Poly students take a step closer to Hollywood

By Jenni Mintz

A few Cal Poly students will have a chance to step into the world of movie-making after “The Last Year,” a film about gay students, is shown at a Catholic college held a casting call Thursday and Friday.

The movie will be filmed sometime around Dec. 11 to Jan. 12, in San Luis Obispo County. The Cal Poly campus might be where some of the action takes place.

Even though administrators haven’t given approval for filming on campus, productions manager Rick Viscariello is still hopeful that they will be able to use the location.

“It takes place at a college in the Midwest, and we feel that Cal Poly could be best utilized to achieve those requirements,” Viscariello said. “There are other locations we’re interested in, but right now we’re waiting for Cal Poly’s decision.”

Viscariello is a Cal Poly alumnus and thought the campus would be a good spot to film the movie.

“Wes is waiting to cast locally,” Viscariello said. “I recognize this as an opportunity for those who want acting experience.”

Those who tried out for “The Last Year” were generally accepting of the subject and were open to playing gay roles. Actors, students and other individuals were among those trying out.

Anxiety was high for animal science sophomore Ashleigh Hack.

“I’m so nervous,” Hack said. “I haven’t done (auditioning) for a long time. They only have one girl part, so I’m not really expecting it.”

Hack had done a lot of acting in high school, and had wanted to try out for Cal Poly plays, but felt it was too much of a time commitment. The movie, Hack said, would not require too much of her time.

Psychology sophomore Porchia mouthed prior to finding out the movie’s novelty.

“T he topic is very interesting because it is so diverse,” Porchia said. “There are many people for and against (homosexuality). The movie will probably open a lot of people’s minds.”

Robin Wolf, 21, was also very excited to be part of the film and the gay community.

“It would be great if the movie is filmed at Cal Poly, because it is a very beautiful campus,” Wolf said. “I think San Luis Obispo is pretty overlooked for its size, and that we have

By Stephen Curran

ROTC cadets from throughout four western states were urged to be all they could be at this year’s Ranger Challenge held at Fort Hunter Liggett.

The two-day event culminated in an awards ceremony Saturday night, in which 22 teams were recognized for their strength and endurance.

Cal Poly, last year’s winner of the Golden Bear for best overall team, was forced to relinquish the trophy to Southern Utah University.

“This was a building year,” said Ethan Guthausen, history senior and team captain. “We’re setting the stage for the years to come.”

However, Cal Poly did not walk away empty-handed. Knowledge senior Christine Gritzke came away with the top award in the Physical Training exercise for a third year in a row.

For Gritzke, though, the challenge is not just to beat the other cadets competing that year, but to beat her own score as well. And she’s done that, getting a higher score each year.

“I’m always trying to compete at the same level as the guys,” she said.

For coach and military science professor Maj. Paul Buchner, the see CHALLENGE, page 5

Cal Poly ROTC gives up the Golden Bear

Cal Poly’s gender stratification in academic majors

By Kat Corey

Child development, psychology majors have few male students in the classroom

Being outnumbered by women on a daily basis has caused Woods to reflect more on who he is.

It surprisingly brings me closer to my methodology than to my female side,” he said.

Woods explained that he liked the child development classes because the professor is usually comfortable with the content that is discussed, but occasionally has differing opinions.

“It’s hard for me in these classes because they talk about the stereotypical boy, but in relation to all the males there are very few stereotypical guys,” he said.

The professor has taught to so many women over the years that they sometimes bypass the male perspective, Woods said.

“I find myself writing e-mails to the instructors to get it off my chest,” he said.

Despite the occasional frustration, Woods enjoys the major and is learning a lot about women.

Child development is one department at see MALES, page 5

Cal Poly reaches out to women who feel outnumbered in the College of Engineering

By Malia Spencer

Graduating from Cal Poly in five years is typical for most students. Graduating from Cal Poly in five years with a bachelor’s and a master’s degree in engineering is unusual. Graduating from Cal Poly in five years with these degrees as a woman is even more rare.

That is exactly what industrial engineering senior Jenn Harris is doing.

