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### Measure Q could impact Cal Poly

Nicole Stivers

What will it mean for Cal Poly if Measure Q is passed Nov. 2? Measure Q would prohibit the propagation, cultivation or growth of genetically modified organisms unless it is under controlled laboratory settings. Although exempt from the prohibitions of the ballot measure, faculty and students have expressed concern about the indirect impact Cal Poly could experience.

"It would be ironic for a measure like this to pass in a city where we have a polytechnic university," biotechnology professor Susan Elrod said. Cal Poly and licensed health care practitioners would be exempt, as long as research and education involving genetically engineered organisms takes place under controlled laboratory conditions.

Animal science professor Dan Peterson said if the measure is passed it will send a global message that "we in San Luis Obispo reject technology out of fear. It'll have a bad indirect influence on our economy and lifestyle," Peterson said. Peterson and Elrod said they think the measure may deter companies and faculty from coming to the area. They said they are worried about the effects this could have on Cal Poly and its students.

The measure could impact students' education as they will lose the advantage of hands-on learning, plant biotechnology professor Jeff Wong said. He and other faculty in the department are involved with plant breeding and genetic modification. Wong grows field crops at Cal Poly that have been genetically altered. He and co-investigator Craig McMillian sold genetically modified corn at Farmers' Market a few weeks ago.

Wong said Cal Poly's genetically altered field crops would remain exempt as they are on state property.

Poly media to offer live election coverage

Melissa L. Dorcak

It's "all hands on deck" for broadcast journalism students Tuesday as CPTV, KCPR, and KVEC prepare to offer live coverage of the 2004 elections.

They will be the only news organization on the Central Coast to offer the coverage on cable television and AM and FM radio, journalist professor and CPTV and KCPR adviser John Soares said. "You can expect to see the most localized coverage," Soares said.

Student journalists will be filing live reports from different campaign headquarters to the government center, where it will be broadcast live to the county on channel 19, and to campus via channel nine. The broadcast will also air on KCPR 91.3 FM and KVEC 920 AM.

"It's a great opportunity for students to get experience with live field producing and live field reporting," Soares said.

He also said that students from Cuesta College will help with the election coverage in an effort to integrate their program.

"What we're trying to do is put together a network that will encompass most of the San Luis Obispo area's local candidates," said Marina Meisheimer, journalism senior and co-producer for Tuesday's program.

The news organization will cover all aspects of the elections, not just voting results.

Soares said reporters will poll voters as they exit the voting booths, interview people about their opinions and consult with political experts.

"It's amazing that we're even capable of doing this," Meisheimer said. "A year ago this wouldn't have been possible."

She also said that outside assistance has been extremely helpful. AGP Media is supplying all the equipment for the elections coverage. Michael Passarell, a supervisor for SLO County Public Access television, is helping with interviews.

The station offers a one-hour program three nights per week. Thursday's at 8 p.m, Zilo TV and National Lampoon have joined the line up and feature "eclectic syndicated programs that offer entertainment and information that appeals to a younger demographic," Soares said.

Zilo TV airs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. respectively. National Lampoon airs at 10 p.m. on Wednesdays.

### Football's winning streak is over

UC Davis prevails in final seconds, 36-33

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f-Stop coffee shop is hidden sanctuary

Play Nintendo, take a nap or get a caffeine fix

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**Weather Report**

- **Today** (Sunny)
  - **Sunny** 75°F
  - **High** 9-4°F
  - **Direction**: NW

**Tomorrow** (Clear)

- **Sunny** 7-3°F
  - **Sunset**: 5:09 p.m.
Measure Q
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If the ballot measure passes, Wong does not think he will grow his crops out in the open anymore and students will lose out as a result. Wong values the freedom of being able to take his students out of the classroom and into the fields to see genetically modified crops first-hand. For agriculture students, the outdoor land becomes a "living laboratory." Wong is able to apply different methods and techniques to growing the crops, which he then teaches to students.

