Blake, Tylor named top ASI officials

Article and Photos by Spencer Marley

In light of an even lower voter turnout than the initial Associated Students Inc. presidential election May 6, Blake Bolton and Tylor Middlestadt captured 68 percent of the run-off votes to win the top two posts on campus. A mere 9.7 percent of the student body cast votes Wednesday.

The winners were announced at the bi-monthly ASI Board of Director's meeting.

Bolton and Middlestadt defeated Rory Scerri-Marion and Eric Ra, who mustered 32 percent of the votes. Scerri-Marion and Ra did not attend the meeting and were unavailable for comment.

"We were under the impression that a lot of people were going to vote in the ASI election this year, so the turnout was a little disappointing," Middlestadt said. "But one of our main goals for next year is to make students aware of what ASI does, so that they are better informed about their votes."

The two candidate teams were forced into a run-off election after results from the May 6 vote failed to give a majority to either candidate. Bolton and Middlestadt led Scerri-Marion and Ra by 330 votes in the initial campaign but needed 50 percent of the vote to officially declare the winner.

As successful write-in candidates, Middlestadt stressed that word-of-mouth support greatly aided their campaign.

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Middlestadt added, "We're not quitting!"

Bolton and Middlestadt are both current members of the ASI Board of Directors. ASI President Alison Anderson plans to bring Bolton and Middlestadt along to all meetings immediately, in order to give them a few weeks of training before the quarter ends.

And for the two, the added experience will be beneficial.

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Polling places around campus saw 1,778 students, a mere 9.7 percent of eligible voters on campus.

SLO's infamous Mardi Gras: The party is officially over

Stacey Anderson

The party is over for San Luis Obispo.

Mardi Gras celebrations, including the traditional parade, were officially cancelled Wednesday in response to the riot a few months ago.

Organizers have not projected a time when festivities may commence in the future.

"We hope it is not the death knell," said ASI President Alison Anderson. "For this year, we say goodbye to San Luis Obispo. We sincerely hope it is not the death knell!"

The committee's decision was made under pressure from the City Council, which sent a unanimous letter asking for termination of the event.

Ending the parade was a conscious effort by the city to prevent the mayhem of the past fete, which included in 198 street festivals, national headlines and cost the city more than $500,000.

However, canceling the parade may not halt the thousands of students who informally celebrate the weekend and import friends from out of town, especially since the parade drew less students than the parties on Football Boulevard.

"We cannot stop the Mardi Gras season any more than one can eliminate Easter or Christmas," said Cmdr. William Watton.

"The event is a magnet for students who come out of town to party, and it's still a mystery as to why," he concluded.

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"University Police Department Condr. Bill Watton is skeptical of the decision," Root said. "Mardi Gras is about creative excess and it could not be changed to "Le Grand Ball Masque.""

Without an official celebration, the party may not halt the thousands of students who informally celebrate the weekend and import friends from out of town, especially since the parade drew less students than the parties on Football Boulevard.

"We hope that the events of last Feb. 21 will serve as a catalyst for this town to once again lead the way in solving a community, as well as national problem," said 2004 Mardi Gras Executive Director Rick Johnson. "This year, we say goodbye to San Luis Obispo. We sincerely hope it is not the death knell!"

"I don't know if it will make a huge difference this first year," he said. "I don't know how word would get out. Students know Mardi Gras here as a fun place to drink and enjoy anonymity, and our own local students are only a small part of it. It will probably still be a busy time and will take years to calm down."

"Private annual events will continue under new titles. The Mardi Gras Festival will become "The Gumbo Fest," and the Mardi Gras Ball will be changed to "Le Grand Ball Masque."

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Voter turnout

• 1,778 students voted

• about 18,300 students are eligible to vote

• 1,284 (68 percent) voted for Bolton and Middlestadt

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Grads get bonus on diplomas: signature of ‘The Terminator’

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LOS ANGELES — California college graduates are getting a bonus on their diplomas this year — the autograph of a Hollywood superstar.  