Many students refer to the College of Engineering as “the men’s college,” but Harris hasn’t let that become a detriment. She has been involved with the college for many years and is currently the president of the Cal Poly chapter of Society of Women Engineers (SWE).

SWE is part of a national organization that works to support women in engineering and also to encourage young girls to pursue engineering degrees. Cal Poly’s SWE currently has 260 members and 35 officers, and claims to be the largest professional club on campus.

Harris’ commitment to promote women in engineering led her to pursue the SWE presidency in May.

“I wanted to help further promote women in engineering, starting at the elementary school level, getting them (girls) aware of what engineering is,” Harris said. “It’s not driving a train or a nerd sitting at a desk with a calculator. You can do a lot of things with an engineering degree.”

Many women in engineering find themselves the only female in many classes and Harris is no exception.

“The computer science class I took my first quarter, I was the only woman,” Harris said. “It was a culture shock for me since I went to an all-girls high school. Sitting in a class with 30 girls made me wonder what I was doing.”

As a female engineering student, Harris knew she would be in the minority but did not think it would be such a small minority. This was another reason why she became involved with SWE. She said many women come to Cal Poly as an engineer but take a few classes and are scared off because they see themselves outnumbered. SWE also acts see FEMALES, page 5
Panel addresses difficulty of trusting media

By Emily Schwartz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

What is the role of the media in times of war? Four-panelists attempted to answer this question and discussed the responsibility of the media in relation to the war on terrorism.

"The public looks to us to be a voice of clarity at a time like this," said panelist Sandra Duerr, vice president and executive editor of The Tribune. "Our goal is to make that information as accurate as possible."

Friday's discussion in Robert Kennedy Library, titled "Journalism and Terrorism," also included panelists Mark Sappenfield, correspondent for The Christian Science Monitor, Marvin Sonza, Cal Poly journalism professor and Michelle Hatfield, news editor of Mustang Daily.

Among other issues, panelists spoke about the media's responsibility to relay accurate and balanced information to the public.

"I think the media tries to be representative," Duerr said. "Balanced stories don't distort the news, they are just representative of all sides of a story."

Sappenfield said the media's choice of words is imperative, to avoid incorrect and misleading information during this time of fear.

"You have to be very aware that what you're writing is going to be heard," he said. "You must be aware of every word and how you use it."

Sappenfield recently drove from California to Alabama, stopping to talk to people about their feelings on the war against terrorism. He said that although Americans seemed fearful of what might be ahead, they were still going on with their lives.

"I think people have been clear-headed through their fear," he said. "I found people weren't scared to the point of inaction." Americans seem to have feelings of uncertainty rather than fear at this point.

"Uncertainty creates people to suspect the media and scrutinize it. It's a dangerous time," Sonza said. Sonza said he believes this uncertainty has caused people to point a finger at the media because they want someone to blame.

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Sonza added that perhaps too much attention has been placed on the media since the terrorist attacks. He said the media's job is to tell the story, and it is up to the audience to take the information and interpret it.

"It's not so much what we present, but how the reader perceives it," he said. "The media are not historians. We are simply players in the game."

Some audience members agreed with Sonza. San Luis Obispo resident Lance Woeljen said individuals should interpret the information they hear rather than blame the media for news they don't like.

"I don't blame the media at all," he said. "These guys are the messengers, and you don't kill the messenger - although sometimes you want to."

Friday's panel was in conjunction with the Mary Baker Eddy exhibit on display at the Kennedy Library. The interactive exhibit, which highlights the life of Eddy, founder of The Christian Science Monitor, will be on display through Nov. 28.

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At this point, do not expect to see the movie in theaters. "Because it's a low-budget independent film, we don't have confirmation for a theatrical distribution," Vacantiello said. "However, we believe our company (Guardian Pictures) will be able to get it out on VHS and DVD. We also plan to use it for film festivals."

A director's dream

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a very diverse population. We could handle it." Jeff London, the film's director and producer, said casting will be announced in about two to three weeks. Vacantiello and London are on their way to Los Angeles to see if anyone else is interested in being part of the crew.

Vacantiello and London are also discussing digitally adding other buildings, such as a cathedral, to distinguish the Catholic school from Cal Poly.

