliese Christman.

The club uses their meetings to expose members to newer anime straight from Japan, that way, members who may have an interest in anime but are unfamiliar with seeking it out get a chance to widen their horizons.

However, Cal Poly’s Minna No Anime club isn’t all about watching Japanese cartoons. This group of 43 voluntary dues-paying members (members are encouraged but not required to pay $5) also attends conventions and competes in dance/costume contests.

Currently, the group is preparing a dance for a convention called Fanime in May.

“It’s a three-minute mix that starts off with ‘Thriller’ and it’s based off an anime that takes place in the 1930s,” Christman said. “It doesn’t look anything like stereotypical anime. The one we did last year, that was very stereotypical anime, we were dressed like school girls.”

As for other stereotypes of people interested in anime, Pawlik says they don’t represent her club.

“We have a lot of different people,” Pawlik said. “We’re more diverse than Cal Poly as a whole.”

The anime club does struggle with one group of people — the shy members. Both Christman and Pawlik agree that it’s sometimes difficult to get people involved or to not sit in the very back of the Business Silo where they hold meetings, but Pawlik says she understands how those members feel.

“When I first started coming to the club, I would sit in the corner and watch a show and think ‘don’t look at me too hard or I might fall apart,’ but now I have no problem going up front and making announcements,” Pawlik said. “I definitely enjoy the excuse to get away from programming.”

Minna No Anime generally lets shy members come up and introduce themselves when they prefer. Mostly, they just want to offer people a venue to share their interest with others since it is difficult to find other people who enjoy anime.

As for that infamous subdivision of anime known as Hentai — pornographic anime — Christman says they don’t pay attention to it during club time, but she’s pretty sure there are members who have trouble staying away from that ten-tacle loving fun on their own time.

According to Pawlik, the Minna No Anime Hentai policy is “don’t ask, don’t tell.”

For more information about the Minna No Anime club, email minnanoanimeclub@ polymail.calpoly.edu or visit minnanoanime.org.

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Film gives yet another dimension to the Iraq debate

The war on Iraq is good. No, the war on Iraq is bad. (It’s worse than Hillary Clinton. But after viewing the short film "Una Cana Noble" at the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival this weekend, I may have finally found my official position regarding the war that keeps on taking.

The film takes place in Mexico and opens with a man’s return to his family after toiling in America to financially support them. Because he is legally here, the man must spend most of his time away from them. Although he is able to serve for his family with his earnings, he and his family aren’t legal citizens of the U.S., he must spend most of his time away from them. Thus, he is hardly better off without him.

But when Ignacio comes home, he tells his wife he has found a solution to their troubles. There is a way to get documentation for he and his family, but of course, there are strings attached. In exchange for papelería, Ignacio would have to spend a year in the U.S. Army. He would probably get sent to some stateside location and do a few push-ups, and then his wife and son could be reunited with him.

Ignacio and his wife (desperately) decide to go through with the exchange so their son can have a better life. However, Ignacio gets sent to Iraq and ends up getting killed, leaving his wife and child with nothing except the shadow of Ignacio’s dream.

Although the story seems hyperbolic and dramatic, it is unfortunately a reality for many Mexican who have made the same deal with the devil. Unions staff member John Mora said via e-mail (I met him personally before the screening) that the film “depicts the reality that to become an American citizen there are two routes for Hispanics: 1) go through the system legally, which takes roughly five years, or 2) go to war for the U.S. and be killed (where your immediate family becomes automatic citizens in 24 hours).”

Director Miles Merritt does a stunning job in this short film to show the war’s detrimental impact on nations that do not support it. Yes, the war was supposed to be a means to an end, but what is it doing now that there is no end in sight? Perhaps I have been watching too much ESPN and not enough CNN, but I had not considered the war’s detrimental impact on nations that do not support it. Yes, the war was supposed to be a means to an end, but what is it doing now that there is no end in sight? Perhaps for the war to be a “noble” cause, but it comes with a high price in the form of money, time, and human lives.

Allison Bader is an English senior, Mustang Daily columnist and pop-culture enthusiast.

Thursday SHOWTIMES

Downtown Centre Cinema
The Bank Job 1:30, 9:45
The Band’s Visit 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
Vantage Point 2:20, 5:15, 7:40, 10:15
The Other Boleyn Girl 2:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Definitely, Maybe 5:15, 10:10
Palm Theatre
4 Months, 3 Weeks, and 2 Days 4:15, 6:45, 9:00
No Country For Old Men 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:00
Meet the Spartans 8:45

Fremont Theatre
10,000 B.C. 6:10, 7:45, 10:20
College Road Trip 5:00, 7:00, 9:15
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Several thousand miles away, people are forced to carry family members on their backs, and others who can’t walk find themselves relegated to crawling.