Now that Arnold Schwarzenegger is governor, his name appears on every degree awarded by the state’s two largest university systems. That has excited some graduates who are fans of the governor, but dismayed others who are not fond of him or his politics.  

“It kind of makes the diploma seem like a bit of a joke, that an action hero has signed and validated it,” said Bridget O’Brien, who graduated in December from the University of California, Los Angeles. “I got a B.A. in geography, but I think my diploma is B.S.”  

O’Brien, who opposed the recall election that propelled Schwarzenegger to the governor’s seat, was among the first batch of students to receive diplomas with the actor’s signature. The others will be given out after the more traditional graduation ceremonies next month.  

Dean Theobald, who graduated the week from Humboldt State University, said the signature has symbolic value to him because Schwarzenegger rose from roots as an Austrian immigrant to become one of Hollywood’s biggest stars and governor of the nation’s most populous state.  

“He is a man living the American dream, giving all hope for success,” said Theobald, a member of the Republican club on the campus, which is along the state’s northern coast near the Oregon border.  

It’s not the first time college graduates in California have taken home diplomas with a famous signature. Ronald Reagan was governor for eight years, winning the first of his two terms in 1966.  

But Schwarzenegger is one of the world’s most popular movie stars, far more popular than Reagan was. His fame adds an amusing twist to the otherwise traditional document.  

His signature will appear on the diplomas of the 125,000 students who graduate each year from the nine-campus University of California system and the 23-campus California State University system. His signature will not be included on degrees awarded by the state’s community colleges.  

A column in the Daily Californian, the student newspaper at the University of California, Berkeley, suggested diplomas granted during Schwarzenegger’s tenure might become a collectors’ item. Some students even joked that they would consider putting their degrees up for bid on eBay.  

A Schwarzenegger autograph, however, lists for just $30 or less on the Internet auction site. The value of the diploma signatures could be even less because they are copies of one delivered to each campus by the governor’s office.

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State Briefs

ELK GROVE — In an effort to build momentum for the release of his budget plan Thursday, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced Wednesday at agreement with local officials that will save the state $2.6 billion over the next two years but may add to the deficit in the future. So far, the administration has negotiated three deals that trade temporary cuts for a promise of more money in coming years. The governor is expected to unveil his final budget plan Thursday, including his ideas for how to close a shortfall estimated in January at $17 billion.

SACRAMENTO — A key Assembly committee deferred action Wednesday on a bill to legalize same-sex marriage in California, placing the legislation in limbo as lawmakers examine its financial effects and supporters determine if they have the votes to pass it this year. After the Assembly Appropriations Committee heard testimony on the bill by Assemblyman Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, it placed it in its suspense file without a vote. Although the bill passed another Assembly committee last month — which supporters said was the first time any gay marriage bill had passed a legislative panel in the nation — Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez said the legislation would most likely go no further this year.

SACRAMENTO — Ruth Green, a Santa Barbara educator, was elected as president of the state Board of Education Wednesday. Green, a Democrat, was appointed to the board in January by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. She has served as a member of the board of trustees for Santa Barbara elementary and high school districts. She has also served on state advisory panels on instructional materials and testing. "She brings to the position of board president a strong background in curriculum and assessment, and long dedication to serving the needs of our most at-risk students," said Mary Latimer, chairwoman of the nine-member board. She has also served on boards of several local school districts. She was appointed to the nine-member board by Schwarzenegger and has been reappointed to the board by Schwarzenegger. She has also served on the board of directors of the California Partnership for Children and Youth. She is also a member of the board of directors of the California Association for Children and Youth. She has also served on the board of directors of the California Association for Children and Youth. She has also served on the board of directors of the California Association for Children and Youth.

National Briefs

WASHINGTON — The abuse of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. troops went beyond the photos seen by most Americans, shaken lawmakers said Wednesday after viewing fresh pictures and video that they said depicted forced sex, brutality and dogs snarling at cowed prisoners. Some members of Congress said they feared that making the images public would prompt international outrage and endanger Americans still in Iraq.