The screenplay, written by Russ Williams, is based on a true story. It tells the story of a student named Paul in his last year at a religious Catholic school. Paul faces numerous adversities, including being kicked off the football team and being rejected by friends.

"The screenplay has a strong, dramatic message," London said. "It gives insights on religion and gay issues. A lot of gay people want to be accepted into the world but they are not. They are judged. And the people who tell them not to judge do the judging."

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ASI STUDENT DIRECTORY

Each year the Associated Students, Inc., produces a Student Directory which is made available to all students, faculty and staff at Cal Poly.

The ASI Student Directory provides a listing for all students attending Cal Poly. This listing includes Name, Phone, E-mail Address, Major and Class Level for each student on campus. Anyone who does not wish to have their personal information included in the Directory should access Mustang Info: www.mustanginfo.calpoly.edu, Student Directory Information Restrictions, to modify information access.

National Briefs

Anthrax found at hospital, post office
WASHINGTON — Trace amounts of anthrax were found in the Veterans Affairs Medical Center’s mailroom on Sunday in Washington, D.C.

Only a few employees are taking anthrax tests for possible exposure and authorities said that it is unlikely that the center’s 200 patients are at risk for contamination. The mail for the hospital passes through the Brentwood postal processing plant. Two of Brentwood’s employees have died from inhalation anthrax.

FBI tests for anthrax spots for the Bellmawr Mail Distribution Center near Camden, N.J., returned positive on Sunday. All employees have been put on a 10-day course of antibiotics. The tests were taken after an employee of the facility contracted skin anthrax. The unidentified victim is now in recovery.

Bellmawr is the third New Jersey mail facility to be contaminated by anthrax. The other two are a Princeton post office and a mail processing center near Hamilton Township. Tests from a West Trenton post office, also in New Jersey, returned negative even though an employee of the office is recovering from skin anthrax.

—Fox News and Reuters

Taliban no longer functioning as government
WASHINGTON — Even though the terrorist networks in Afghanistan that the Taliban are harboring still pose a threat, the Taliban itself is no longer functioning as a government.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said on Sunday that the Taliban are not a government and are not running a government.

Rumsfeld also said that they still have military capacities and are using their power to impose their will. Rumsfeld is currently touring five countries that have offered support to U.S. military operations in Afghanistan.

Although the United States will not halt military operations during Islamic holy month of Ramadan, Rumsfeld said with Pakistanis officials that they who operate the Taliban are better served than ever at this moment.

Rumsfeld added that the United States cares about the people of Afghanistan and will help in the country’s reconstruction.

—Reuters

International Briefs

Caribbean
HAVANA — Nearly 600,000 Cubans were evacuated from their homes Sunday due to the extremely dangerous Category 4 Hurricane Michelle.

Tourists have been moved out of beach resorts and all international and domestic flights have been canceled. It is the Caribbean’s worst storm since 1944 and is causing winds of up to 155 mph. Waves up to 25 feet high have been crashing along the coast.

In Central America, Hurricane Michelle has caused 10 deaths and left 26 missing and thousands more homeless. It has brought flooding to Honduras, Nicaragua and Jamaica.

The hurricane is expected to hit southern Florida soon. A mandatory evacuation has been ordered for the Florida Keys.

—Reuters

Middle East
JERUSALEM — A member of the radical Palestinian group Islamic Jihad opened fire on a public bus in Jerusalem on Sunday. At least two people, including a teenage girl, were killed and at least 50 others were wounded.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said that they will do everything they can to hit back at the terrorists responsible.

The actual gunman was killed immediately after being shot by a civilian, a border guard and a soldier.

The Palestinian Authority has condemned the attacks and has ordered the arrest of the perpetrator.

The shooting occurred hours after the Israeli cabinet decided to withdraw from West Bank towns that had been entered two weeks ago in order to arrest Palestinian militants.

Peres said that he thinks that the pullouts will continue as planned.

At least 600 Palestinians and 184 Israelis have been killed since the September 2000 Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation erupted.

—Reuters

Middle East
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The Taliban have released French journalist Michael Peyron of “Paris Match” magazine and one of his companions.

The whereabouts of his other companion is still unknown.