It may seem as if the more than 130,000 physically disabled people of Malawi, Africa are too far away to help directly, but an upcoming concert in San Luis Obispo will provide an opportunity for locals to do something about their plight.

Moral Support, a folk-rock band from San Luis Obispo, will headline a benefit concert for the Cal Poly Wheelchair Foundation at 7 p.m. Friday at the San Luis Obispo Art Center, located at 1010 Broad St. A $5 donation to the event will help send wheelchairs and aid to Malawi, whose people are also plagued by disease and malnutrition. All ages are welcome.

“It’s hard for us to visualize having to carry our relatives, our sisters and brothers around town on our backs because there’s no wheelchair for them,” said business senior Josh Burroughs, project manager for the Cal Poly Wheelchair Foundation and member of Moral Support. “If you look at the U.S., you don’t really see people crawling around on the ground or anything. It’s totally different worldwide.”

The Cal Poly Wheelchair Foundation, according to Burroughs, has set a goal of raising $1,500, an amount that would pay for 20 wheelchairs and could also help provide for much-needed water wells.

Moral Support is comprised of Burroughs, who plays keyboard, ukulele and harmonica, vocalist and guitarist Jack Poulis, guitarist and vocalist Kyle Slattery, drummer Kyle Cameron and bassist Scott Maguire. The group members met in 2006 in the dorms.

The band, which Slattery

From left to right, Kyle Slattery, Scott Maguire, Jack Poulis, Kyle Cameron and Josh Burroughs make up Moral Support, a local band that will use its talent to support a good cause Friday.
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Crystal Castles — s/t (Last Gang)

Most anticipated release of the year so far. This dirty, electro-disco-dance-punk group keeps it REAL.

High Places — *03/07 - 09/07* (N/A)

Twee pop’ with tribal influences heads toward psychedelic, disco-dance-punk group keeps it REAL.

Growing — "Lateral" (The Social Registry)

Brooklyn’s response to the Kompact ambient series.

Sian Alice Group — "59.59" (The Social Registry)

This London-based rock band owes as much to Detroit electronic music as it does to shoegaze for influences.

Hunting Lodge — "Energy Czar" (Nohead)

Loud rock with rhythmic, angular guitars and noise punk/expanses.

Paul Cambon and Brian Cassidy are KCPR’s music directors.

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**Options abound for St. Patrick’s Day fun**

**Coral Snyder**

St. Patrick’s Day may fall on Monday of finals week this year, but never fear, there are several options available for those who still want to celebrate the Irish holiday.

Bands and bars will open at 6 a.m. throughout the day at the bar, which is located at 1119 Garden St.

Marti’s Bar and Grill will also open early, featuring assorted S4 shots as well as traditional Irish food, including corned beef and cabbage. Marti’s is located at 673 Higuera St.

Frog and Peach, located at 728 Higuera St., also opens early; it will have happy hour complete with drink specials from 4 to 7 p.m.

**Malawi**

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characterized as "acoustic jam folk rock," lists Radiohead, Johnny Cash and Jack Johnson among its influences.

“We draw influences from all over but ultimately a lot of it is just ourselves influencing each other," Slattery added. "It all depends what we write and share with each other."

For Moral Support, the opportunity to participate in a benefit concert was in accordance with the group’s general outlook, Slattery said.

“Ours music has always been a means of supporting each other — each band member was there to support us, and now it’s like we can use our musical talent to support a good cause,” he explained. “We’ve supported each other and now this is a chance to go beyond ourselves.”

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According to Bursoughs, there are approximately 100 million people across the globe lacking mobility, and the problem is magnified in Africa due to its AIDS epidemic.

Hip-hop group Krauzafex of San Luis Obispo will open the concert as a special guest.

“They’re unique and bring something different than us," Bursoughs said of Krauzafex, which is made up of Matt's Hume and Lenore and producer Evol.
Girls & Sports by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

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Last Ditch Effort by John Kroes

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Baseball: The true American pastime?

