Car's vandalized on Foothill

Louise Dolly

Vandals sprayed derogatory remarks, phallic symbols and sexually explicit words on 27 randomly-selected vehicles in the 1100 block of Foothill Boulevard the morning of Nov. 13. There are no suspects at this time.

Public Information Officer Rob Bryn of the San Luis Obispo Police Department said whoever vandalized the cars took yellow and white cans of spray paint from a carpent in the Pine Creek Apartments and sprayed offensive words, pictures and phrases on the cars.

"Some hoodlums must have been running through Pine Creek, I can see someone being drunk and having something against a person, but spray painting 27 cars seems like it was done out of boredom," aghast business senior Steve Gracio said. "I'd rather have my mailbox stolen than have my car spray painted."

Gracio's father was in town over the weekend and discovered the vandalized cars in Pine Creek. He was able to remove the spray paint on Gracio's car with paint thinner, but damage done to some other cars was more substantial and may be more difficult to remove.

Bryns estimated thousands of dollars worth of damage to the vehicles. Cal Poly students largely popular!"}

Poly student pleads ‘no contest’ to manslaughter

Dan Watson and Graham Wornack

Suspended Cal Poly baseball player Nick Tudisco, charged with reckless manslaughter in January, changed his plea to “no contest,” Tuesday in a Hilo court.

Making his first court appearance since his arrestment in February when he pled "not guilty," Tudisco was in Judge Karl Fukuto's Second District Circuit courtroom for 10 minutes Tuesday afternoon, executive assistant to the prosecutor Jim Fulton said. The Tudisco criminal trial was scheduled to begin Jan. 3.

"He claims to his attorney that he just wanted to take responsibility and we appreciate that because it saves us the time and expense of a trial," prosecuting attorney Kevin Takata said. Tudisco played as an outfielder for the Mustangs last season before he was indicted and subsequently returned to Hawaii.

As reported on Jan. 29, Tudisco, a business administration senior, was charged Jan. 28 with manslaughter in the wake of a 2003 car accident that killed a 58-year-old woman. Tudisco was accused of racing his 1999 Honda Prelude with another vehicle at speeds of more than 100 mph in a 50 mph zone on the H-1 Freeway in Kaimuki, Hawaii, before losing control and colliding with a Ford Aero Star Van, killing Elizabeth Kekua.

Eighteen at the time of the accident, and due to turn 22 on March 21, Tudisco changed his plea so that he could be sentenced under the Youthful Offender's Act, the terms of which he would’ve been ineligible for after his birthday, Takata said.

Tudisco will now be sentenced March 1, 2005. Pending results of a probationary report to be prepared by see Manslaughter, page 2

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Speaker to address Israeli peace process

Amanda Strauchan

A professor who gained national recognition for his views and study of the Israeli peace process will speak at Cal Poly today.

Dr. Ilan Pappe, who has spent years studying the history of Israel and has had access to many documents and he has written the history of the region based on those documents.

Pappe, an Israeli-born Jewish citizen, has also developed a unique view of Israel, "history professor Manzar Iqbal, has also developed a unique view on the conflict. While many of Israel's history of the conflict, many of these views have been dismissed by the government," Fomohar said.

Most recently, Hafia University tried to dismiss Pappe after he had published an essay exposing a government-backed ethnic cleansing that took place in 1948.

The university abandoned its attempts to fire Pappe only when the international community threatened to protest.

His visit to Cal Poly is not without controversy either.

"I got a letter from a faculty member, who didn't even sign it, saying how dare you bring an anti-Israeli speaker to campus. I just said wait a minute, he is Israeli," Forohar said.

The source of the conflict with all its controversy is deeply rooted in a history Pappe will share during his lecture, "The Palestinian Peace Process and its Failures," will begin at 7 p.m. at Philips Hall.

"It's important for students to listen to Ilan Pappe because unfortunately most of the exposure they have had comes from the mainstream media, which is not an impartial coverage," Forohar said.

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the Hawaii State Attorney's Office, Tudisco faces possible sentences of eight or 20 years in prison, or 10 years probation, a maximum of one year in jail and a $50,000 fine, Takata said.

In May, Tudisco settled his civil suit with the family of the victim, according to the Honolulu Advertiser. The out-of-court settlement was made by Tudisco and his parents, but was left undisclosed, according to the Advertiser.