The private screening of more than 1,600 photos in a top-secret room of the U.S. Capitol came one day after Islamic militants announced they had beheaded an American in Iraq to avenge the Abu Ghraib prison.

WASHINGTON — Former Enron employees who lost millions of dollars in retirement money in the company's collapse would get at least $66.5 million from settlements Wednesday of two lawsuits, Labor Secretary Elaine Chao said.

The employees alleged in a class-action suit that they lost more than $1 billion because the now-bankrupt energy company and its officers failed to execute their duties in administering Enron's pension plan.

The partial settlement calls for the company employees who were trustees of the plan to hand over an $85 million insurance policy that covered them against liability.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A Biogen Idec Inc. executive resigned Wednesday after federal regulators launched an investigation into his trading of another company's stock, the biotech firm said.

The Securities and Exchange Commission notified the Cambridge-based Biogen on April 26 that it was looking into trades made by Nabi Hannah, a company executive vice president of research based in San Diego. Hannah resigned Wednesday after an internal review, the company said.

World Briefs

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — An explosion ripped apart an Israeli armored vehicle Wednesday, killing five soldiers, in the second such attack by Palestinian militants in Gaza in two days.

Hours later, an Israeli missile attack killed seven Palestinians in a refugee camp, Palestinian medical officials said. Four other Palestinians were wounded in the missile strike on the Rafah camp near the Egyptian border, the medical officials said.

LONDON — One of every 10 schoolchildren in the world is overweight, and about 45 million have an increased risk of developing diabetes, heart disease and other illnesses before the age of 20, said the first global assessment of child obesity.

The report, compiled by The International Obesity Task Force, estimates that at least 155 million children between the ages of 5 and 17, or about 10 percent of the total, are too heavy, while almost 45 million of them are obese.

The findings were submitted to the World Health Organization before next week's critical vote by the world's health ministers on whether to adopt a global strategy on diet, physical activity and health.

The strategy, which the U.N. health agency has been developing for two years, aims to head off a worldwide crisis in chronic diseases linked to bad eating habits and lack of exercise. A third of all deaths globally are from ailments linked to weight, lack of exercise and smoking.

MEXICO CITY — Mexican air force pilots filmed 11 bright, rapidly moving objects in the skies that an expert said proved the existence of UFOs, but defense officials said Wednesday no conclusions had been reached about the objects origins.

A videotape aired Monday on national television showed a series of brilliant objects flying at more than 18,000 feet over southern Campeche state. The tape was filmed March 5 by air force pilots using a video camera equipped with an infrared lens.

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Distinguished Educator Award Nominations

The Cal Poly chapter of the California Faculty Association (CFA) is seeking nominations from students and faculty for the "Distinguished Educator Award." The award is being given to recognize faculty and educators who are not yet tenured. Tenure-track, librarians, and counselors are ineligible for many teaching awards, yet they deserve recognition for their teaching, professional activities and service to the university.

Criteria: teaching excellence, outstanding professional development, service. Please provide specific examples that support your recommendation and include the name of the nominee and department, as well as your name and department.

Nomination Deadline: May 14, 2004 To nominate someone, send your nomination through campus mail to Dorothy Pippin, CFA, Building 38-141, or email your nomination to dpippin@calpoly.edu These awards will be presented at the CFA End-of-year Barbecue to be held in Cuesta Park on Tuesday, June 8.

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While some draw on faith or family for guidance, art and design senior Rachelle Kam seeks Tarot, a form of card reading akin to fortune telling.

STORY BY CHRISTINA JOSLIN PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY NATHAN CASWELL
Artist draws on fortune telling for art exhibit, senior project

She sat in a room with Tarot cards in front of her, in the shape of a Celtic Cross. It was at this point that Rachelle Kam saw her future and knew exactly what she wanted to do for her senior project — and possibly with the rest of her life.

"The uncertainty of the future plagues the mind," Kam, an art and design senior with a studio art concentration, wrote. "Without reassurance, what is going to happen? We use hope or prayer to make appropriate decisions in life. In the past, people turned to ancient powers, diviners and mystics to foresee upcoming events."