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"I would have to think if I'd really want to grow it here," Wong said. "I want to be a good neighbor. I don't want to grow it here," Wong said. "I wouldn't like to think that my students would have to go to another university if the measure passes. However, Jan Haynes said that the measure sends a negative message. "It says this is a community that's adverse to biotechnology and not welcoming to companies," Haynes said. When asked if she and her husband would have started their business here if the measure had already been in place, she said, "We definitely would have been deterred." Haynes said she had hoped to create a strong base for the biotechnology industry in the county. She expected this kind of environment to create good paying jobs and internships for Cal Poly students.

"It's important for companies to have a sympathetic and encouraging infrastructure," Haynes said. Both Peterson and Haynes said they are worried about the impact the measure may have on the chance for students to gain internship experience. If companies involved in biotechnology aren't interested in coming to San Luis Obispo, students will have to find other alternatives. "The students learning these techniques in my labs, classes and research won't have the opportunity to apply the knowledge locally," Peterson said. Haynes said she thinks this will create a discouraging learning environment.

"Students could learn a skill on campus and it would be illegal off campus." Future employers, like FzioMed, see internships as an essential element of a student's learning experience. Students may need to take time off of school to pursue internships around the state rather than completing an internship while they are taking classes. If the ballot measure passes, Peterson said, "It'll seal the fate on that kind of convenience." The lack of biotechnology companies in the county could also affect faculty. Elrod said some faculty in the College of Science and Mathematics contract with local biotechnology companies. They either collaborate with company employees or receive funding for their research. Other faculty may wish to start their own company based on research findings. In both cases, faculty members may ultimately choose to leave the area and go to another university if the ballot measure passes.

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A bill that was considered important to the CFA was AB 2387, which would have allowed the CSU and UC systems to consider race, gender and ethnicity in admissions. "It probably wouldn't be a huge issue except that they are going to have to turn students away," said Sunshine. "We need to maintain a diverse student population and all kinds of things factor in." Schwartzengger wrote, "Since the provisions of this bill would likely be ruled as unconstitutional, they would be more appropriately addressed through a change to the State Constitution." The governor did pass two bills that had to do with the transfer process from community colleges to a CSU. Senate Bill 1415 requires CSU and community colleges to have a common numbering system for courses. SB 1785 requires the CSU system to develop clear transfer requirements for high demand courses.

However, CFA did not get what they were hoping for, said Sunshine. "There were seven bills that CFA highlighted to our members, but they didn't get any. The governor did pass two bills that had to do with the transfer process from community colleges. These bills would have helped the CSU system.

"If you had a more supportive governor, we would be getting a larger budget," she said. To find out more about CFA or the recently vetoed bills, visit www.caflc.org or www.schwarzenegger.com.

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State Assembly:
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Don Regan (23rd District)
Bill Thomas (22nd District)
U.S. Senate:
Bill Jones

VOTE NO ON MEASURE Q
STATE NEWS

VENTURA — Police plan to remove the transients who live along the Ventura River and find them shelter beginning in December because of concerns that heavy rains will be a hazard for those living in shacks and tents. As many as 150 dwellers inhabit a two-mile stretch of the riverbed west of Ventura, where homeless

have lived since World War II. Two were killed by floods from storms in the 1990s.

TORRANCE — A man sus­ pected of robbing 26 banks in Los Angeles County since his release from federal prison earlier this year has been arrested, officials said. David Lee Robinson, 53, was taken into custody Saturday after police matched him with a suspect description and stopped his car in Torrance, finding evidence of pre­ vious bank heists such as partial demand notes. Robinson allegedly took more than $70,000 in a series of holdups since Aug. 19.

LOS ANGELES — A real estate developer who helped fund­ ment more than $300,000 to Mayor James Hahn and his political cam­ paigns is the subject of a criminal investigation by federal authorities for his alleged role in a mortgage scam. Mark Alan Abrams, 43, is accused of orchestrating a scheme to obtain $140 million in home mortgaging in some of the city’s wealthiest areas through loans based on artificially high real estate appraisals, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

MIAMI — In the closing hours of their bitter campaigns, President Bush and Sen. John Kerry charged through the critical battlegrounds of Florida and Ohio on Sunday, going from hushed church services to raucous campaign rallies with promises to keep America safe.


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Bin Laden addresses Americans, appeals to Muslim supporters

In a tape aired Friday, bin Laden takes responsibility for the Sept. 11 attacks and explains his reasons for terrorism.

