Former congressman Leon Panetta talks politics to large crowd

Tonya Strickland

With around 500 people in attendance, Cal Poly began its "Provocative Perspectives" series with Leon Panetta, former congressman and former chief of staff to President Bill Clinton. Panetta drew a crowd so large the venue had to be changed from Vista Grande Cafe to Spanos Theater Friday.

Speaking on "leadership and contemporary issues," Panetta, criticism of the political leadership abilities in today’s national public service sector railed the audience into two standing ovations at the top and bottom of the hour.

"We are all taught some basic values and some basic ethics that in many ways determine the quality of our government and leadership," he said.

Regarding reaction crisis, healthcare, Iraq and global economy, Panetta stressed that quality is not being met.

The holes in today’s leadership, he said, can most recently be seen in Homeland Security’s sluggish disaster, we are supposed to be prepared, " Panetta said. "And yet there was a failure at every level . . . we saw an area of this country become a Third World."

Becca Swanson, ASI chief of staff and a psychology senior, said that Panetta’s conceptual approaches to many aspects in see Panetta, page 2

TRUCK COLLIDES WITH OVERPASS

I followed the map," is what truck driver Salvador Valencia softly mumbled as he pointed to a crumpled piece of white paper. At 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, while trying to make a delivery on campus, Valencia plowed his big rig into the train bridge over Highland Drive. Dave Hendrickson and others with the University Police quickly came to the scene to clean up the debris and to control traffic.

A bucking good time

Ben Londo, the men’s all-around and bareback intercollegiate 2005 champion, will be featured in the Homecoming weekend rodeo.

Johnnie is the 2005 World Champion Bull Rider and the reigning World Champion of Bull Riding. He will be featured at the rodeo.

Homecoming weekend launches today

Garrett Leight

"Homecoming 2005: Forever Green & Gold" will give spectators the chance to see a female student eat a sundae out of a male student’s mouth and watch others slide and slip on mustard.

Homecoming starts today and will finish Sunday with the All-Alumni breakfast in Chumash Auditorium.

"Alumni, students, parents and the community are invited to participate in a weekend of autumn fun and Mustang spirit," said Kim Gannon, director of alumni relations.

Starting today, students from different clubs, organizations, fraternities and sororities will hang banners in the UU Plaza. The club with the best banner will be announced during spirit hour at 11 a.m., and the winner will receive a free pizza party at Backstage Pizza.

The event include a condom slide and slide, a Sunday-eating contest and much more. The winner of the event receives a free intramural team. The Tri-Country Blood Bank will also be on hand.

"Double-Dare" competition, according to Alumni Program Coordinator Jula Ando. The event is open to all students and participants who no longer have to participate in all five events to be eligible to win.

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one's own life and even brought it back to the government's response to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina," she said.

Panetta said he recently asked a group of students what they were most concerned about, and the answer scared him. They told him that this country is not as strong as it once was.

"What they said was, "We're probably the first generation that will not have a better world to live in, in terms of the future,"" Panetta said. "That was a bell of a comment. They're concerned that the United States might not be a world leader."

Swanson said this specific comment was a significant concept for today's Americans to sit down and think about, as some people in the audience told her they too, identified with his encounter.

"He brought up the idea that this is the first generation where we're not going to be living in a better place than our parents," Swanson said. "This touched me and many others."

With several issues placed on the back burner as the nation's leaders bicker back and forth, Panetta said the United States is governed more by crisis than by leadership today.

"Leadership is not there, then crisis drives policy," Panetta said.

Swanson said this trend continues to occur with several issues serving as examples.

"There are 46 million people in the United States today that do not have health insurance due to "exploding costs," of health premiums that many families cannot afford and that employers can't afford to provide, he said.

"And yet instead of people coming together and recognizing that they have to sit down and deal with the situation, they sit back and allow the crisis to continue to develop," he said.

With much criticism and only some light shed on possible solutions, Panetta's speech began with an endorsement for student participation and interest in public service, and the founding of The Panetta Institute in 1998 located at California State University, Monterey Bay.

Elected for nine congressional terms, Panetta said he loved serving those living on the Central Coast. His district spanned from Santa Cruz to Santa Maria. When asked by a supporter in the audience whether he would put his positive attitude back into the political system by running again for public office, Panetta said it's possible.

"That's either a yes or a no," he said.

While Panetta man or may not be setting grounds for change in public office, he said that he and his wife Sylvia now serve the entire CSU system with the institute. Through their master's program designed to help equip those student leaders interested in public service, American youth can prepare for the future of this country, he said.