Her senior project, which can be viewed in the University Union Epicenter until May 31, was a recreation of the six Tarot cards that were pulled for her Celtic Cross reading.

Kam's friend Debra Guyton, who is so protective over her cards that she sleeps with them under her pillow, did the reading. She has been practicing Tarot since she was nine years old and said she believes the deck is an extension of one's spirit or soul.

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Six cards were pulled for Kam, including the Ace of Cups, Nine of Pentacles, Five of Pentacles, Seven of Swords, Three of Cups and Four of Pentacles.

The first card, which covers her past, was the Ace of Cups. This card "reveals good sense and sound administrative ability, which produces order out of chaos," Kam said.

Kam illustrated this with five stained glass, rose (circular) windows together under an arch. Each window portrays a saint who is poor and struggles but looks up to God for assistance.

The second card, which crosses over into the present, was the Nine of Pentacles. This card "reveals good sense and spirituality materializing through poverty, hardship, a harsh struggle to survive, a loss of security and a decline in status," Kam said.

Kam illustrated this with the Egyptian and Chinese influences. Surrounding the large Tarot cards that Kam created through her own imagery are smaller cards that illustrate many different cups, rose windows, swords and constellations (with nine stars). Each small card, which was soaked in tea and embossed with silver powder, represents just one of the many meanings of the overall card.

"The phrase 'God save us,' written on the card in Greek, crosses barriers of time and faith," Kam said.

Kam captures the essence of the fourth card, the Seven of Swords, with a drawing of seven Chinese swordsmen. Five of the men are colored black and the other two are gray, symbolizing the two swords that weren't stolen. The drawing also embodies a poem written in Chinese by Du Fu. The poem is about a woman who loses five of her sons because of war.

The fifth card, which crowns her and reveals her future, was the Three of Cups. It invites general good cheer, hospitality, entertainment, dancing and gladness. The sixth card, which is before her and exposes what's right in front of her, was the Four of Pentacles. This corresponds to greed, complete material success and assured power. The card normally uses the image of a stable king holding four coins; two at his feet, one in his hands and one above his head.

"My card is represented by a figure of Rameses II and four bullet-targets," Kam said. "The price of stability is costly and gains are not easily attainable. The Egyptian hieroglyphs included are those of 'to see' and 'greet' the consequences of such success."

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Pink, pleated and laidback: the Cal Poly spring fashion report

Rachel Musquiz

Like ancient hieroglyphics, the clothes of many students document their collegiate lives. Being able to interpret the discoveries tells all about the individual, whether he or she is fashion savvy or unconcerned with trends.

T-shirts, sweatshirts and even sweatsuits tell stories of where students have been and what they have done. Campus clubs, Greek organizations, sports teams, residence halls, Associated Students Inc., events and university departments reward participants with wardrobe expansion.

Statements these groups make range from "This is what a feminist looks like" by Cal Poly Women's Awareness to "Rush (enter fraternity name here) by Cal Poly Women's Awareness." These explicit statements can be spotted around campus.

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When spring fever arrives, students dress for comfort. Sweaters, scarves and any footwear that requires socks are thrown into the abyss of the back of the closet as students adjust to the sunshine.

"People want to be comfortable," said Avanti manager and psychology senior Lauren Ansolabehere. "People want to be comfortable.

The must-haves for women this spring include skirts and heel types paired with board shorts, denim and cargo shorts or pants. The slight differences in this year's style are changes in the placement of the logos, more fitted T-shirts, not as large jeans and new and edgy brands like RVCA.

Unlike women, who have retail stores lined up downtown, shopping is limited for men in San Luis Obispo.

"There's not a huge amount of places for guys to get clothes here," said Mike Jacot, buyer and manager at CCS, said.

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Hot looks for the season: It's short skirts for women (above) and board shorts for men (below).