Salah Nasrawi, an analyst in the United Arab Emirates, said bin Laden's new videotape clearly targeted American voters days before an extraordinary tight presidential election, and also courted another constituency: young Arabs who are fashioned and disenchanted but not committed to radical Islam.

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Islamic causes, wrote a person identifying himself as Abdel Fattah Ismail. "This will energize much of his supporters by the communist leadership as well as Americans.

"But analysts say he is trying to broaden his base and that his words were chosen for more secular young Muslims as well as Americans.

In the tape, parts of which were aired Friday by the Arabic TV network Al-Jazeera, bin Laden dropped the usual religious rhetoric and historic references in favor of plain language.

And he pointed to Israeli aggression as his inspiration for the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington, U.S. policy in the Israeli-Palestinian issue drives frustration among many Arabs, from moderates to radicals.

He struck a tone that was almost conciliatory—though tinged with threat, telling the American people only four days before the election between President Bush and Sen. John Kerry that he wanted to explain why he ordered the Sept. 11 attacks so Americans can act to prevent a similar strike.

"Stop harming Muslims, they already support him," bin Laden said.

"Our security is not in the hands of Kerry, Bush or al-Qaida. Your security is in your own hands," bin Laden said. "Americans' security is bound to the policy they adopt regardless of the winner.

Bin Laden said his decision to sanction the Sept. 11 bombings was motivated by the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon, which he said sparked "a strong feeling against injustice and a strong determination to punish the unjust.

Bin Laden's language, tone and explanation are out of character with his past, more vehement remarks. Analysts warn he's not a changed man, just changing with circumstances.

Lebanese writer and political analyst Saad Melho pointed to bin Laden's "new look" and said the tape reflected a "high degree of sophistication, which clearly meant he was following the U.S. presidential election campaign with special attention."

"All those accusations that al-Qaida is a perverted and closed terrorist group that belongs to the 11th century are not true," he said.

Bin Laden and his followers are "showing a degree of maturity and development in order to bring their cause into the mainstream of (Arab-Islamic) causes," Melho said. "This is a very serious matter that should be seen as a stop and think."

Biographers of the al-Qaida leader have noted he first showed anger at the Americans during the last phase of the Afghan war against Soviet troops, a war in which "holy warriors" were chosen for more secular young Muslims as well as Americans.

"In the tape, bin Laden cites a cause more dear to all Arabs, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He no longer needs to talk and address devout Muslims, they already support him," said Abdul Rahim Ali, an expert on radical Islamic groups and author of Alliance Against Terror, Al-Qaida Organization.

"What he wants is to enlarge the circle in order to mobilize more young Muslims among those who are not committed (to radical Islam). These young men feel deep frustration because of the daily Israeli practices and bin Laden is using their anger and frustration," Ali said.

It was the first footage in more than a year of the fugitive al-Qaida leader, thought to be hiding in the mountains along the Pakistani-Afghanistan border. Unlike in his previous tapes, a turbaned bin Laden, with a long, gray beard, was shown standing behind a lectern in whiterobe and golden cloak. His hands were steady, gesturing as he addressed the camera.

Despite reaching out to more moderate Muslims, bin Laden isn't ignoring his core support among fundamentalists.

On Islamic Web sites, where his followers post views and monitor al-Qaida's exploits, bin Laden's tapes prompted excitement.

"God is Great, oh God bless our Sheikh Osama and destroy the nation of infidels," wrote a person identifying himself as Abdel Farhaj Isma'il.

Abdal Khaled Abdalla, a political analyst in the United Arab Emirates and professor at Emirates University in al-Ain, said the changed style is no indication bin Laden has changed his fundamental views and that it won't bother his supporters to see their hero tone down his rhetoric.

"It was a surprise he was in good health; it was a surprise he was in control of the cause. This will energize much of his followers."

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Governor tours state, targets long list of propositions

Beth Foulhy
ASSOCIATED PRESS
ANAHIM, Calif.— Fresh off a high-profile campaign trip to Ohio for President Bush, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger returned to California Friday for a final weekend of campaigning before Tuesday’s election.

The governor began a two-day bus tour of the state Saturday by speaking out about several of the 16 initiatives on the California ballot.