Since his arraignment, Tudisco has continued taking classes at Cal Poly, former Mustang teammate and friend Brandon Roberts said. For now, his status with the university is unknown.

"I talk to him off and on," Roberts said. "It's (the charges) something he didn't want to talk about."

Tudisco spent two years at Cuesta College, where he was coached by current Cal Poly baseball coach Larry Lee. He made his mark on the field with speed swiping 34 of 38 bases and stood among the Western State Conference leaders in stolen bases.

"He was really good," Roberts said. "My freshman year, he was the only guy that was faster than me."

Many teammates had no idea that he had manslaughter charges pending.

"My first year, I didn't even know," Roberts said. "But he knows he messed up and that he did something really wrong. He's willing to take the consequences and he's a big enough man to admit it."

After playing center field for two years at Cuesta, Tudisco came to Cal Poly his junior year.

"I looked up to him," Roberts said. "Now I'm a center-fielder, but back then I was a left-fielder and I wanted to play center field. I wanted to be as fast and to have as strong an arm."

Roberts shared his remorse regarding Tudisco's situation.

"I'm extremely sad, that it sounds like baseball is pretty over for him here," he said. "It happened such a long time ago. He was a high school kid, just a stupid kid that went too fast. All of us speed sometime, but he took it to the extreme. He's really a good kid."

Tudisco's trial was originally scheduled to begin Monday, but was continued to Jan. 3 after an oral motion by the defense, Fulton said.

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LOS ANGELES — A tiny unmanned NASA “cranejet” soared above the Pacific Ocean on Tuesday at nearly 10 times the speed of sound, or almost 7,000 mph, in a fleeting demonstration of a radical new engine technology.

The 12-foot-long, X-43A supersonic combustion ramjet reached about Mach 9.7, said Leslie Williams, a spokeswoman at NASA’s Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base.

The exotic aircraft was designed to fly under its own power for about 10 seconds after separating from a booster rocket at 110,000 feet, then glide to a splash landing.

LOS ANGELES — Abercombie & Fitch has agreed to pay $40 million to black, Hispanic and Asian employees and job applicants to settle a class-action federal discrimination lawsuit that accused the clothing retailer of promoting whites at the expense of minorities, lawyers said Tuesday.

The settlement, approved Tuesday morning by U.S. District Court Judge Susan Illston, requires the company to adhere to a consent decree that calls for the implementation of new policies and programs to promote diversity and prevent discrimination in its work force. It also must pay about $10 million to monitor compliance and cover attorneys’ fees.

LOS ANGELES — A self-employed tree trimmer from Santa Cruz is believed to be the first person to complete a roundtrip hike of the Pacific Crest Trail connecting Mexico with Canada, one of the longest continuous backpacking routes in the United States.

Scott Williamson, 32, completed the 3,500-mile hike on Saturday after 6 1/2 months in the wilderness, he said Tuesday.

WASHINGTON — Seeking to bolster its credentials on global warming, the United States signed an agreement Tuesday with 13 other nations that call for investing up to $53 million in companies that will profitably control emissions of methane, a greenhouse gas.

Emissions of methane, mainly from landfills, are ranked second after CO2 in their potential to warm the climate.

LOS ANGELES — Britney Spears and Kevin Federline have filed their marriage license with the county registrar’s office, an agency spokeswoman said Tuesday. Spears and Federline were married during a ceremony Sept. 18 in a Studio City house, but didn’t immediately file the license with the county, raising questions about whether the couple were legally wed.

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**ATLANTA** — A former cemetery operator accused of dumping 334 bodies and passing off cement as ashes struck a plea deal that calls for up to 12 years in prison. The Associated Press learned Tuesday.

Ray Brent Marsh, who is to enter the plea Friday, had faced up to 8,000 years in a case that shocked the nation more than two years ago when investigators found rotting corpses stacked in sheds and scattered in woods outside his crematory in rural north Georgia. Marsh is free on $159,000 bail but remains under house arrest.

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Some in city where Peterson tried feeling a void

Brian Skoloff
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REDWOOD CITY — Now that Scott Peterson has been convicted of murdering his pregnant wife and her best friend, some people in this city where he was tried are feeling a void emotional in some cases, financial in others.

Some residents who regularly attended the trial by the conclusion of the real-life soap opera drama leaves a void in their lives.

Linda Ferguson didn't know anyone directly involved in the case but attended just about every day of the trial.

"I am going to miss it," the 54-year-old teacher said.