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**SCHOOLS, PARENTS SHOULD REGULATE CHILDHOOD OBESITY**

*Commentary*

Childhood obesity is a rapidly growing problem. Five to 25 percent of children and teenagers in the United States are obese, not to mention the countless amount who are simply overweight. According to T.G. Lohman’s “Journal of Physical Education, Recreation, & Dance.” Obesity in children is defined as an excessive accumulation of body fat. It’s present when total body weight is more than 25 percent fat in boys and more than 32 percent fat in girls. Being drastically overweight can cause many physical complications such as: pediatric hypertension, increased risk of coronary heart disease, high level of blood pressure, gall bladder disease, Type II diabetes and cholesterol problems, backache, drowsiness and headaches.

There are also many psychological problems that occur with obesity. These include low self-esteem, eating disorders, depression, increased anxiety and many more.

“Psychological effects are difficult to study, but obese children may be scarred permanently,” Indiana State Kep. Charlie Brown said in an interview on www.in.gov. “Psychological concerns plague these obese children, not to mention the effects of harassment they might receive.”

Koumeliotis estimates that the chance of remaining overweight as an adult is 20 percent at 4 years of age, but jumps to 80 percent for adolescents, so there is a large chance overweight teenagers will become overweight adults.

This is a problem that needs to be fixed both by the schools that these children attend and, most importantly, their parents.

I support the recent development at certain schools that have cut back on fatty foods served at lunchtime and discontinue serving candies and vending machines, despite the effect on the school’s annual revenue. This is important because school lunches account for about 20 percent of children’s total weekly calorie intake. These same schools are also adopting new physical education programs that are helping kids be active at least four to five times a week.

As of now, only one-third of elementary students exert daily physical activity, either at school or at home, according to www.kidshealth.org. In California alone, a Public Health Institute revealed that 95 percent of districts sell fast foods and junk foods on campus. In some school districts, as many as 90 percent of students are overweight, according to a state report. Former Gov. Gray Davis signed a bill in 2001 that will raise nutrition standards and put restrictions on the kinds of foods and drinks that can be sold in school vending machines beginning in July 2004.

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“About two dozen states are considering total bans or limits on vending machine products,” Alícia Chang of The Associated Press said. “About 20 states already restrict students’ access to junk food after lunch.”

Another important step is for schools to send home monthly or yearly health reports. These cards will make parents more aware of the health risks threaten their sons or daughters.

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**Free press doomed when politics and business are intertwined**

*Commentary*

In recent months, moviestars “Nights in Rodan,” and Michael Moore all have been censored by the corporate news media for their opposition to policies of the Bush administration. While our First Amendment protects us from government infringement of free speech, it doesn’t protect us from corporate censorship.

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Bush not surrounded by military experience

Our president says he's disgusted with images from the war. This is the war to which he sent us, the war we're told to support. Is it a surprise that one soldier would humiliate or torture another? Our president preaches that our enemy needs to be processed, the government is reducing to the memes of our political circles with a concept called "product stewardship". What is the definition of our president's "product stewardship"? Douglas Marman

California may lead the nation in diverting 48 percent of waste from landfills to recycling programs, but that's nowhere near the 2003 WEEF figure: 95.5 percent. Ideally, there should be zero waste. We all know this. But there are three things that stand in the way of our goal: apathy, economics and technology.

Creating zero waste

Every generation has a duty to make the planet better than he had found it or the next generation will have to clean it all up. If Bush wants to be remembered by his grandfather, who had been living in Turkey his whole life, had to remove the "tun" to avoid persecution. Now I have to live with this it directly affects me. Anyone who's interested in making the world a better place should be looking for a career in the field of environmental engineering.

Jason Walsh is an electrical engineering junior.

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Letters to the Editor

Sex up your house party

The perfect sex-filled house party is an ever-eloquent event, occurring as infrequently as the aligning of the planets or the passing of the millennium. Unhindered male/female ratios, leg congestion and cops are just a few of the hurdles one must overcome. It's amazing that college students will spend hours studying the unimpeachable legal system and law but fail to spend more than a few moments making their party the hook-up fest it deserves to be. Fortunately, the J-Spot has commissioned a study from the most degenerate partners of all time. Our report, in its entirety is presented before you today.