He drew some of the most emotional responses when criticizing Proposition 66, an initiative that seeks to amend the state’s three-strikes sentencing law.

Critics of the initiative said it would allow thousands of violent offenders to be freed from the state prison system.

“Proposition 66 is a bad idea,” he told a rally in Anaheim, where the audience booted to show their disapproval of the measure. “It would let thousands of child molesters, rapists and murderers out of our prisons and into your neighborhoods.”

The initiative would alter the 10-year-old three-strikes law, which mandates a 25-years-to-life sentence for anyone who has been convicted of two serious or violent felonies and is then convicted of a third felony, even if it’s for a nonviolent offense.

Critics of the law say it has led to long prison terms for people who do not pose a serious threat to society. Earlier polls showed a solid majority of voters favoring the effort to soften the law, but a late surge in anti-initiative advertising and campaigning has ended that support.

Schwarzenegger has begun running television ads opposing it, while law enforcement officers and district attorneys across the state have begun speaking out against it.

Aides said the governor was not taking place,” said the governor’s spokesman.

Schwarzenegger is also urging a no vote on Proposition 71, which would require medium and large-sized employers to provide health coverage for workers. He has said such a requirement would be a drain on the state’s businesses at a time when California is trying to create more jobs and attract new companies.

“Prop. 72 would force many companies to reduce or eliminate current health care plans and fire workers,抬”， he said in Del Mar.

Schwarzenegger acknowledged problems with the nation’s health care system but said, “You don’t want to solve one big mess with another big mess.”

Left off his list was mention of Proposition 71, which would direct the state to borrow $3 billion to fund stem cell research.

Schwarzenegger has endorsed the measure against the wishes of the state Republican Party, which spent $2 million to print and mail the voter guides.

Aides said the governor was not surprised about his influence being diluted because he was taking stands on so many of the ballot propositions.

“He has a position on those initiatives and wanted voters to know,” he said. “But there’s an emphasis on certain issues to prevent the dilution from taking place,” said the governor’s press communications director, Rob Stutman.
Paul Brown, a Cal Poly alumni and owner of Mother’s Tavern, needs your vote on November 2nd.

Paul understands the issues facing the students and our community.
Free coffee and Nintendo: f-Stop lounge a procrastinator’s fantasy

Natasha Toto
MUSTANG DAILY

Deep within the basement of Cal Poly’s architecture building lies a coffee lounge where students can escape the commotion of campus life. The f-Stop provides students with a 24-hour coffee supply and a place to relax, take a nap or just hang out. Architecture junior Amy Strazzarino said f-Stop runs on donations by order of campus dining.

“We can’t make a profit since we are not licensed to sell anything on campus,” Strazzarino said. “The coffee lounge is supported and operated by the American Institute of Architecture Students on campus. AISN uses the donations collected to supply the lounge with coffee, tea and hot chocolate. For years this untapped resource has gone unnoticed by the majority of students on campus. Students who have never visited f-Stop may have to search for it. The lounge is hidden beneath the stairs of the architecture building, around the corner in the hallway to the left is f-Stop, building 5 room 109.

Strazzarino said f-Stop’s doors are open to all majors, 24 hours a day.

“No one really hangs out there except architecture students,” Strazzarino, treasurer of AISN, said. “Our club sees f-Stop the most since we hold our meetings there.”

Mechanical engineering senior Adam Franklin said he never heard of f-Stop.

“I stay on campus pretty late doing projects,” Franklin said. “It’s nice to know there is a place I can go to get a cup of coffee and relax.”

Over the years, students and faculty have also donated a number of items that give f-Stop its inviting atmosphere.

The lounge’s slanted ceiling is decorated with hundreds of pictures and photographs, and the walls are painted with colorful shapes and road signs. On the coffee bar, next to the cups and lid, is a dry erase board where students can see when the last pot of coffee was brewed.

Students are welcome to use the microwave, refrigerator, television and video games. If playing Nintendo or watching “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off” is too much work, anyone is welcome to pull out the sofa bed and take a nap.

Also, in the corner of the room are piles of pillows and blankets for students who want some shut-eye. “Architecture students pull all-nighters all the time,” said Strazzarino. “It is nice to have a place to relax, get some coffee or take a nap at 4 a.m.”