The announcement early last year that Peterson's trial would be moved to Redwood City, a sleepy bedroom community just south of San Francisco, brought a touch of excitement to tourism officials.

"We're ecstatic," Anne LeClair, president of the San Mateo County Convention and Visitors Bureau, said at the time. "The economic impact is tremendous.

The trial was moved because a judge found the attention given the case meant Peterson couldn't get a fair trial in his hometown of Modesto, about 90 miles east, and LeClair predicted the media crowds expected to flood this town of about 75,000 would bring an economic windfall of $8 million to $16 million.

But 16 months later, that wind-

fall appears to have been a whis­

per, with Redwood City spokesman Malcolm Smith saying the effect on local businesses was "negligible."

A steady number of reporters did stay for months covering the trial, but the expected crowds came only at key times, such as the days when Peterson's lesser, Amber Frey, took the witness stand.

The cost to the county for the trial could top $1 million, although much of that is expected to be billed to Stanislaus County, where the case originated, according to court offi­

The California Broadcasters Association paid the county $60,000 for use of a

listening room near the courthouse where the trial was broadcast over an audio feed, said Peter Shaplen, hired by the television networks to coordi­

nate the media. Television stations paid Redwood City $350 a month for parking. More than $13,250 was paid in November alone, Shaplen said.

Friday's conviction doesn't mean that the county's link to Peterson is over. He will remain in the county jail until jurors decide at a sentence hearing whether to impose an additional life in prison or the death penalty — for first-degree murder in the death of his wife and one count of second-degree murder for the killing of their fetus. She was eight months pregnant.

A sentencing hearing, expected to take a week, begins Nov. 22.

Complaint lodged against Mark Geragos over "boat stunt"

Brian Skoloff
ASSOCIATED PRESS

REDWOOD CITY, Calif.—A Florida attorney has filed a complaint against Scott Peterson's lawyer, Mark Geragos, for parking a replica of his client's fishing boat in a public area.

In a complaint filed Friday with the California Bar Association, attorney John B. Thompson accuses Geragos of trying to "engage in behav­

ior that is prejudicial to the administration of justice." Thompson said he was appalled when he heard about the "boat stunt" and called it an unethical way to embarrass the judge and attempt to influence the jury.

Under a court-imposed gag order, Geragos is prevented from speaking about the Peterson case, including whether he deployed the boat.

An analyst at the California Bar Association will examine the complaint and then refer it to an attor­

ney to decide whether to pursue an investigation, which could lead to disciplinary action, said spokesman E.J. Bernacki.

On Friday, the jury convicted Peterson of murdering his pregnant wife, Laci, and their unborn son, Connor. The penalty phase is set to begin Monday to determine whether Peterson will be executed or face life in prison.

On Monday, Laci Peterson's mother, brother and other family members paid an emotional visit to the slain woman's Modesto home. They removed stuffed animals and flowers left outside by well-wishers.

"It touches us a lot," said Ron Grannick, longtime companion of Laci Peterson's mother, Sharon Rocha, referring to the shrine that sprouted on the lawn.

"The whole community has been fantastic. I don't know how the Petersens get through it," he said.

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Terror case dealt a blow when key witness sets himself on fire

Michael Weiswstein
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A man who set
himself on fire in front of the White
House this week was a key witness
against a sheik accused of funneling
millions of dollars to al-Qaeda and
the Palestinian Islamic group Hamas,
defense lawyers said Tuesday.

Defense attorneys said Mohammed
Alanssi is a confidential informant
against a sheik accused of funneling
money to Osama bin Laden and Hamas.

Alanssi sent suicide notes
Monday morning to his FBI ban-
der and a Washington Post reporter,
complaining about his treatment by
the government and threatening that
he would burn himself in
an "unexpected place."

He arrived at the White House
gate later that day with a letter
addressed to President Bush, pulled
a lighter from his pocket and set his
clothing ablaze. He was hospitalized
in serious condition Tuesday.

Federal prosecutors and the FBI
declined to comment on the case.
But attorneys for al-Moayad and his
co-defendant, Mohamad Mohsen
Yahya Zayed, said Tuesday they
believed the government case was
seriously weakened by the incident
and Alanssi's suicide notes. The
newspaper published Alanssi's letters
earlier this week.