Step 1: Three parties are better than one. Yep, that's right. Everyone invites at least three mini-parties in disguise.

The pre-party: This is the small circle of friends who gather to boozing and潜在的 start of the "real party." All good parties result

Step 2: Dust off the moonshine. Alcohol is the quintessential party favor and all great parties runneth over with it in some form or another. Whether it's brewed from potatoes, wheat or cactus, alcohol is the lowest common denominator for party success. After all, what other substance makes us inurable to criticism, enhances the appearance of women and men alike and provides us with the unharmful courage to brazenly flaunt our own greatness.

Step 3: Download some Guns and Roses. Music is the pulse of your party and without it people are forced to speak and communicate. Remember, no one actually likes speaking to strangers, and music will cover up the awkward silence after everything you say. You can even find yourself dancing to the music, which is a good thing. So shut your eyes and bounce your body. Whoever you are talking to will assume you're too faded to function and walk away.

The post-party: Music is the pulse of your party. Usually a group of women will start dancing by themselves to get the dance floor going. No guy actually likes dancing, but since that's what women do, guys feel free to jump in.

Step 4: Unleash the power of demographics. Ultimately, the success of your party is given by the people who come to it. An equal amount of men and women is the ideal yet unattainable goal. No matter how many women you invite and no matter how many guys you invite, you will always end up with more of the other party than women. This is one of the greatest mysteries of life.

Fun, crazy and scandalous women are the focal points of all parties. You should make it your goal to invite as many of them as you can. Guys worship them and women study them.

Step 5: Expect Chief Wiggum to show up. All good parties result in one police visit. The only way to avoid this is to tell, or better yet invite, your neighbors to your party. Inviting the older neighbors shows your friends that you're cultured and well rounded, and it allows these post-party guests to get nostalgic about their own days of yesterday. Should the police roll through, send out your smoothest talking friend and depute him with all powers of negociation Any ticket is immediately divided between the members of the house, regardless of whose friend caused it. In some ways the cops coming is a blessing in disguise, as it ends the "random people"06 effect. Just shout that you are the hosts of the "post-party," which if you remember, is actually the "real party."

So there you go Cal Poly, now any one of you can throw the perfect party of all time after the cops have come and everybody has gone home except for friends and recently hook-up prospects. Besides, the post-party, the party continues on, a smaller, more personal scale. Ninety-five percent of hooking up takes place in the post-party. The post-party begins at 2 or 3 a.m. and continues until the last man collapses. Sometimes a trip to Taco Bell signals the start of the post-party. You will be surprised how much you can learn about life from a study of the text in the body of the email. Your letter will not be printed unless you submit it in the correct format.

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Shriver unveils ‘remarkable women’ exhibit

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SACRAMENTO — California is famous for its sunsets, mountains and Hollywood. But its women are also something to behold.

That’s the theme behind a new state museum exhibit that salutes some of the biggest names in California’s history — more than 200 women from astronaut Sally Ride to television chef Julia Child.

It’s the brainchild of first lady Maria Shriver.

Shriver, saying she quickly noticed a prominent lack of women’s images in the state Capitol museum, spurred the state Department of Parks and Recreation early this year to produce a major exhibit on women pioneers and other standouts in the arts, business, sports, entertainment and social world.

Shriver is to formally unveil the exhibit, dubbed “California’s Remarkable Women,” Wednesday night with her husband, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The show, opening Thursday at the California State History Museum near the Capitol, testifies to the influences of California women inside the state and beyond. While spotlighting dozens of world-renowned superstars and celebrities, it displays three Academy Awards won by actress Elizabeth Taylor, the ice skates of Olympic gold medalist Kristi Yamaguchi and a black dress worn by actress Julia Roberts as she received a Golden Globe award.

But it also honors 91-year-old molecular biologist Marguerite Vogt, still working at the Salk Institute in La Jolla, and former erste Bridget “Biddy” Mason, who became one of the first black landowners in Los Angeles.