Swanson, who has participated with the Women's Center and now for ASI, said Panetta's urgent attitude toward youth leadership hit home.

"I felt very inspired," she said. "I realized that there are many levels of work to be done in the public sphere and Leon Panetta has done it all... and (that) makes you feel that public service is the best way to give back and fight for a better living environment for the next generation."

"High education is crucial to protecting the strength in our democracy," Panetta said.

The next speaker in the Provocative Perspectives series will be Victor Davis Hanson, a senior fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institute, syndicated columnist and author of "Mesifornia: A State of Becoming," according to a news release. Hanson will examine immigration issues in his speech on campus Dec. 1.

**MUSTANG DAILY CORRECTIONS**

In an Oct. 31 story based on the front-page titled "Peer Health Education Held Alcohole Awareness Symposium," the reporter incorrectly listed as being sponsored by Peer Health Education. It was, in fact, sponsored by the CSU Alcohol and Traffic Safety Grant.

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The 2005 Cal Poly Homecoming king and queen will be named at halftime. Those interested in voting can do so at kickoff. Cal Poly clubs and organizations nominated five men and five women who are competing for king and queen.

Homecoming will conclude with the All-Alumni Breakfast in Chaminade Auditorium at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. "This is just a great tradition for the university," Gannon said. "It dates back to the early 1900s."

"We invite all of our alumni to return to their alma mater and celebrate with friends and fellow alumni," Gannon said in a press release. "This year, incoming seniors will have an opportunity to visit the campus and keep up with the university, and reconnect with old friends and professors at the same time. And it's just a lot of fun."
THE FACE OF CAL POLY

This Halloween:
Favorite costume: Shark attack victim
Most original costume: Deviled egg
Scariest costume: Alienator

Who is scariest: Jason from "Friday the 13th," Freddy Kruger from "Nightmare on Elm Street," or Michael Myers from "Halloween?"
Michael Myers

What did you dress up as a child?
A spider
What face would you carve into a pumpkin?
A flamingo with palm trees
Favorite candy: Dots
Favorite scary movie: "Domino Darko"
Worst scary movie: "Saw"

Prince Charles and Camilla head to Washington D.C. on U.S. tour

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At least 33 killed in clashes between police and protesters in Ethiopian capital

Anthony Mitchell

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Clashes between police and protesters erupted in gunfire and grenade explosions Wednesday, with police killing at least 33 people during a second day of renewed protests of Ethiopia’s disputed elections, a rights group said.

The independent Ethiopian Human Rights Council said in a statement sent to foreign embassies that the death toll was based on bodies taken to mortuaries in Addis Ababa.

At least 150 civilians were wounded, according to doctors at five hospitals said. The doctors said 23 dead bodies were brought to the hospitals.

The fighting followed clashes Tuesday between protesters and police that killed another eight people and wounded 43. Hundreds of heavily armed riot police were deployed across the capital Wednesday as heavy machine-gun fire, rifle fire and loud explosions rocked Addis Ababa. Armored personnel carriers carrying Ethiopia’s special forces patrolled streets littered with burned tires and broken glass.

The fighting spread across the city, reaching the doorsteps of the British, French, Korean and Belgian embassies. Workers at U.N. headquarters were told not to leave their offices.

An Associated Press reporter saw federal police surround one hospital, dragging out and arresting young men. Witnesses said security officials were rounding up young people in various parts of the city.

Witnesses also said police fired assault rifles and lobbed grenades indiscriminately against civilians Wednesday.

Among the victims was Arabia Abdul Fatah, 13, who was wounded by shrapnel in her stomach and legs.

"The police were looking for rioters and burst into our compound. They fired tear gas and then threw a grenade," said her father, Abdul Fatah, a 44-year-old daily laborer. "The police then started shooting in the compound. My daughter has never been in trouble with anyone."

Tigist Daniel, 16, said she brought her 56-year-old mother to a hospital after police shot her in the stomach.

"All my mother was trying to do was save my brother because he had been caught up in the fighting. She ran out of the house to grab him and the police just shot at her," Tigist told The Associated Press. "They are shooting anyone who comes out of their houses."

Information Minister Berhan Hailu said the government was "sorry and sad" for the violence. But he blamed it on the main opposition party.

Opposition parties made strong claims, but say the vote and counting were marred by fraud, intimidation and violence. They claim the ruling party rigged the elections.

The violence flared up hours after security officials arrested the leaders of the main opposition party.