Alanssi, a 52-year-old Virginia
resident, wrote to FBI agent Robert
Fuller in New York, complaining
that the agent had ignored Alanssi's
request to visit his ailing wife and
family in Yemen. He threatened not to
 testify against al-Moayad as a
result. He wrote the Post that he
was afraid the government might
jail and torture him if he stopped
cooperating.

In what the Post described as a
series of recent interviews, Alanssi
also said that some FBI agents told
him he "would be a millionaire"
and receive permanent U.S. residen-
cy in exchange for his cooperation,
the newspaper reported.

Defense lawyers in the
al-Moayad case said Alanssi's allega-
tions reveal the tremendous pressure
he was under to produce evidence
against al-Moayad and Zayed, the
Post reported.

"This was a manufactured crime
and Alanssi had a very strong motive
to make sure these people," said
Zayed's attorney, Jonathan Marks.

Report says $38.1 billion paid to people affected by Sept. 11

NEW YORK (AP) — Victims
and businesses affected by the Sept.
11 terrorist attacks have received
$38.1 billion according to a new
study that questions whether the
payouts were fair to all victims.

The 173-page report, "Compensation for Losses from the
9/11 Attacks," also criticized the
government, and said that it had
been ill-equipped to handle the
attacks, particularly noting the per-
formance of the Federal Emergency
Management Agency.

"The system has raised many
questions about equity and fairness
that have no obvious answers," Lloyd
Dixon, of the Rand Institute for
Civil Justice, said in the report.

Dixon, conducted the California-based
Rand Corporation, a nonprofit research
organization, which calls the vic-
tims and businesses affected by the
attacks have been compensated
through private and public funding.

It also asked who should pay in the
case of future terror attacks.

"A better understanding of how
the compensation system responded
in the aftermath of 9/11 should also
help policymakers and stakeholders
to develop objectives for compensa-
tion in the event of a terrorist
attack," Dixon said.

Among the findings:
• Families of police and firefight-
ers were paid more than $42 mil-
on average.
• Surviving relatives of civilian
victims received an average of $3.1
million in government and chari-
table awards.
• Insurance companies gave $19.6
billion in payouts — $7.5 billion for
property damage alone. Also, $20
billion in government and private
funds was spent to help people trau-
nutred by the attacks.
• The study also said some of
the $20 billion pledge that President
Bush made to help rebuild New
York City, as well as federal
Victim Compensation Fund.

FBI chief defends his agency as highly relevant to protecting nation

Paul Chavez
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — FBI Director
Robert S. Mueller on Monday
expressed confidence that his
agency should continue to gather
domestic intelligence despite a
proven record of overreach for the
nation's intelligence community
following the Sept. 11
terrorist attacks.

Mueller said there has been a
"substantial argument and debate"
over the FBI's relevance to intel-
ligence and cited the FBI's
experience as one of its key assets.

He said the FBI fought Nazism
during World War II, Soviet espion-
geage during the Cold War and
broke up organized crime in the
1970s and 1980s.

"We have decades of experience
with the judgment call necessary to
operate within the limits of the
Constitution, and it is our duty to
do so," Mueller said.

Mueller, who became FBI direc-
tor Sept. 4, 2001, gave a speech
before an audience of about 250
during a downtown lunchtime spon-
sored by a local civic group called
Town Hall Los Angeles. He was in
Los Angeles as part of a weeklong
International Association of Chief
of Police convention.

Mueller's comments come at a
time of transition for the U.S. intel-
ligence agencies. For one, the
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A hot L.A. night with Death Cab

I was backstage at a Death Cab for Cutie concert, talking to lead singer Ben Gibbard about losing his pants. And in the context of one long, strange and ridiculous night that somehow made perfect sense.

Death Cab's Nov. 5 gig at the Wiltern in Los Angeles, one of the band's final Gold State stops in support of their latest album, "Transatlanticism," proved to an electrifying night of pretty and passionate indie-rock. Nestled clean as their records — and, blissfully, with limited stage banter (though one quartet operated with solid musicianship and a sound as conversely full and clean as their records) — and blissfully, with limited stage banter (though one dart-eyed Dubya comment did slip through).

For this reporter and her choreographer cool-KCRW (RIP) and pal Keri Kief, the evening was also the triumphant conclusion to an insane road trip fueled by Andes mints and hipster enthusiasm.