“I feel like I came from a great family of remarkable women. I continue to be inspired by them.”

— MARIA SHRIVER
California’s first lady

“I feel like I came from a great family of remarkable women,” Shriver said while leading a tour Wednesday. “I continue to be inspired by them.”

She offered special praise for the late architect Julia Morgan, who became the first woman to graduate from L’Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris, in 1902, then designed scores of buildings throughout California, including Hearst Castle.

“I love her. She’s so extraordinary. So ahead of her time,” Shriver said.

Shriver said she most likes the exhibit’s “red carpet of opportunity,” a stroll designed to impress young women of the wide array of careers available to them, from judge and archaeologist to mayor and wife. The walk ends before a sign where women can be photographed as “California’s first woman governor.”
Losers’ lament

Commentary

It’s bad, but it could get much, much worse.

There’s no sugarcoating it, even considering the tough competition. It’s been dreadful lately. But I’ve got five reasons Mustang baseball players and fans should feel better about the situation.

There are some of the worst losing streaks of all time. It got so bad for these teams that the losing was addictive. Familiar and unfortunately for their fans.

1. 1962 New York Mets (40-120)

Unlike agreed upon as “The Worst Team Ever,” this bunch lost 17 in a row and prompted haranguing coach Casey Stengel to say to his outfielders “When one of them goes hit a single to you, throw the ball to third. That way we can hold them to a double.

Incredibly, the Mets were 9-12 games out of first place after their first nine games.

2. 1983 Boston Braves (38-115)

This team achieved a 15-game losing streak, went bankrupt after the season and ultimately assumed the Boston Bees. That’s what happens when your team has games that draw 95 fans. The losing even persuaded Babe Ruth it was time to retire. He played only 28 games before throwing in the towel.

3. 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers (73-1)

This “team” recorded losing streaks of 20, 13 and 13. The team started the season with 18 straight losses and tried to break that mark with 13 straight at the end. Some teams challenged this mark of futility — such as the Bulls and Nuggets — but none could delve to this low. They finished 39-89 games back of the Celtics.

4. 1989-92 Sacramento Kings

The bad day of which you might here the assessment: “Bobby Owlson” or “Duane Canwell” or “Anthony Bommel.”

At least they had fan favorites Spud Webb and Mitch Richmond. Unfortunately they also had a 43-game road losing streak.

5. 1936 Philadelphia Athletics (36-117)

Before there were the Mets, there were the A’s. This team hit a two-week skid where it lost 20 games in a row before recording its first win. The team was outscored 776-447 that year. The amazing thing? The team won the World Series nine years earlier. Unfortunately, owner Connie Mack unloaded anyone who requested a reasonable paycheck.

Dan Watson is a journalism sophomore and Mustang Daily columnist.

Cal Poly’s ‘Doc’ is in — the NFL

Dan Watson

It’s a few months away, and “Doc” wants for his shot like the next guy.

The confident senior calls the time leading up to that chance an “internship.”

When it’s over, former Mustang cornerback David “Doc” Richardson will head back to the place some call the “Largest City in the World” — Jacksonville, Fl., back to his chance to make a living the way most men dream — playing football.

His internship is mentoring the Jacksonville Jaguars playbook as he strengthens his muscles and runs his already sculpted body into premier form.

Richardson, an NFL rookie free agent hopes by Sept. 5 — the day of final cuts — he will have impressed an already interested Jacksonville coaching staff.

Richardson wants to earn a spot playing cornerback in one of the most challenging conferences in football — the AFC South.

If he does he’ll get $535,000 over two years.

“Never been the type of person in awe of someone else, basking in the glory of another man’s success,” Richardson said. “I’ll pick them apart.”

A week ago, the ex-Mustang backed it up at the Jaguars mini-camp.

First, he picked off a Byron Leftwich pass, Leftwich, by the way, is the Jaguars’ starting quarterback and the “future of the team.” Then he picked off backup quarterback Doug Johnson’s pass twice.