Peyron had entered Afghanistan illegally to report on the U.S. athletics and was arrested on Oct. 9. He had dressed himself in the head-to-toe bunga that Afghan women must wear in order to disguise himself. The Taliban had threatened to try him to death.

Last month the Taliban arrested and released a British journalist and another French journalist.

—Associated Press

Europe
LONDON — A car explosion in England’s Berkshire in a crowded area near a main rail station, nightclubs and movie theaters did not seriously injure anyone, but caused minor injuries to police officers in the vicinity.

Guerrillas opposed to the Northern Irish peace process are being blamed for the accident. A warning was given, but not in enough time to allow police forces to take positive action.

The area was evacuated and an investigation is now underway. The explosion is not believed to be related to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Just hours before the explosion, Northern Irish politicians had found a way to rescue the peace process.

The process had been threatened when Protestant leader David Trimble was not re-elected as first minister of Northern Ireland’s power-sharing government. He will get a second chance Monday.

—Reuters

Middle East
KARACHI, Pakistan — Two men have been detained but not charged for mailing anthrax spots to a major daily newspaper in Karachi, Pakistan. The men have denied the offenses and no reasonable evidence has been found against them.

The two men run an educational welfare trust and had sent a press release to the paper. The newspaper says that a white powder was found in the press release’s envelope and tested positive for anthrax at a hospital. The state is re-testing the material and says that the hospital had insufficient expertise for proper examination.

One confirmed case of anthrax has been found in Pakistan and three other cases are currently being tested by the state.

—Reuters

Middle East
DAMASCUS, Syria — An appeal to Arab nations from Osama bin Laden on a holy war against the West, Christians and Jews was rejected on Sunday by the head of the 22-nation Arab League.

Egypt also rejected the appeal, saying that the world was united against bin Laden.

Bin Laden addressed the heads of Arab states in a videotaped statement, and said that leaders who supported the United States were traitors.

Several foreign ministers who were attending the meeting of the Arab League attacked the United States for its “unlimited” support of Israel and stated that the United States does not have the authority to label groups and countries as terrorist due to its support for Israel.

But some welcomed statements from President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair who back a long-sought Arab demand that Palestinians be given their own state.

Foreign ministers from Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, Morocco, Yemen, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, along with Palestinian officials attended the Damascus meeting.

—Reuters

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributing editor Anne Guilford.

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ASI Fee Referendum Information

Referendum voting:
November 14th & 15th, 2001, 8AM to 4PM (Cal Poly ID card required)
Polling locations:
Fisher Science, University Union, Dexter Lawn, Ag Bridge, and the Rec Center.

www.fees.calpoly.edu/referendum.htm

OBJECTIVE STATEMENT

ASI fees have not been increased in thirty years. This proposal would increase the ASI fee effective Fall Quarter 2002 and is intended for the continuation of current ASI programs and services. The proposal also provides for subsequent annual adjustments of the ASI Fee by use of a price index. The index seeks to facilitate ASI's ability to enhance desired levels of service and plan for the future expansion of programs. This index would become effective Fall Quarter 2003. Below is a list of how the increased funds will be utilized:

- Enhance and expand ASI Events (Concerts, Special Events, UU Hour, Club 221, Homecoming)
- Enhance and expand ASI Club Services and increase Club Co-Sponsorship Funding
- Enhance and expand Poly Escapes (Outdoor Recreation/Adventure Program)
- Enhance Student Governance, Representation, and Advocacy
- Funding for ASI Support Services
- Protect against inflation

Current Increase New
Fall Qtr. $28 $12 $40
Winter Qtr. $23 $17 $40
Spring Qtr. $23 $17 $40
Summer Qtr. $21 $19 $40

PRO STATEMENT

"Cal Poly students must support this ASI fee increase for three important reasons:
First, for more than five years an ASI fee increase has been needed to maintain quality and quantity of programs and services while fighting the financial effects of inflation. Every year, ASI student leaders and staff are forced to reduce operating budgets or fund deficits from general reserves, that have now dropped to inappropriately low levels, in order to balance the budget among all ASI programs and services. The general programming portion of the ASI fee has not increased in more than 15 years.