The set was a straightforward sampling of the sweetly emotional and rocking down in rush-hour L.A. traffic, blowing kisses at cute boys with Iowa licence plates and making more than a few wrong turns down unforgiving Hollywood avenues. All this to hail Hollywood avenues. All this to hail Hollywood avenues. All this to hail Hollywood avenues. All this to hail Hollywood avenues.

Death Cab for Cutie, whose lead singer also froms the Postal Service, played at the Wiltern Theatre last weekend in Los Angeles. The band is in town in support of its latest album, "Transatlanticism," which continues to sell well a year after its initial release. This show is one of the band's last legs and will complete almost 14 months of touring. The band recently left indie label, Barsuk, to sign with major label Atlantic Records.

Poetic, political ‘Deliverance’

Erica Drummond

Bitting criticism of the Bush administration blended seamlessly with descriptive narratives in an evening of politically-charged poetry at San Luis Obispo’s Railroad Coffee House.

A handful of people gathered in the warm, lit café earlier this month to sip lattes and participate in the monthly poetry reading entitled “SEO Deliverance.” Each reading has a different theme, this night’s being “I’m Sorry but I Cannot Accept Your Insistence.”

“Our mission is to evoke the poetic voice of the community and then give it a means of expression,” said Jack Mothered, host of the event and poetry chairman for the Arts Council of San Luis Obispo County.

“We have a rich poetic talent base in this community and through these events we are able to find these poets.”

From slam poetry-styled open mic nights to calls across the morning of all ages provided a diverse and entertaining show.

“It’s so casual and informal here that even closet poets can come out and participate,” poet David Ochs said. “For beginning poets, this is a good place to start.”

Ochs read one of his own poems, “America the Beloved,” in which he cried out, “You have sold our soul, America. You’ve lost your spir-...”

“...it compared the fall of this nation to the consumption of McDonald’s burgers, tanks of gas in Hummers and sacred land gobbled up by Wal Mart. He called it the “land of the free, land of the free.”

Some students might remember Ochs from slam poetry events during Work of Welcome, in which he and other poets, like Mothered, participated.

“When I’ve come to Cal Poly to participate in different poetry nights, I’ve really become enchanted,” Mothered said. “It makes me really want to bring the community and college together in ways that can’t usually be done through academic channels. I think tonight is an example of one of those ways.”

Another poet who had a strong effect on her listeners was Kaye Mariska, a 13-year-old sophomore from Morro Bay High School. Even though she’s significantly younger than many of the readers, she said she doesn’t feel out of place at events like this one.

“I feel really supported,” she said. “Never felt intimidated.”

In fact, Mariska said she tried to make it to any poetry reading she hears about.

“This community seems really to appreciate young writers,” she said. “That’s what keeps me coming back.”

The SEO Deliverance readings inspired Mariska to write a series club at her school, in which she’s working on an independent literary magazine for students’ works.

The SEO Deliverance poetry readings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at The Railroad Coffee House and Gallery, 1804 Osos St, San Luis Obispo. For updates, check www.osoisto.com.

'Slo Deliverance' is held the first Wednesday of every month at The Railroad Coffee Shop. The event is open to all that are interested.

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The student fees support your IRAs

By examining the relationship between student fees and IRA contributions, we can see how these small payments can grow significantly over time. The IRA committee receives $4.90 from each student each quarter, which represents a small portion of the total fees paid. However, when this amount is compounded over time, it can lead to substantial growth in the IRA balances.

For example, let's consider a student who pays $4.90 each quarter and contributes this amount to their IRA. If the IRA earns 5% interest annually, we can calculate the future value of their IRA using the formula for compound interest:

Future Value = Principal × (1 + Rate)^Years

In this case, the principal is $4.90, the rate is 0.05 (5%), and the years are the number of years the student remains in school. Let's calculate the future value after 4 years:

Future Value = 4.90 × (1 + 0.05)^4

Future Value = 4.90 × 1.2155

Future Value = $5.92

This means that after 4 years, the student's IRA would have grown from $4.90 to $5.92, an increase of 20.61%. If the student remains in school for 8 years, the future value would be:

Future Value = 4.90 × (1 + 0.05)^8

Future Value = 4.90 × 1.4774

Future Value = $7.13

This means that after 8 years, the student's IRA would have grown from $4.90 to $7.13, an increase of 45.31%. As you can see, even small contributions to an IRA can lead to significant growth over time.