He’s been called by a Jaguar reporter one of the “stars of the (recently unpreferred) class.”

Now he sits in San Luis Obispo, continuing to work out with the Mustang football team until he heads back to Florida for rookie workouts. In July, he will attend training camp.

For now, it’s establishing a defense that looks a lot different from the Cal Poly defense he familiarized himself with for four years.

“The playbook is a little harder to have a lot of scouts here,” Richardson said. “A big difference you have to memorize, but the point is that you know it so you can just react instead of thinking what to do.”

Being a rookie is a challenge in general, Richardson learned by talking to such NFL veterans as safety Deon Grant (five-year player) and cornerback Devonne Washington (10-year player).

“I asked them if they were as confused as I was,” Richardson said. “They said, ‘We were more confused.’”

But Richardson has shown no fear for the job ahead of him.

Even when the idea of knocking down passes shown in Cal-MVP quarterback Steve McNair and Peyton Manning, both on the AFC South teams, was questioned, “Doc” responded: “Knock down? I’ll pick them off.”

A cornerstone for Cal Poly, Richardson found a way to make himself a NFL free agent while playing for a Division-I AA program. He finished with 167 tackles, 99 solo steps, three sacks, 10 tackles for lost yardage, 20 pass breakups and 10 interceptions. His final year he was selected to the All-American American Coaches Association, DI-AA All-America Team and played in the Las Vegas All-American Classic.

Richardson credited Cal Poly defensive coordinator David Brown with getting him national recognition despite the small-school status.

“It’s a little harder to have a lot of scouts here,” Richardson said. “But now it’s grown men and money and notoriety.”

As he heads to that “final stage,” “Doc” seems confident and relaxed for a man that’s waiting for his chance.

“I’m going to approach it the same way I always have, this is just the final stage,” Richardson said. “I’m going to work, even hard now that I’m here.”

Many of the current Mustangs were curious Friday, the day after he had returned from the Jaguars’ mini-camp, about the experience of their former teammate.

“It’s the first time I’ve seen him since the camp and I want to hear about the other side,” freshman offensive lineman Curtis Thomas said. “I want to know and it’s pretty good to have a first-hand connection.”

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—DAVID RICHARDSON

Jaguar cornerback

Richardson has set an example for many of the cornerbacks at Cal Poly, with which he lived in a house during the summertime.

To take the next step he’ll likely have to beat out some of the current cornerbacks to be one of the four or five teams typica1ly keeps for now, Washington, Jurin Bolden and Rashaun Mathis are the top cornerbacks, Richardson said.

“It’s my career,” Richardson said. “Just like the next team that wants to make money. Whether it’s a football player or a doctor, you want to get paid for what you’re doing.”

The paycheck will not come until he has official confirmation of the Jaguars.’

Richardson came to Cal Poly on a football scholarship after being an all-everything in football, baseball, wrestling and track and field at St. Bernard High School in Playa Del Rey.

Now he’s at the stage he believed he would reach since he was a little kid.

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For now, nothing is guaranteed except the $8,000 signing bonus. One of his memories in the process has been one-time Cal Poly standout quarterback Seth Burford. Burford was drafted by the San Diego Chargers and played in NFL Europe for Barcelona. Currently he is with the Kansas City Chiefs.

“It’s tough, but I’m not going to be stupid and buy a whole bunch of stuff when I don’t know what’s going to happen,” Richardson said. “I’ve gotten a lot of tips, Seth is going through the process over again. He told me to hold on to my signing bonus. Don’t go building a bunch of credit before you know you’ll get that check.”

So far, Richardson has gotten a taste of both the money and notoriety.

“Just got it a little here after games and what not, chilling with the little kids and signing autographs,” Richardson said. “But now it’s grown men and women. They’ll sell it on eBay. They get the media surrounding the whole field and it’s a big practice field. It’s a pretty awesome experience.”

Richardson’s mini-camp routine was rough: waking up at 6 a.m., work until 7 p.m., dinner and media surrounding the whole field and it’s a big practice field. It’s a pretty awesome experience.

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