Second, by eliminating the financial hardships created by inflationary pressures, programs will be able to expand as the campus population grows and demand for ASI programs and services increases. Every student at this campus has been touched by at least one of the areas targeted by the fee increase: ASI Events, ASI Club Services, Poly Escapes, ASI Student Government, and associated support services. All of these programs are very popular and the students and staff are eager to expand the quality, quantity, and scope of offerings.

Finally, indexing the fee for inflation will provide stability and insure the long-term viability of the expanded programs and services. An indexed fee helps future students avoid the financial challenges we face today.

Cal Poly consistently receives accolades for the quality of academic programs and the graduates it produces. Students at Cal Poly deserve a vibrant and active campus environment that compliments the academic reputation and achievements. Instead of envying the social opportunities that your friends have at other major universities, make them a reality at Cal Poly. Approving this ASI fee increase is the first step towards accomplishing this vision."

Submitted by: Bryan Pennino, College of Engineering

CON STATEMENT

The proposed increase to the Student Body Association (ASI) Fee, which, if passed by students, would take affect beginning Fall quarter 2002, appears to be legitimate in its claim that it will maintain the quality and quantity of programs and services funded by ASI. However, it is a proposal ideologically flawed, and at an extra $65 per year and per person, students should consider exactly what their extra money hopes to accomplish.

First, ASI believes that the student fee increase holds the potential to impact Cal Poly students in two key areas: expanding and maintaining ASI programs and services. As part of their proposal, ASI also asserts that the fee increase will aid the projected rise in student enrollment over the next five to ten years and the associated increase in on-campus population. In addition, the document proposes that it will ease strained relations with the City of San Luis Obispo regarding the responsibility of the University to provide a full-service campus. It goes as far as to imply that by increasing funding for ASI, students will be more likely to stay on campus rather than "disturb" the quiet community. These assumptions seem to be a bit far-fetched.

Being fair to ASI, which does strive to improve the quality of life for students, it is important to highlight exactly what the proposal plans to accomplish. The fee increase aims to enhance ASI Events, which includes concerts and homecoming, expand club services, boost student governance and representation and improve Poly Escapes. Though all these programs are excellent, the problem is that they only affect a small percentage of the student population.

What about ASI related programs and services like intramural sports, McPhee's Games and Bowling Center, the Craft Center, and Recreation Center operations? Why should students vote to put their money into an ASI fee category at all, rather than in services like the Health Center or Information Technology Services? If Cal Poly truly wishes to cope with the masses of new students coming to the university, we should instead consider raising fees for the construction of more dorm facilities, the creation of more classes, and the hiring of more teachers.

Not only is the fee increase asking for money that will not solve Cal Poly's real financial challenges, but the increase is rather steep and, in addition, is attached to a continuous indexing process. By using the HEPI index, the fee will go up each year with the rise in inflation in order to maintain the programs at a stable level without the deterioration of quality caused by inflation. But this comes as an annual burden to students without having to seek their approval for more fee increases.

So, before you vote, consider thoroughly the potential the ASI fee increase has to directly impact you.

Submitted by: Erica Tower, College of Liberal Arts

For more information go to:
www.fees.calpoly.edu/referendum.htm

OPEN FORUM SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 6, 2001 College Council Meetings
Thursday, November 8, 2001 UU Hour 11AM
Tuesday, November 13, 2001 Chumash 4PM

VOTE NOVEMBER 14th & 15th
UCLA student sues fraternity over drunken driving accident

By Josh Wolf

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child development junior

Cal Poly that has seen the smallest male presence. Liberal studies, a major geared toward elementary teaching, is 92 percent male. The males seem to have a positive response to the dominance of female presence, Sawyer said. "The feedback that I get from the men is that they seem to like the fact that most of their classmates are female," she said. "They don't seem to have a problem with it." From Proctor, a liberal studies junior, who did not go into the major because of the high female percentage, he was just interested in the teaching profession. In fact, he said he did not even notice there were mostly women in the major at first. "Going into, I never really thought of being an all-girls major," he said. "It wasn't until halfway through my first year that I started noticing it." Proctor said his friend, an engineering major, was taking one class as an elective. One day he turned to Proctor and said, "This is great, I haven't had a female in my..."