Oh, how I fondly remember the founding of our great nation, Mrs. America. You could say I’ve seen it all, from the Boston Tea Party to the Civil Rights marches. Each of these memories is littered with tales of legendary stockball games and mourners parades. I’m taking off, of course, about baseball. Baseball has always confronted social issues before our nation was able to see, it is the reason we can call America home. You see, we won this majestic land from the British during a particularly scuffle-filled stockball match in the summer of 1778.

Oh, how the moon landing captivated our country. NASA was especially proud that we beat the Soviets in our race to that cheese-wheel in the sky. If only I could have shared in their excitement. You see, back in 1814, a boy was born in the name of Jeffrey Henderson. Now, Jeffrey came out of his mama already standing at 6 foot 2, weighing as heavy as a sack of cocoa beans. It was only a matter of time before jeffery became a town stockball hero, forever cementing his reputation on a muddy July night. Facing our cross-town rivals, the Cougars, Jeffrey belted a monstrous home run to win the game. Townsenders saw the ball fly all the way to the moon, and it must have, because the next day, cheddar cheese rained down upon our grateful heads.

You recall the Titanic, don’t you? What a beautiful ship she was. I was supposed to be on that voyage, you know, as I had purchased my ticket from a scalper who guaranteed its authenticity. Boy, howdy did I give him a quarter when I was turned away, but I suppose I should thank him now. Howdy, more than 2,200 souls died when the Titanic went down, and the world went caddychamps, if only the medusa was in attendance for the 1914 stockball championships. Well, long story short, there was a disputed call at home plate and it led to 250 deaths, women and especially children. I still think it was a ball. Boy that umpire not in full.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abortion display: What debate? 

The abortion display meant to provoke debate failed because it only showed one side. What I am expressing here is just another side that I think also needs to be said before reasonable opinions can be formed.

In my story about abortions for "convenience," but where are the stories about unwanted teen-age mothers dropping out of high school? We're all human and we don't always make the smartest decisions when hormones rage. Rape happens all the time as a result.

Parents aren't always so supportive, either. I know someone who was kicked out of her home so she had to raise a kid when she could barely support herself at the ripe old age of 15.

Where are the stories about women who will actually die if they have a kid, or severely retarded rape victims who have to raise a child when they can't even care for themselves?

There aren't nearly enough people seeking to adopt as there would be children available. But even if abortion were made illegal, it wouldn't just disappear; it would go underground, risking both lives involved.

Also, couldn't it be said that since it takes sperm and eggs to make a life, that killing them would be genocide? Could people be charged with manslaughter for more than one opinion.

Christian drink wine at church as it symbolizes Jesus’ blood. True Christians drink wine at church (usually a bar of some sort) symbolizes drinking St. Patrick’s blood. Reasonable opinion before reasonable opinions can be expressing here is just another side. What am I am saying about abortion display? W hat is it?

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“convenience,” but where are the stories about women who will actually die if they have a kid, or severely retarded rape victims who have to raise a child when they can't even care for themselves? W hat did it mean?

Our focal point is saying that abortion is murder. And if murder is wrong, then abortion is wrong. No amount of convenience or personal difficulty would change that fact. If they are not human, or if they are but murder is not wrong, then there is nothing wrong with it. No amount of douay or revolution would change that fact.

Eric B. Ungert, electrical engineering junior

Display was manipulative, destructive propaganda 

We acknowledge that the recent pro-choice display on Dexter Lawn is fully protected under campus policies for free expression. We do, however, take issue with numerous factual errors that make the display misleading, as well as its disrespectful and false sensational speech, but it is also inaccurate and sensationalist speech.

The students and gender studies department offers many classes that address the complex issues that intersect at the flashpoint of reproductive rights — including topics such as sex education, contraception, child care, reproductive technologies, and gender-related health issues. Women's Programs regularly runs programs on sexual assault prevention, body image, wellness and sexuality. Through-out the campus and in many ways, reproductive rights are addressed in all their intricacy and difficulty.

We don't promise easy answers nor do we expect that everyone will come to the same conclusions. But we do work to create a context that enables intelligent and courorous discussion.

We urge the Cal Poly community to take advantage of the many resources available inside and outside of classroom opportunities to address these difficult issues in a manner that is fact-driven, civil and productive. There is no lack of spaces to engage in exchange that is adult and respectful, and there is no reason why our community conversations should be distorted by manipulative and inflammatory propagandas of the most destructive kind.

Mary A. Armstrong
Women's and gender studies department

CLA has bigger campus footprint than suggested 

On behalf of the CLA, I am happy to report that the renovation of the CLA dean’s office is complete and that the office staff is once more in 47-31.