Security officers have arrested all 13 members of the Coalition for Unity and Democracy's central committee and about 1,000 supporters, a lawyer who works for the opposition party said on the condition of anonymity because of security concerns.

Opposition spokesman Gitawon Skinder urged supporters to stay calm and accused police of using excessive force.

The elections gave Prime Minister Meles Zenawi’s Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Democratic Front control of 60 percent of the parliament.

Official death toll jumps to more than 73,000 in Pakistan quake

Sadaquat Jan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan’s official earthquake death toll jumped to 73,000, and officials warned Wednesday that it is likely to rise further as relief supplies fail to reach thousands of victims stranded in remote parts of the Hindu Kush.

The announcement, which puts the official toll at 73,000, brings the central government figures closer to the number reported by local officials, who say the Oct. 8 quake killed at least 79,000 people in Pakistan.

"Just imagine how many villages and towns became a heap of rubble and how many people got buried," said Maj. Gen. Fataoq Ahmed Khan, a government official.

Khan said 73,276 people have been confirmed dead in Pakistan and Pakistan-controlled Kashmir. Up to the official count of 57,597. In India’s portion of Kashmir an additional 1,300 people died.

More than 60,000 people had severe injuries, with the total number of injured much higher, the general said.

Khan attributed the spike in deaths to bodies being recovered from the debris, and warned "there is likelihood of further increase" in the death toll. The government has been cautious about the official death count, while regional officials from Pakistani Kashmir and the North West Frontier Province raised their higher tolls over a week ago.

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The justices appeared unmoved by arguments that James Lockhart, who is disabled, needed all of his $874 monthly check to pay for food and medication.

The case hinges on a pair of laws that send mixed messages about whether Social Security payments are shielded from government collection efforts. The laws are the 1982 Debt Collection Act and the 1991 Higher Education Act.

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Fear, frustration smolder in Paris' tough northeastern suburbs

Jocelyn Gecker
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLICHY-SOUS-BOIS, France — Menacing youths smoked cigarettes in doorways Wednesday and bulks of burned cars littered the twilight streets of Paris' northeastern suburbs scarred by a week of riots that left residents on edge and sent the government into crisis mode.

In a seventh consecutive night of skirmishes, young people threw rocks at police Wednesday in six suburbs in the Seine-Saint-Denis region north of Paris — about a 40-minute drive from the Eiffel Tower. In one of them, Le Blanc-Mesnil, about a dozen cars burned and curious residents, some in slippers and bathrobes, poured into the streets.

Some said the unrest — sparked by the accidental deaths of two teenagers last week — is an expression of frustration over grinding unemployment and police harassment in the communities, where many North African immigrants live. "It is not going to end. It is going to explode," said an 18-year-old who would only give his name as Amin.

Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin and Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy both canceled trips abroad to deal with the unrest.

"The government is entirely mobilized. Its immediate priority is to restore public order, and restore it without delay," de Villepin said.

Muslim leaders at Clichy-sous-Bois' mosque, meanwhile, prayed for peace and asked parents to keep teenagers off the streets after skirmishes broke out after two teenage boys were electrocuted last Thursday while hiding in a power substation.

"The unrest spread to at least nine Paris-region towns overnight Tuesday," exposing the "depth of anger and criminality in France's poor suburbs — female terrain for Islamic extremism, drug dealers and racketeers.

The violence, concentrated in neighborhoods with large African and Muslim populations, has highlighted the difficulties many European nations face with immigrant communities feeling marginalized and restore, cut off from the continent's prosperity and, for some, extremity, in values, too.

"They have no work. They have nothing to do. Put yourself in their place," said Abderrahmane Boushout, president of the Clichy-sous-Bois union. "Police targeted a gas grenade exploded Sunday evening. Local youths suspected a police attack, and their French-born children often complain of police harassment and of being refused jobs, housing and other opportunities.

"If French society accepts those stereotypes in its society, it cannot be surprised when they explode," said Claude Dima, the Socialist mayor of the Clichy-sous-Bois suburb.

Eric, a 22-year-old in Clichy-sous-Bois who was born in France to Moroccan parents, said police target those with dark skin. He said he has been unable to find full-time work for two years and that the riots were a demonstration of suburban solidarity.

"People are joining together to say we've had enough," he said. He refused to give his surname because he is afraid of being targeted. "Everyone lives in fear." Many immigrant families are trapped in housing projects that were built to accommodate foreign laborers welcomed by post-World War II France but have since succumbed to despair, chronic unemployment and lawlessness. In some neighborhoods, drug dealers and racketeers hold sway and experts say black market economies have helped fund disenfranchised youths by selling them that France has abandoned them.