"It's hard for me in these classes because they talk about the stereotypical guy, but in relation to all the males there are very few stereotypical guys."

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Professor Laura Freberg teaches in the psychology department, another female dominated major. She said the trends have changed over the years. Psychology is now comprised of 62 percent to 70 percent of women, whereas in the 1970s it was mostly male-dominated.

"When I was in graduate school, I never once had a woman professor," Freberg said. "I had professors argue with me that women didn't belong in graduate psychology."

Freberg said there are several types of psychology, whereas females have been more attracted to the clinical side.

The clinical role is basically what do as wives and mothers, she said. "It's not exactly groundbreaking."

Many males take psychology as a minor, she said. Men like psychology, they just don't want to major in it, she said.

"Most of the focus at Cal Poly is preparing for a career path, and some guys may be under the impression that they are better off with a non-engineering major — like engineering and architecture," Freberg said. "Some people have an unfair impression that there is nothing to do with a bachelor's degree in psychology. It is not ever under standed.

Liberal studies, psychology and child development are just a few majors that have limited male presence. Some other include journalism, English, food science and nutrition and the women studies minor.

The Chi Omega president, Nicole Sawyer, said Tuesday she was not aware of the lawsuit and that she is not worried about her son's involvement. No individual from Chi Omega is named in the case.

The suit said that members promised to boice him for the night if he chose to drink. After choosing to drink alcohol, Sports, the fraternity house's key keeper, from him, according to the suit.

"I sat down on the bed, and that's the last thing I remember. I woke up and was being pushed in a gurney in the Medical Center."

Robert Burgess

UCLA history senior

Then members of the fraternity allegedly blindfolded him and led him around the house, urging him to drink. The next morning, while blindfolded, people allegedly held his arms down and poured alcohol in his mouth, Burgess said.

The suit also stated that members of Chi Omega grabbed Burgess and wrote on his body in permanent marker without his consent.

Burgess said his last memory of the evening involved being on a bed, drunk, with Elmer assigned to watch over him. "I sat down on the bed, and that's the last thing I remember. I woke up and was being pushed in a gurney in the Medical Center," Burgess said.

Taking the witness stand at some point in the evening, was handed his car keys by members of Sigma Pi and permitted to drive home. Burgess alleged that the Sigma Pi International Office, said the facts of the case are still unknown. He said he currently studies "what the facts are," Brisco said.

Briscoe added that it if the UCLA chapter broke any state laws, it had also violated the international organization's policies. The organization would then bring sanctions against the individual chapter.

Stimpert said both parties want to meet before taking further actions.

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SWE celebrates 25 years of engineering and science education for women.

SWE is also planning a Girl Scout day that will bring a number of troops from San Luis Obispo County to campus, where they will participate in activities and at the end of the day receive an engineer ing badge, Harris said.

These programs are designed to change the perception of what an engineer is. Harris said she believes that without changing the general stereotype to let girls know that they too have an opportunity for an engineering industry, the industry will never change.

Overall, Harris said she has had good experiences within the College of Engineering. Any negative stereotypes she has run into have been in real-world, 21-st century situations. Currently, she is working for the San Luis Obispo Water Quality Control Board as a computer technician. "When I went to the SLO Water Quality Control Board, there were a lot of people who didn't think I knew what I was talking about, because I am a woman," Harris said. "But I have proved otherwise."

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event was still a success and gave many freshmen and sophomores the opportunity to compete for the win. This year only saw three returning students, he said. "Last year, we had a very strong team from the west coast. Once the Cal Poly team gains the necessary experience, it will only be a matter of time until they over take the crown," Golden Bear, said Patrick Han, social sciences junior and next year's team captain.

"Oh yeah, next year we're going to get it back," he said.