Several new spaces were created: an office for our special assistant to the dean for student success, Penny Bennett, and offices for workspace for our college advancement team, headed by Eileen Joseph and nurse.

The net effect is a better organized and connected dean’s office. Please feel free to come by to check out our new digs.

Moreover, the CLA has a larger footprint on campus than suggested by your article. Although we don’t have a single building, the faculty offices in 47, many of our programs do have dedicated space.

Art and design is a major presence in Dexter; graphic communications and journalism are housed in the Graphic Arts building; child development has its preschoo lab in Building 98; and the H.P. Davidson Music building is on the list for a major renovation. This will have a substantial, positive impact on music and theatre and dance, the students they serve, and the entire university.

The College of Liberal Arts sign in front of Building 47 was an important step in creating a college-wide presence. The renovation of the H.P. Davidson Music Building will further that. The CLA does have a special assistant to the dean for student success, Fenny Benjamin.

I am a big fan of our Bill of Rights, especially the first amendment. It adds me to see that SAFER has appointed themselves as the governing body of censorship here at Cal Poly. The members of SAFER self-righteously “sound, removed and shredded (the posters)” simply because they did not agree with the service being advertised.

I agree that SAFER has every right to be appalled by the idea of a lingerie maid service, and should be allowed to publicly voice this opinion, but they seem to be forgetting that the College Cleaners has just as much of a right to advertise their services. SAFER should have a different method of protest, because children act like this only make me lose respect for their organization.

Mary Armstrong, business administration junior

Balanced budget Republicans? 

Really? Are you seriously going to suggest that the Republicans are the balanced budget party? And your argument is that this budget deficit is the lowest it has been since halfway through this president’s term? I mean, come on, just admit it, if the Democrats are “tax and spend,” the Republicans are just “president and spend us into the poor house.” The biggest increases in the deficit have happened under Reagan and George W. Bush and our last surplus was under Clinton.

Just give it up and go with the fact that Republicans have no interest in balancing the budget.

Nathan Giusti
Computer science junior
Tennis

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The dynamics between their most highly touted players:

Wong, they say, is seen as the more assertive of the two, while Blalock is more quietly relentless.

"They're a very potent combination," Bream said. "Steffi is really strong from the net. Wth time, both of them will get better at what they're good but not great at by learning from each other. That's what we do as a team — learn from each other."

Though the duo, which opened the season ranked 22nd, started off a bit rough, they eventually found a commanding, effective rhythm. They each are quick to point out the respective strengths within their union.

"She's really strong and an all-around competitor," Blalock said of Wong. "I know she has such strong volleys and serves, and it makes me more comfortable at the net."

"We have so many weapons," Wong said. "(Brittany) has a really big serve so it's easy for me to be aggressive at the net. Whenever we play other teams, we're always more aggressive than they are and it puts a lot of pressure on them."

The Mustangs (8-6), who are yet to lose at home and upset No. 36 Washington State 4-3 Tuesday, have won four matches in a row and six of their past seven.

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Basketball

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game-high 31 minutes.

No one played more than 24 minutes on behalf of Cal Poly. The Mustangs led 37-19 at halftime, in stark contrast to their 40-16 deficit at intermission in their tournament-opening, 70-67 loss to Long Beach State on March 8, 2007.

UC Irvine's first-half output was its lowest of the season.

A 3-pointer by senior center Nicole Zavracky gave the Mustangs a 13-4 lead just four minutes and 57 seconds into the game, and by the time Tratter completed a three-point play with 7:16 left before the break, the Mustangs led 29-9.

They established their largest lead of 23 at 42-19 on a Harris three-point play of her own 1:59 into the second half.

Cal Poly, which won for the third time in four tries, faces No. 4 seed Pacific today, with tip-off tentatively scheduled for 2:30 p.m. — 30 minutes after the anticipated conclusion of the first quarterfinal match-up of the day.

The Mustangs lost twice in overtime to the Tigers this season, 89-88 in Stockton on Jan. 24 and 75-69 at Mott Gym on Feb. 23.

Santiago played a mere seven minutes combined in the two defeats, though.
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Top-40 duo a hit on tennis court

Cal Poly's highest-ranked doubles tandem has led Mustangs to four consecutive victories

Agnus-Dei Farrant

The end of last season brought together an enterprising doubles tandem that remains a force for the Cal Poly women's tennis team.