With careful inspection, one can see the chalk tally where architecture students keep track of their all-night sessions on the corner wall.

F-Stop provides a boost of caffeine to all those who crave it. Unfortunately, its future has never been secure.

The lounge’s donation-only policy works on the honor system. Since the shop is always open and the doors are never locked, f-Stop is vulnerable.

Without the proper funding, the coffee lounge will have to close its doors, which would leave a lot of students without fuel as they chalk up one more all nighter on the wall.

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Top 10
Singles in ...

1. “Wonderful” — Ira Rule ft. R. Kelly and Ashanti
2. “Call On Me” — Eric Prydz
3. “Nothing Hurts Like Love” — Daniel Bedingfield
4. “Stolen” — Jay Sean
5. My Neck, My Back (Lick It) — Khia
6. “Millionaire” — Kelis ft. Andre 3000
7. “You Won’t Forget About Me” — Dannis Minogue ft. Powercube
8. “I Believe In My Heart” — Dunstan and Royce
9. “What Become Of The Tree?” — The Libertines
10. “Happy People” — Snows ft. R. Kelly
Bad habits don't beget bad music

A few years ago I found out that my uncle wouldn't listen to Led Zeppelin because they had a reputation for sex, drugs and trashing hotel rooms. I listened in quiet shock, wondering how anyone who had the opportunity to fill his life with Zeppelin would pass. I tried hard to understand his decision, but all I could think about was Robert Plant's vocal chords. I suppose there is an element of disappointment when the stars that I idolize turn out to be jerks or drug addicts. Probably half the artists I listen to have taken advantage of the rock 'n' roll lifestyle, which, honestly, is fine with me. Obviously, music and personality come hand in hand these days. I look up to Bono and other artists who put their money and effort into good causes—but that doesn't necessarily make me like their music more, just as bad habits don't make me dislike their music. Music is music and it manifests itself through the artist, whatever he or she may be into. When I listen to Led Zeppelin, I suppose there are aspects of their music that irks me, but all I hear is how amazing they were as a group. Their music is unparalleled and their personal lives were a completely separate thing.

Some artists today are combining their personalities with their music, which works in some cases. Eminem, though hated by some, chose to use his desire for controversy in his music and music videos. I suppose there is an element of disappointment when the stars that I idolize turn out to be jerks or drug addicts. Probably half the artists I listen to have taken advantage of the rock 'n' roll lifestyle, which, honestly, is fine with me. Obviously, music and personality come hand in hand these days. I look up to Bono and other artists who put their money and effort into good causes—but that doesn't necessarily make me like their music more, just as bad habits don't make me dislike their music. Music is music and it manifests itself through the artist, whatever he or she may be into. When I listen to Led Zeppelin, I suppose there are aspects of their music that irks me, but all I hear is how amazing they were as a group. Their music is unparalleled and their personal lives were a completely separate thing.

A classic idea of artist-as-jerk is Oasis. Everybody remember them? I think in middle school I sang "Wonderwall" down the halls until my voice was shot. Back then, I wasn't reading about my favorite artists, but I heard through the grape vine that Liam Gallagher was a grown-up punk. Walking off stage in the middle of a show and leaving his poor brother to do an acoustic set just sounded TOO rock 'n' roll. Sure, he can do whatever he wants and his managers and PR agents will still repair his reputation and get him more gigs. But did it really hurt his reputation at all? Some would say no press is bad press. In a more basic and general way, there are tons of artists and bands who come across as the "bad boys" (or girls) of music: Black Sabbath, the Rolling Stones, Guns n' Roses, Aerosmith, Marilyn Manson, Metallica, Smashing Pumpkins, Hole, and Veruca Salt they have all had encounters with the law or just been advertised as just rebels. Whether or not the personal controversy of artists helps or hinders their careers, I believe it ultimately shouldn't matter. Some artists' personal lives will interest me for one reason or another, but the music is what I care about. Music is why they're in the spotlight. Well, most of the time.

Emily Logan is a journalism and music junior and a Mustang Daily columnist.