The Ranger Challenge consisted of a two-day military decathlon, including a timed 5K run, obstacle course, swimming and physical training test, where teams competed to do the most push-ups and sit-ups and run 10 miles the fastest. The next two members from the team ran the competition and the obstacle course. The following day consisted of a land navigation exercise at 8 a.m., in which the team was asked to find a point on a map, aug­ sing 25 objects on rough terrain. The final event was a 10K road march wearing 35 pounds of equipment.
During the 1980s, then-President Ronald Reagan named the university his favorite college campus in California. Unfortunately, it was not because of Poly's stellar academic programs or Eden-esque location in San Luis Obispo, but because we never protested. Within the realm of political activism—and for that matter, mere interest—a little has changed here upon our beloved university campus. Despite the fact that Sep. 11 saw the worst terrorism committed in this country's history, it is the last day of the life of the not the entertainment industry, to teach children the difference between right and wrong.

The Parental Advisory Label was created by the Recording Industry Association of America in 1985 to help parents censor what their kids listen to. The label identifies music releases that contain explicit lyrics, including representations of profanity, sex and violence, so parents can make informed listening choices for their children. Some retailers even have in-store policies that prohibit selling music that contains the Parental Advisory Label to those younger than 18.

It's time parents get more involved in their children's lives. Music can be a tool of communication between child and parent.

Commentary
Judge Burke concluded that the music is not harmful to children because the product can be legally sold and marketed under the protection of the First Amendment.

Music is the media of choice for many consumers today, especially within the teenage population. Many teens use media to help define their social group and express their cultural identity. Music can be a good tool for teens to express themselves individually as well, but the lyrics themselves don't always have a positive message. Some lyrics advocate violence, sex, suicide and even murder. However, lyrics cannot be held responsible for the behavior of the listener. It is the responsibility of the individual, not the entertainment industry, to teach children the difference between right and wrong.

It's time parents get more involved in their children's lives. Music can be a tool of communication between child and parent. Parents should ask their teens questions and see how the music they listen to makes them feel. Parents should see what kind of messages their teens are getting from certain artists and clarify any distorted views they might have. Since adolescence is often an impressionable time, parents need to be able to make educated choices, especially distinguishing right from wrong, fact from fiction.

Blaming explicit lyrics for wrongdoings is just looking for a scapegoat. When things go wrong, people usually want to blame someone or something. But instead of holding the music responsible, the finger should point back to us, the consumers. After all, we do have a choice, don't we? We choose to buy a CD or listen to the radio—we aren't forced to. In the case of teens, perhaps they are not yet able to make these educated decisions, in which case we must choose for them. Adults need to consider the possibility that when we're time to change the radio station, or better yet, when to turn the radio off.

If we're going to blame music lyrics for our children's behavior, we can't stop there. We must also point a finger at sex and profanity saturated by dates, or "pre-" and "post-" games. But we can't blame the show "Beverly Hills, 90210" for teen pregnancies, nor can we blame PlayStation for the Columbine murders.

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Children are constantly exposed to violence. The majority of the time this question is in regard to television and movies, but in this case we have a haunted house. While innocent on the surface, Vega conveyed the duality of it. Critics of movies and television often do the same. But on the subject of violence in movies and television, I have mixed feelings. During my childhood I was exposed to the same TV violence that other children were exposed to, and yet I never had the urge to re-enact a violent scene I had seen. However, I do realize that every child is different and that there are children who will re-enact these scenes. Talk to any nurse who works in the children’s ward, and I’m sure they can vouch for it. There are also some particularly brutal or vicious attacks that make the national headlines. So if a child will re-enact a WWF wrestling move on the 5-year-old neighbor, killing her, then what is to stop him or her from attempting to kill the 5-year-old Arab neighbor, who in his or her mind may be related to bin Laden? So with that, we add the element of racism into the fray. It is widely known that violent behavior is linked to previous violent behavior. This is known as the cycle of violence. A father who abuses his son may raise a son who will in turn abuse his wife and his own son. Given this, if a child can be infused with a violent mindset, then it is reasonable to assume that a child could also be infused with a racist mindset? Children who grow up hearing prej­udiced remarks often begin to express these remarks themselves.

In Vega’s case, we do not have oral prejudice, but visual prejudice. A perfect example would be the lynchings had on Southern children is nil, but I would make the assumption that the effect of lynching is similar to the effects of “bin Laden bashing.” The effect of this is unknowable to me. I would rather not make a misinformed hypothesis.