The key takeaway is that student fees, which may seem insignificant, are actually supporting long-term investments in the form of IRAs. By making these small contributions, students are building a foundation for their financial future. In the future, they can use the money in their IRA to purchase a home, start a business, or fund their retirement. The possibilities are endless, and the benefits of saving early in life cannot be overstated.

The next time you pay your student fees, remember that you are also investing in your own financial future. It may not seem like much now, but the returns could be substantial in the long run. So, the next time you pay your fees, think of it as contributing to your IRA and building a secure financial future for yourself.
Poly should stop using Styrofoam containers

While flying through the friendly skies last summer, I had a conversation with a flight attendant serving beverages and bugs of peppers. After looking at the drawers full of empty aluminum soda cans, I couldn't help but wonder what the future might hold.

When I inquire about the future, the flight attendant informed me that most airlines do not recycle any of the aluminum soda cans consumed daily by millions of travelers all around the world. According to the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee, Americans use an average of 1.5 billion aluminum cans annually.

I thought about how many billions of cans Americans, and everyone else in the world could be using daily, week after week, year after year. Think about how many of these cans are used on airplanes. Most people drink at least one or two sodas per flight, but these cans are taken to burner pits rather than recycling centers.

A simple act of recycling could help save the environment, yet among passengers it is more of a "slippery slope" to separate the cans from the rest of the waste produced in any situation.

Blue Spruce Recycling, Inc. estimated that the average American produces 360 tons of garbage during their lifetime. This means that each adult can be faced with trash for their children to enjoy.

Equally appalling is Cal Poly's use of polystyrene, a widely used food container that cannot be recycled. Made of a mixture of plastics, polystyrene foam is a strong, durable and inexpensive material to manufacture; however, it is not biodegradable, or it creates an enormous amount of waste.

Campus Dining reported "All Campus Dining areas including Light House, The Marketplace, The Avenue and Lucy's serve food or beverage in an average of 12,000 polystyrene containers each week. Not only is using styrofoam wasteful, but it is also responsible for irreversible damage to the environment. Manufacturing polystyrene requires toxic chemicals to blow it into foam. These chemicals are slowly destroying the ozone layer, thus causing harmful ultraviolet rays to human skin and eyes.

In addition to environmental damage, a study conducted by scientists as part of the Poly education program showed that nontoxic love should be between a man and a woman only be acceptable, or so the rally participants believed. How about decorating the "P" with some sort of straight symbol? We want you to come to campus. If we say we're about free speech, then there should be a way for me to present my opinions. The rally participants were demanding that I'm being hateful. Sometimes it is offensive to be told wrong, especially on issues that are near and dear to your heart.

I am not homophobic. I do not think it is detrimental to our society, and I would be willing to通信 about the disadvantages of simply or sexually oriented stereotypes. We believe that there are better ways to advance discussion about diversity. We have an opportunity and responsibility to become competent at being and working in diverse communities. We need to evaluate the exhibits in the context of the larger struggle in California and at Cal Poly to come together with our differences and find our common humanity.

Robert C. Detweiler, Jr.
Vice President for Academic Affairs
Cornell N. Morton
Vice President for Student Affairs

Heterosexual hand-holding "seen as hateful"

On Tuesday evening, I attended the rally on Dexter Lawn protesting Cal Poly's decision to permit homosexual marriage to the body and was impressed by the leadership shown there.

I also thought the display was needlessly offensive and should not have been put up, and I admired the event concept. The rally participants shown there are probably unconscious, not contribute to increased suspicion, mistrust and hostility.

Daniel, did you read any of the comments posted on the two blogs? It is my opinion without being told that "slippery slope" leading to some far-fetched future of man marrying man. It is also not without the gay marriage controversy.

I entirely agree that "slippery slope" leading to some far-fetched future of man marrying man. It is also not without the gay marriage controversy.

Sam Johnson
Mechanical engineering sophomore

The other side of the slippery slope

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WASHINGTON — A record 157,000 illegal immigrants were deported from the United States during the past year as U.S. authorities stepped up efforts to track down those who may pose security risks, the government said Tuesday.

About half of those deported in the year ending Sept. 30 had criminal convictions, at an increase of 6.6 percent over the previous year, while removal of illegal immigrants who have no criminal record increased by more than 30 percent, said Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said.

Much of the increase came from targeting fugitive immigrants who failed to report for removal after receiving an order of deportation.

The agency said it has pursued illegal immigrants more aggressively since it learned that terrorists involved in the Sept. 11 attacks explored the immigration system.