Download of the day

The Zombies
"Time of the Season"

"Yeah, I know I have heard this song before. It's great, but who wrote it?" The Zombies may have been the most overlooked British psychedelic band of the 1960s. Their music resembles the Beatles, the Beach Boys and possibly the Velvet Underground.

Courtesy of city and regional planning senior Aaron "no nickname" Ackerman

Have a suggestion for the Download of the Day?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As citizens we should be critics of the president.

I am writing in response to Emily Curran's article titled "It's our job as citizens to crucify the president." I emphasize the title because that statement alone is completely ridiculous. But perhaps most ridiculous is the closing statement: "It is then our job as citizens to stand with him and see beyond our circumstantial arguments and preserve our national identity and freedom." You are a political science senior, and after four years of education you still have no idea what the responsibilities of a citizen are. In the long list of responsibilities a citizen has, standing behind the president is near the bottom. If anything, it is our civic duty to look at all politicians with a critical eye and make sure they are doing what we think is best for the country. But stating that it is our job to stand behind the president is probably a statement you would find on propaganda posters in Italy or Germany around 1939. In short, it's factually false.

Should you have stood by Clinton when he was going through the Lewinsky scandal because he was having a rough time? No! Should you have stood by Bush when his administration made the war against terrorism a joke? No! Quite frankly there is no point in standing circumspect about having an affair or completely missing the biggest reason to go to war.

Julian Corwin
Electrical engineering junior

Bushman continues to count articles for winner

I hate to repeat myself, but it seems Bushman is begging me to report and reframe the obvious. In Bushman's response he attacked my criticism of his logic by "more of the same." He did his homework for this one by counting even more papers' articles—even over two entire weekends! If he were to take a moment out of his busy schedule to think about what he wrote, he would have seen that I was mocking his logic entirely, not the useless facts it refers to. I was asking him and others to choose a debate winner themselves and not count/be tricked by the both sides' swinging media.

I'll even admit that I know some papers will respond to a Republican win or loss in the way he suggests. Then again, these same newspapers even endorse candidates outright!

The fact remains that he continues counting articles to decide on a winner.

Bushman also tries to refute that he never said "liberal media" and yes, I'll admit, he's right. You see, when someone with integrity is attempting to prove something (e.g. "inflicting less coverage of the debates that Bush does well in"), they are honest enough to explain what they are attempting to prove.

In other words, if you weren't implying a liberal media, what were you suggesting Bushy? It appears you are later than ever Bushman. Quit writing and persuading guilty Republicans to be more annoying.

Marc Bevermann
Mechanical engineering sophomore

Answer to peacekeeping in Iraq may include a draft

Whether or not you feel we should be in Iraq is now beside the point. The question now is: Are our efforts being carried out properly and are you willing to die for the decisions Bush is making?

We face a greater threat today because Bush has overstepped the U.S. military, thus comproming national security.

As reported by the New York Times, Donald Rumsfeld's Defense Science Board recommended this month that the United States cut back on peacekeeping efforts or substantially increase the number of troops in the field.

Recruitment has plummeted and support from our short list of allies is weakening. You do the math. Here's a clue — the answer rhymes with RAFT.

Jack Martin, the head of the Selective Service stated that if the draft is reinstated, "there would be no long deferments for college students and a lot more people could be eligible for the draft than before: men and women ages 18 to 26 could be called up." By waging unilateral wars on so many fronts, Bush has weakened our homeland security and created more anti-American sentiment than ever before. Sounds like a recipe for terrorism to me!

Soon Bush's backdoor draft is going to fail, and those soldiers are going to need to be replaced. We need a president that will build stronger trust in allies by clearly defining peacekeeping goals. Save our national security from Bush's recklessness. Save your own ass.

Henry Swades
Aerospace engineering senior

Students need more candidate information

I am herald of the Democratic candidate for State Senate sitting atop a donkey facing off against the headshot of the Republican candidate sitting atop an elephant. This is the front of a leaflet that claims to tell "where the candidates really stand on the important issues." Open the leaflet, and you can read the donkey candidate rip the elephant candidate a new one.

This is where they really stand! Another mailer advertises this donkey candidate offering "leadership with integrity." I didn't know integrity entailed ripping the opposition apart like anchovies off a pizza. Bushman continues to count articles for winner, but I can't stomach the little eyeballs.