To briefly address Ric Rose’s letter titled “There’s a difference between theater and terrorism” (Nov. 2), I state, “Vega has too little confidence in a child’s ability to distinguish … (Osama bin Laden) from the other 99.99 percent of Arabs.” This is a very valid statement. Can a child distinguish this difference? Many adults cannot. That is proven in the fact that there have been many hate crimes against the Islamic-American community throughout the country.

But then again, many children have a remarkable amount of intelligence. Moreover, this was Rose’s only worthwhile statement. Vega’s title was “Bashings” and if you thought of the title would have been “Neet Gingrich wins Latin Grammar.” His word choice was incorrect.

Returning to the original question, how does this “bin Laden bashing” affect children? Regardless of what you thought of the haunted house, it is very important that one address the issue of whether it was suitable for children. The Motion Picture Association of America, with its laughable and flawed system of rating movies, decides arbitrarily what is suitable for children. School districts and their board members decide arbitrarily what kind of books students will read. But despite what others may choose for children, parents have the supreme responsibility of determining what their child sees and hears. Ultimately, parents should refrain from allowing their children to see violent and potentially harmful images. Children carry these images with them into adulthood, further teaching their children or conditioning it in a vicious cycle.

But then again, if we stopped violence and hatred, all the movies Hollywood would spawn would be chock full of romance stories like “Titanic” or bad comedies like “Little Nicky.” Oh, but wait – both those movies had violence. So did “Pokémon.” I guess we’ll be stuck with sappy movies lacking violence. Frankly, there are none, unless you want to go with “Barbie and the Great Adventure.” Ironically, chil­dren watch that one. It teaches boring things like love and friendship, something we older people can’t stand to watch.

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Government shouldn’t be master of our domain

(�WIRE) BOSTON – Yet another attempt at filtering media to be “child-friendly” has come on the table, but this time it’s not an encroachment upon First Amendment that’s the problem, it’s a lack of effectiveness.

Representatives in United States House of Representatives are consider­ring a bill which would establish an Internet domain for children’s web pages. “Kids.us” would be similar to “com” and “org,” and would contain material suitable for chil­dren under the age of 13. Websites would have to apply through a pre­established board in order to be deemed “kids.us” acceptable. The site would be constantly monitored and parents would have the option to restrict their child’s computer so that he or she could only access “kids.us” sites.

This bill – although well inten­tioned – would be ineffective. Children who can only access “kids.us” would have a far more limited pool of educational resources than children who can access all sites on the Internet.

It seems contradictory for the government to be sponsoring a censoring body; a government-appointed board will deem what is fitting for the server. Will this be the future of the Internet? And should the Internet – the pinnacle of 21st century communica­tions – be subject to “kid-friendly” standards?

Furthermore, creating a “kid-safe” Internet is endangering a parental responsi­bility upon the government. If par­ents closely monitor their children – like this site will do – then the domain would not be necessary. Parents should be watching what their young children are looking at on the Internet, instead of relying upon the government to do so.

Just as ratings in the upper corner of a TV screen will not prevent a child from watching a show, establishing a different domain will not prevent chil­dren from surfing through graphic pages.

In addition, do U.S. citizens really want the slowest system in the world monitoring the fastest system in the world? We think not.

Staff Editorial, The Daily Free Press (Boston U.)
Cal Poly loses in straight sets to UCSB

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Cal Poly’s biggest challenge in the contest was regaining service opportunities, Mustang head coach Steve Schlick said. “Our receptionist serve was up and down,” Schlick said. “We were unable to diversify our offense. It made it harder for us to score.”

Cal Poly trailed by as many as seven points in the middle of the first game. Cal Poly came close to catching the Gauchos at 18-22, but Santa Barbara’s defense denied a Mustang comeback. Senior setter Brooke Rundle recorded nine digs for the Gauchos in the first game.

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UC Santa Barbara’s Brie Lempe tries to hit a pass blocked by Cal Poly’s Jessica Diepersloot. UC Santa Barbara won the match in three games, 30-23, 30-22, 30-26.

Poly comes up short against division leaders

By Christen Wegner

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“We just didn’t have the emotion,” said Gwen Hubbard, Cal Poly sophomore defensive specialist. “We came out flat, and we just didn’t get going until the last game.”

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