Sophomores Brittany Blalock and Steff Wong, the Mustangs' No. 1 doubles team, was ranked 38th in the country in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association poll and now stands at 17-6 overall and 8-3 in dual action this season.

"I think what makes them really dynamic is their ability, team chemistry and how they work together," said Cal Poly assistant coach Paige Esparza. "The explosiveness of both of them makes for a great doubles team." Blalock, 20, was the 2006-07 Big West Conference Freshman of the Year, won 21-15 last year in singles and in doubles and is 13-8 overall as the Mustangs' No. 1 singles player this season.

Wong, the Mustang's No. 2 singles player, earned 2006-07 All-ITLA Scholar Athlete honors and is now 11-11 overall by herself this season.

Together, the auspicious duo has enjoyed not only individual accolades, but last season was widely recognized for its upset of Fresno State's then-No. 13 pairing of Melanie Gloria and Tiniesta Rowe.

"I just love the sport," Blalock said. "I played hard, worked really hard and was fortunate enough to get a scholarship." Hailing from Indian Wells, Blalock comes from parents who both participated in collegiate sports at the University of Redlands, where her father played football and her mother played tennis.

Blalock, 19, has been playing competitively since she was 8. She played as a single player through middle school and high school to receive a college scholarship. "I chose Cal Poly on the basis of a great location, a really good coach and a really good team," the business major said. "I thought I would fit in both academically and athletically.

The last year has given Blalock solid experience and growth in doubles competition.

"I've improved so much in doubles the past year," she said. "I started playing with Steffi at the end of last year and we just clicked. Now I'm really excited to play doubles. It's strange how things switch like that." Wong, a 20-year-old biomedical engineering major from Markham, Ontario saw similar benefits in Cal Poly.

"I'm not sure how (Mustangs head coach Hugh Bream) and I started talking," Wong said. "I hadn't heard about Cal Poly, but once I started talking to the coach and the team, and I saw the school, it had all the aspects I wanted in a school and a team." Tennis wasn't such an early, immediate love for her, though.

After trying numerous sports, including swimming and soccer, Wong found a great match on the court.

"For some reason tennis just stuck," she said. "I played a couple tournaments but nothing serious until I met (Toronto, Ontario coach) Casey Curtis when I was 13." Wong said. "He's been the biggest influence in my tennis career — he pushed me really hard to work at tennis and see where I could go." Bream and Esparza are grateful for the see Tennis, page 14

Men's Basketball

Freshman sensation helps Poly advance

Mustangs reverse last year's tournament-opening failure, move on to face Pacific today

Kristina Santiago just keeps getting better and better.

The 6-foot-2 freshman took the floor as a center in her eighth start of the season Wednesday afternoon and led the Cal Poly women's basketball team to a 76-61 win over UC Irvine at the Anaheim Convention Center in the first round of the Big West Conference Tournament.

Santiago, a Santa Maria native, was 6 of 7 from the floor and sank 9 of 12 free throws on her way to game highs of 21 points and 11 rebounds in just 19 minutes.

Despite closing the regular season with overall averages of 6.4 points and 4.5 rebounds per game, she's posted 20 points and 10.3 rebounds in the Mustangs' previous three outings.

Her latest surpique performance came on the heels of being named Monday to the All-Big-West Freshman Team.

She got plenty of help, though, especially from her frontcourt teammates, junior forwards Lisa McBride and Megan Harrison.

McBride was 5 of 10 from the floor for 12 points and eight rebounds and two blocks, while Harrison was 3 of 10, respectively, in adding 11 points, five rebounds and two blocks of her own.

Sophomore forward Rebecca Trater was 4 of 9 from the floor to chip in nine points and eight rebounds in 20 minutes off the bench.

Fifth-seeded Cal Poly (12-18), which outscored the eighth-seeded Anteaters 38-24 in the paint, held a 51-34 rebounding advantage despite shooting 27 of 36 from the floor compared to UC Irvine's 23-of-75 showing.

Anteaters senior forward Stephanie Duda, who entered the contest averaging team highs of 12.4 points and 10.2 rebounds a game, was held to 5 of 19 shooting, six points and two rebounds.

Sophomore forward Kelly Cochran, UC Irvine's second-leading scorer, was 2 for 7 from the floor en route to five points and six rebounds.

Sophomore guard Rebecca Madsen was 5 of 9 from the floor to pace the Anteaters (7-24) with 13 points in a close game.

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