"French society is in a bad state ... increasingly unequal, increasingly segregated, and increasingly divided along ethnic and racial lines," said sociologist Manuel Boucher. Some youths turn to Islam to find an identity that is not French, "to seize on something which gives them back their individual and collective dignity."

French government has injected funds and job-creation schemes for years but failed to cure all-in suburbs where car-burnings and other crimes are daily facts of life.

"No matter what the politicians say, some neighborhoods are all but lost," said Patrice Ribens, national secretary of the Synergie police officers' union. "Police patrols pass through but without stopping and with their windows down.

Police said 180 vehicles were torched overnight Tuesday, most in the Seine-Saint-Denis region that includes Clisy, Aulnay and other violence-hit neighborhoods. Police made 35 arrests in Seine-Saint-

On the left, a car showroom burns in a Paris suburb, early Thursday. For a seventh straight night, groups of youths set fire to cars and shops in at least nine towns, northeast of Paris.
Live from Poly, it's 'The Al Franken Show'  

Holly Burke  
MUNSON DAILY

"It's Wednesday Nov. 2 and The Al Franken Show is here at the Cal Poly Pavilion!" said Al Franken while broadcasting his daily show live from the Christopher Cohan Center Pavilion Ritzers. KYNS (1340 AM), a progressive talk station called "Air America," sponsored the event where nearly 200 people came to watch and listen. Though few students attended, the show was sold out and a few community members were turned away.

Franken, who is best known as a writer and actor on "Saturday Night Live," sat in the middle of the room on a raised desk. He had headphones on, and radio equipment surrounding him. During commercial breaks in the three-hour show, Franken and producers continued to work. Audience members were only allowed to get up during these breaks. Franken began the show by mentioning some of Cal Poly's most famous and numerous alumni. He mentioned John Madden, Weird Al Yankovic, and Scott and Laci Johnson.

Franken was joined by guests including California State Treasurer Angelides and Cal Foly electrical engineering master's student Robert Johnson. As the host of a liberal talk show, Franken discussed many current events with a client. "A Cal Poly student has created a solar house, which you can do anything in ... unless Alito makes superior court," Franken said.

Other popular topics were expected, Chief of Staff to the Vice President Lew "Scooter" Libby. When Libby was first mentioned, the audience booed. Franken then said that every time Libby was mentioned, the audience went "me" to show they are "compassionate liberals." The audience continued this throughout the show.

The first guest was Angelides, who spoke of his plan to run for governor in the 2006 election. He also spoke about his disappointment with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. He compared the governor to the president, saying neither has accomplished much during their terms. He also said that both posed as "compassionate conservatives" to get elected and then pushed a right-wing agenda.

Franken also spoke about the senate meeting and Nevada Senator Harry Reid. Franken said that the congress just does what the White House tells it to. "Separation of powers doctrine does not exist in (Washington)," Franken quoted Reid.

Johnson then spoke about the solar house that architecture and engineering students have been working on for two and a half years. "I think Franken wanted to emphasize one of the more progressive aspects of the college," Johnson said.

The completely solar-powered house received third place at The Cal Poly Solar Decathlon in Washington, D.C. this fall. "We are leading the way to show that solar power can work and we can accommodate our lifestyles today," Johnson said.

The Cal Poly Solar Decathlon team is looking for new students to participate and will be presenting their project Friday at the Business Rotunda building 3, room 213.

Leaving it to chance in Chicago

The romantic feature film, produced by Cal Poly students, hit the 2005 Chicago Filipino American Film Festival Friday

Brittany Ridley  
SUNDAY DAILY

Bernard Badion did almost everything to make sure his recent film was a success, but the one thing he didn't do was "Leave it to Chance."

"Leave it to Chance," a romantic film written, directed and produced by Cal Poly students and alumni will be recognized for its success at the 2005 Chicago Filipino American Film Festival this month. Last year, a group of students produced the romantic feature film based on a Filipino couple contemplating the issues of their relationship.

The film was featured in the Christopher Cohen Center in April 2005, with an outcome of more than 800 people attended. Badion, the film's director, writer and executive producer, began his career as a sophomore putting short films together with friends.

"My junior year I was one of the writers for the film to the Filipino Cultural exchange play," Badion said. "That is when I started getting really a lot about that stuff and after the play I was like, 'Man, maybe I should really make this film' ("Leave it to Chance")."