Yes, this local election is a down and dirty knockdown, where the real issues are anyone's guess. Potential student voters are left with little or no factual, unbiased information on local political candidates.

There are plenty of TV commercials attacking candidates' opponents and few that speak positively of the candidate the commercial was designed to promote. Second grade has long since passed. Haven't we established that it's wrong to call a classmate names just because he was having a rough time?

True, the College Republicans said they offer meet-the-candidate barbecues, opportunities for debate and forum and other such activities to promote the Republican vote, but most students only have time in their day to walk by the signs on the way to class. Barbecues are a nice thought, but they do not reasonably fit into the average student's day.

The Cal Poly Democrats said they put the signs out to get students more interested in other candidates, to encourage them to look up information on the candidates or come talk to the club to get more information. But not every student knows if they are Republican or Democrat. These students may be wary of approaching these organizations because they can't be sure they're getting the facts.

Cal Poly students should be accountable for looking into local candidates if they want to vote. However, they shouldn't have to jump through flaming hoops to find some decent facts.

Ideally, a nonpartisan club on campus should spread the word about all candidates and pass out voter information guides similar to what the state sends out. Why not create a nonpartisan guide? Until then, I'll be staring at the signs on Dexter Lawn, trying to figure out whose name sounds the most ridiculous. But perhaps this leaflet is where they really stand?

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The Cal Poly College Republicans said the signs provide name recognition of the candidates. Okay, I see your name. But I'm still not going to vote for you because I don't know who you are or what your issues are. It's not relevant.

Then there are the signs around campus, littering Dexter Lawn and elsewhere. Sign that says someone's name and that's it, that's a pretty name. They get your vote!

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Increasingly, families of soldiers killed in Iraq turn against war

In changing his opinion of the war, Gardner joins a growing list of people who have lost family members in Iraq and have become passionate opponents of the invasion. As a result, he actively supports John Kerry over President Bush; others, such as Gardner, find politics beside the point.

"I'm not a Bush fan or a Kerry fan. I'm nobody's fan except my son. He is my hero," said Gardner, 54, a halting former ironworker on disability from his job at a cable company.

When the war started, the families of those killed in action seemed unanimously to say they found comfort in casualties but also worried their criticisms could hurt troop morale.

"We should still support the troops and what they're doing. They're not the ones calling the shots," said Weismantle, 28, who plans to vote Nov. 2 for the first time ever. Her criteria for presidential candidate: who will end the war soonest.

Still, she is not a political activist. Weismantle said she won't attend any demonstrations or join Military Families Speak Out, a group of relatives of active duty personnel opposed to the war that has signed up about 1,700 members since it formed in November 2002.

"The worst thing that could ever happen to me happened," Weismantle said. "It takes all my energy just to go to work." Gardner faces the same paralyzing grief. He walked out of a restaurant crying at the sight of a newspaper photo of returning Marines. One night when he again couldn't sleep, Gardner wrote a lengthy essay about his son's death, detailing what he said was the military's failure to protect Kerry's convoy from attack.

He has asked military officials why the convoy had no air support, leaving it exposed to the suicide bomb attack that also killed six other Marines. Gardner, who guarded convoys as a Marine in Vietnam, says, "It takes all my energy just to go to work.

"They had a plan A to get rid of Saddam, but they had no plan B. It happened after Saddam," he bitterly said.

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Swimming and diving coach Rich Firman

Chris Gunn

In most Division I programs there are numerous coaches that handle not only the day to day coaching of the team but also the management of the program as a whole. Dick Anderson, however, is not the case for Cal Poly swimming and diving, which has just one head coach between the three programs, Rich Firman.

After Saturday’s dedication of Mort Pool to Cal Poly Hall of Fame inductee Richard Dick Anderson, Firman took some time to talk about his programs, the year ahead and the future of the swimming and diving programs.

Q. — How do you manage to coach both swimming squads as well as the diving team?

A. — I’m blessed to have volunteer assistant coaches like Phillip Yoshida and a number of the girls that we graduated last year. Without their help, I wouldn’t be able to do it.