"We know that other dangerous criminals have sought illegal entry by similar means," said Michael J. Garcia, the Homeland Security Department’s assistant secretary for immigration and customs enforcement.

"We are bringing to bear the full force of our authorities to locate and remove those in the country illegally," he said in a statement.

Of the deported undocumented immigrants, the vast majority, 71 percent, were returned to Mexico, with Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Brazil rounding out the five top countries.

Some immigration advocacy groups question whether more deportations will improve security.

"These immigration laws are being enforced against immigrants who are simply in this country to work and find a better life for themselves," said Michele Whelan, an immigration policy analyst at the National Council of La Raza, a Hispanic civil rights organization.

"We don’t have any evidence that they were national security threats or terrorists."

Most of the immigrants with criminal convictions were convicted of minor crimes such as theft and marijuana possession, Whelan said. Her group advocates letting illegal immigrants earn legal status if they work and pay taxes.
Albert Peterson
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Ellerson said. "He was talented enough
to do it. Absolutely!"
It hasn't been always easy for
Peterson to pace the sidelines, though.
Under new head coach Nick Holt
the Vandals have stumbled to a 3-8 rec­ord, 2-5 in conference. Peterson
also has a desire felt by many coaches,
even ones 10 years older and beyond.
"I just wish I could still be there
and playing," Peterson said. "It's
time just to move on ... One chapter
of my life is done. It's time for me
to write a new one."
It's funny how the past can linger
too. Peterson's Joplin still bears a
Cal Poly license plate holder. Not
long ago, he won his old teammates a
letter congratulating their success
and saying he wished he could be around for it. Ellerson read the letter
after the Mustang locker room.
Then, a few weeks after, Peterson
drove two hours from Idaho to greet
the Mustangs before their loss at
Eastern Washington.
"He was there with the Vandals in
Bozeman, Texas on Saturday night,
following a game against North Texas,
when he got a text-message from
Holder that Cal Poly was beating
Northern Colorado 31-0 in the
fourth quarter.
Not long thereafter, former room­mate
and Mustang lineman Jesse
Broder sent word that Cal Poly had
won the Great West Football
Conference title.
"Immediately, I just smiled, I was so
proud," Peterson said. "The first year
they get moved up into a conference
they win. That's just typical Cal Poly
football, stepping up to the chal­
lenge."
It didn't matter that Idaho had just
lost 51-29. Before getting on the
plane, Peterson called his parents and
let them know the good news.

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HELP WANTED

The Vandals have stumbled to a 3-8
record, 2-5 in conference. Peterson
also has a desire felt by many coaches,
Chris Peterson wants to make a few changes.

The starting quarterback for Cal Poly in 2003 and a recent speech communications graduate, Peterson now has a graduate assistant (GA) coaching position for the University of Idaho football team. Though he's not getting paid, he's at a Division I AA program — a big accomplishment in a field where jobs, particularly entry-level ones, are scarce.

Still, his job forces him to deal with obscurity, far from San Luis Obispo.

"I've gotten dozens of e-mails from teachers, students, advisors, administrators and fans throughout the SLO area that are curious about what I'm doing now that I've graduated... he wrote in an e-mail.

"I miss SLO more than you guys will ever know."

Football careers are so ephemeral. Of the myriad number of teenagers who turn out for high school ball, a small percentage will have the right body size, work ethic, opportunity and sheer luck to make a mark professionally. A guy like Peterson was lucky to play through college. At 6-foot, he fell a few inches below prototypical size. He transferred to Cal Poly after a two-year stint at Tulane, where he'd been outshined by future NFL signal callers Patrick Ramsey and Jarrett Bell.

"Peterson, to this day, swears he's better than him," Mustang defensive coordinator Pacifica Stockalper said with a chuckle. "He's on crack."

Peterson didn't immediately star at Mustangs, however. He chose Cal Poly over Arizona State due to a greater chance for playing time; yet he had to struggle for NFL field general in 2001, Seth Burford, already a Cal Poly graduate.

Then as a junior, Peterson only started after Kevin Cooper suffered a career-ending neck injury. Even entering his senior season in the fall of 2003, Peterson still hadn't secured the starting job. But it didn't affect his magnetic weight room presence or trademark smile.

"One thing Chris Peterson never lacked was confidence," strength and conditioning coach Chris Holder said. "I don't think Chris changed outwardly at all from when he walked in the door. He just needed the opportunity and when he got it, he seized it."