Badion raised money through donations and sponsorships in order to put the $15,000 full-length feature together, devoting much of his energy to the project.

"There is no film program at Cal Poly and we really wanted to make a feature film and have all the stuff happen, even though there wasn't a film school to help produce it," Badion said. "The whole thing was paid for by myself and the cinematographer."

After their April premiere, the crew of takes off the pressure of waiting around to get into a festival.

After the movie screens in Chicago, "Leave it to Chance" will begin in West Coast tour, starting in the Bay Area and moving throughout California, Washington and Arizona.

"We don't know how long the tour is going to last, but at the end we are going to bring it back to San Luis Obispo before the DVD comes out," Badion said. "Hopefully we can bring it back on (in) one-year anniversary."

Badion said he is working on finding a distributor for the DVD, see Chicago, page 9

Rancer's Recipes

After coming home from that afternoon class, a frozen dinner can be enough to satisfy your need. But I challenge you to make today's salad as a healthier option on gape, your next meal's side dish (yes, side dishes can exist in college).

This recipe will take you a whopping 10 minutes to make and it's unbelievably tasty.

Not only will you get nutritious goodness from this spinach, but the addition of oranges and nuts will give you an extra boost of vitamins for the day. Now that's much better than those freeze-dried mashed potatoes sitting in your freezer, isn't it?

Spinach salad with an orange-cilantro vinaigrette

1 package spinach
1 can mandarin oranges, drained
1/2 cup candied walnuts
About 15 leaves cilantro
About 2 Tbs orange juice
1/2 cup olive oil

To make the dressing, chop the cilantro into small pieces. Mix them in with the orange juice and slowly pour in the olive oil. Whisk vigorously for about one to two minutes until the dressing stops separating itself.

For the salad, combine the spinach with oranges, red onions, walnuts, and any leftover cilantro.

Just before serving, whisk the dressing one more time and then pour in, much to your heart's desire.
ARTIST SHOWS CAL POLY HER BLUE SIDE

Emily Logan
November 5

Beginning today through Dec. 2, the University Art Gallery will feature “BLUEprints of the Heart: A Drawing Installation by Maria Velasco,” a multimedia exhibit reflecting emotions, change and renewal.

Maria Velasco, associate professor at the University of Kansas, will be giving a gallery talk today at 5 p.m. followed by an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. These events are free and open to the public.

Velasco uses primarily paper and blue tape to portray emotion in a simple and transitory way. “I wanted to work with temporary materials,” she said. “Tape is low-tech, so it’s a way to make a drawing, but you’re not stuck with it. You can move it and change it.”

Velasco also chose tape that was specifically blue in color. “I have a connection with the color blue,” she said. “When I saw it, it just made sense for me to use it.”

The idea for the exhibition began with a paper heart, Velasco said. “I found some wallpaper and I wanted to work with the heart and emotions and express them with paper,” she said.

Located in the center of the exhibition space is what she calls the “forest of tears,” which can be taken to see BLUEprints, page 9.

Maria Velasco, associate professor at the University of Kansas

Artist Maria Velasco has displayed her work all over the nation as well as overseas.

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Turning 21 is one of those times in your life when you feel like you're on a crumpled and unknowingly take it to the next level. When you are 21, there are no limits to your actions. I realized that when I was 21, I had no idea what I was doing. I had been going to dinners and parties with my friends and I was starting to feel the pressure of being an adult. I wasn't sure if I was ready to be an adult. I was still a kid at heart and I didn't want to grow up. But I knew that I had to make some tough decisions.

I decided to start a new job and I took a break from my friends. I wanted to focus on my career and I knew that I needed to be on my own. I didn't want to have to depend on my parents anymore. I wanted to be able to take care of myself and I knew that I had to be responsible.

I started working at a small company and I was able to start making some money. I was able to pay my own bills and I didn't have to worry about my parents paying for everything. I was able to start saving some money and I was able to start investing in the future.

I found that turning 21 was a great time in my life. I was able to start making some tough decisions and I was able to start focusing on my career. I was able to start being responsible and I was able to start taking care of myself. I was able to start living my own life and I was able to start enjoying the perks of being an adult.

In conclusion, turning 21 is a great time in your life. It is a time when you are able to start making some tough decisions and you are able to start focusing on your career. It is a time when you are able to start taking care of yourself and you are able to start living your own life. It is a time when you are able to start enjoying the perks of being an adult.