Q. — On Saturday, Mort pool was dedicated and renamed for Dick Anderson. Anderson also set up a trust that will provide Cal Poly swimmers with scholarship money in the future. What does the dedication as well as the availability of scholarship money mean to Cal Poly swimming?

A. — It’s huge as far as Cal Poly swimming goes, we’re a Division I program struggling to compete with no scholarships at all. I can’t think of a more deserving person than Dick Anderson, it’s a huge deal.

Q. — Last year you graduated numerous women from the squad. Is this year shaping up to be a rebuilding year? And how do you think the women’s team will perform?

A. — It’s definitely a rebuilding year, but I think we’re going to come out all right. We’re not going to be on top. We lost out on a number of girls because of scholarships, but the new girls have put up some fast times and we’re working on it.

Q. — What are the major setbacks resulting from the lack of scholarships?

A. — My athletes have to work all summer long, so when they come back to practice we have to start all over again. Most teams with scholarship opportunities work year-round, but we’re really in the infancy of our season right now. We’ve basically had 19 practices under our belt.

Football thrown a heartbreaker

UC Davis throws a final-second touchdown to top Cal Poly in an offensive shootout in front of a record Mustang Stadium crowd

Dan Watson

Towels waved, bells clanked and the stands pounded as the shouting of a frenetic Mustang Stadium crowd concentrated its efforts on UC Davis quarterback Jon Grant with only 18 seconds left in a defining game.

Grant calmly sent his wide receiver in motion.

On the hike, the wide receiver spurted up the field on a decoy post-pattern, tricking Cal Poly’s safety and leaving Aggie Tony Kays waiting all alone in the end zone, where the ball met him.

And then there was silence.

Cal Poly is no longer undefeated, no longer first place in the Great West Conference and now in a dogfight to the end of its season for a conference title and playoff berth. UC Davis defeated the Mustangs on a gut-knotting final drive, 36-33, in front of a record 9,387 fans.

Saturday’s game took momentum swings in favor of UC Davis in the second quarter, Cal Poly in the third quarter and provided for a crazed shootout over the final 15 minutes.

But Cal Poly’s defense, which largely was responsible for the Mustangs’ 7-0 start to the season and No. 5 Division I-AA ranking, failed on the most critical play. "It was a team effort to get back into the middle of it and to take the lead," coach Rich Ellerson said. "And it was a team effort to not define one more play."

With the loss, the Mustangs (7-1, 3-1) are now tied with UC Davis in the Great West with one conference game remaining for both team and Cal Poly’s Division I-AA best eight-game winning streak broken.

But this one was no roll-over by the Mustangs. Fans from both sides stocked the stands and filled the portable bleachers and filled the portable nespo stands specifically brought in to hold the record-setting crowd.

Cal Poly had set its Mustang Stadium attendance record two weeks ago at homecoming against Texas State.

Other than a few quarterback options and sneak, the run was highly ineffective against two stone-cold rushing defenses. Cal Poly was rated second in Division I-AA before the game and Davis ninth.

Opening for the air instead, success came early and often for both teams. Mustang quarterback Anthony Garnett completed 21 of 34 for 377 yards and threw for four touchdowns, despite suffering a quad injury in the first half. But his high school rival, a man he had fought against for a prep league title, got the better of him. Grant threw for 393 yards and two touchdowns while picking up another 90 yards on the ground with a rushing touchdown.

"We made enough plays on offense, defense and in the kicking game to give ourselves a chance," Ellerson said. "But we came in just short."

The game seemed all but over with only 2:48 remaining after Mustang strong safety Aaron Williams recovered a Davis fumble in the Mustangs end zone.

But Cal Poly mustered only one first down and kicked the ball off to Davis. It was then that Grant led the Aggies on a four-play, 53-yard drive capped by the game-winning touchdown to Kays.

"My receivers were making plays," Grant said. "A lot of times I see Football, page 11"

Cross country men are Big West champions again

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It wasn’t even close.

The Cal Poly men’s cross country team captured its fifth title in seven years and its second consecutive Saturday at the Big West Cross Country Championships in Riverside and the women’s team placed fourth.

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Blake Swier finished eighth overall with a time of 24:28.

Sheila Sanchez MUSTANG STAFF

Mustang Lake Llamas finished eighth overall with a time of 24:28.