As a senior, Peterson passed for 1,798 yards and 15 touchdowns, as the Mustangs went 7-4, their best record since 1997. More importantly, Peterson showed remarkable maturity as a competitor, coach Rich Ellerson said.

"All of us are trying to learn every day and become better people, and we were able to watch that with Chris throughout senior year," quarterbacks coach Joe D'Apice said.

He talked briefly after the season about playing in the Arena Football League, where a friend arranged tryouts with several teams. Still, Peterson worried if he really had professional prospects and spent several months seeking a decision.

Old friends from Loyola High School sent Peterson to keep playing. His close-knit family left the decision to him and said they'd support whatever he'd decided. He loved it all the while, he wrestled with abandon and boyhood dreams.

"Getting out of the things I've ever had to do is realistic playing days are done," Peterson said.

Before he even finished playing, though, Peterson considered coaching. He hadstudied analytics and the game since high school.

"The way he played was as if the coach was out there," guard Ben Cohen said.

His love of football had allowed him to abandon other pursuits, such as baseball.

He began to announce coaching plans.

"Frankly, I was a little taken," Ellerson said. "I did not think that was in his cards. I thought he was off to law school to be honest."

Peterson had spent summers clerking for his father, John, an instrument domain attorney. He also bought an LSAT prep book, but "he's ruled out a law career now," Ellerson said.

"I just can't see myself doing anything other than football," Peterson said.

He looked at UCLA, Cal Berkeley and Boise State before a friend found a staff position for the University of Idaho.

"I miss SLO more than you guys are ever going to know," John Peterson often reassures his friends from Loyola High.

"I just say, 'You're on a career path, you're going to end up putting in a lot of time,' and he understands this," John Peterson said. "Luckily he loves what he's doing."

He's got talent too, not to mention the lessons he learned at Cal Poly. His outgoing personality fits the job. He kills "as a phenomenal communicator," will ensure success down the road, Holder said. Peterson may eventually try to become a head coach.

"That remains to be seen... see Peterson, page 11"

Former Mustang quarterback Chris Peterson is now an assistant football coach for the University of Idaho.

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**Scores, stats and more from the past week**

**MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS REPORT**

Both the men's and women's basketball teams have had strong seasons with wins in preseason games.

For the men, Zach Thawin scored 12 points, grabbed six rebounds and had two blocks as 12 different Mustangs scored in a 92-64 win over Cal State Stanislaus in a exhibition basketball game on Friday in Mont Gym.

Freshman Davin Whites added 18 points as the other Mustangs.

The Mustangs were led to their second consecutive victory by senior Rebecca Norris, who shot a 76 Tuesday for a five-over-par 151 total and a second-place finish. Cal Poly previously won the Lady Otter Invitational hosted by Cal State Monterey Bay in October. Norris tied with Adreanna Capron of Cal State Northridge; who had a 76 and 75 for her 151.

The Mustangs won despite losing a 17-point first half lead slip away.

**Cal Poly forced Cal State Stanislaus into 28 turnovers while committing 25 of their own.**

On the women's side, senior post player Katie Penrose scored 15 points and senior guard Heidi Winterton added 12 as Cal Poly defeated Cal State Bakersfield 72-65 in an exhibition women's basketball game Saturday afternoon in Mont Gym.

The Mustangs were without senior guard Traci Mandil, who was out winning a game on Friday and 16th place.

On Thursday, the Cal Poly wrestling team

**Wrestling**

The Cal Poly wrestling team opened the 2004-05 wrestling season with a 26-16 loss to the United States Naval Academy on Saturday at the Icardo Center in Bakersfield.

The three Mustang wrestlers to pick up wins in the meet were: Brandy Barrios, Ryan Hales and Chad Mendoza. The Mustangs were without the services of All-Americans Derrell Vasquez and Vic Moreno due to ailments.

On Sunday, Cal Poly forfeited in first match to Cal State Bakersfield and went on to lose 25-14 in a Pacific-10 Conference dual wrestling meet in Mont Gym.

Due to an injury suffered during the loss to Navy, Mustang 141-pounder Steve Esparriza did not wrestle Sunday, forcing the Mustangs to forfeit the bout to the Roadrunners.

Previously, the Cal Poly Gold team beat the Cal Poly Green team 16-7 in the annual Green versus Gold Intramural Meet on Thursday night.