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which will help hit their target market in the highly populated Filipino American area. "Leave it to Chance" also has a large following online, especially amongst the MPG/MSN Web site communities. Many of the Cal Poly students who worked on the film were thrilled to be a part of the production. They were able to learn new skills and gain valuable experience in the industry. Radion currently owns the "Leave it to Chance" production company, BlueRay Productions. He currently produces industrial videos and documentaries and writes scripts for his upcoming pictures. Eileen Chao also works in the film industry in Hollywood. "Right now I am working in West Hollywood but I am sure that we will find a way to make everyone happy and to make everyone happy."
The advantages of monotony... oops, monogamy

A few weeks ago, while out at the bars with a group of friends, someone noticed that a staggeringly large number of guys seemed to be out on the prowl. Cheesy pick-up lines and lustful stares abounded, and I wondered what had sparked the urge in these guys to find a girl. Finally, someone produced a theory: Winter is the prime time to hold hands with, the cold season.

Stories of coming and many males are seeking a warm body to hold up with during the cold season. Maybe this isn’t true for every guy out that night, but several guy friends did contradict the idea. It’s not just us girls who want a special person to call on a stressful day, and crawl into bed with at night when the temperature drops — deep down, maybe all guys aren’t commitment-phobes out to break our hearts. But many dudes won’t admit to the fact that having a girlfriend can be a pretty gratifying thing, other than when the lonely hours of winter take over.

Where did monogamy get such a bad rap? Naturally, we can consider biologists as the number one guys just won’t settle down; we all know how it works: one guy, as long as he’s virile and potent, could theoretically impregnate a huge amount of women (and probably still want more after a quick catch-up). Though this is no longer necessary or socially acceptable in our culture, remnants of this “spreading the seed” will remain in the male psyche, causing girls often times to believe that they are seeing this image every night when one could enjoy an entire menu of entrees.

Staff Commentary

I’m a Daddy’s Girl, but I don’t need a bumper sticker to prove it

I’m particularly annoyed by certain bad drivers. Not to make snap-judgments, but if you cut me off AND happen to have an annoying “Daddy’s Girl” bumper sticker on your Jetta, I particularly dislike you and eliminate any possibility of us being friends. Not only are you unable to drive, you are a baby. It was this natural readiness to define her character by her car’s adornment that caused me to stop and think that I too may be a textbook “Daddy’s Girl.”

Though I may not boldly confess this fact to the world in the form of a sticker on my car, I think it’s safe to say I have a particularly close relationship with my father.

As I leafed through the latest issue of Maxim the other day, I came across an article titled “100 Things You Need to Know About Women.” Fascinated at the prospect of learning how my target demographic is perceived to think, I perused the article, vocally reacting to the claims I felt were both true and false.

It was my boyfriend (sorry, Dad, I was gonna tell you) who drove me to school every morning, as long as he’s virile and potent, could theoretically impregnate a huge amount of women (and probably still want more after a quick catnap). Though this is no longer necessary or socially acceptable in our culture, remnants of this “spreading the seed” will remain in the male psyche, causing girls often times to believe that they

But as a girl who has spent time both as a subby single and a committed girlfriend, I have to give monogamy credit where credit is due. Consider that devoted couples don’t have to get through the song and dance of flirting, drinking and awkwardly initiating to enjoy some action between the sheets. Plus, couples can rely on regular sex day or night (especially if it’s good sex), which even the most commitment resistant have to admit is enticing. But a boyfriend or girlfriend is also a person you can rely on in any situation — when you lock your keys in your car, when you’re sick in bed, etc. Commitment phobes can boast complete independence, but there’s no shame in needing intimacy in your life instead of emotional flings.

Of course, this doesn’t mean everyone should be in a relationship for the sake of being in a relationship. The beauty of it is that each person has friend another that they are willing to give up their single life for. But for those people who avoid commitment like the plague, don’t let a good thing pass you by based on the principle that monogamy is monotonous. And if a relationship feels boring, then maybe it is time to pull the plug.

Incidentally, if all those guys out the other night wanted to meet someone only to last the duration of winter, I can only wonder what will happen when the flowers start blooming again... maybe by March we’ll all be singing the tune of spring fling.

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Liberal studies students deserve respect

As one of the many liberal studies majors left upset and very worried by your letter, I am glad to know you were kidding. Though I do not think many of us really subscribed to the idea your letter and the responses it has received have done little more than trivialize our major. Our classmates and Daily has made our major even more of a joke by creating a poll on the Web site about what people think we are real-ly after here at Cal Poly.

Sure, we do not have to take advanced calculus or three-hour physics labs, but most of us are very serious and passionate about becoming better informed and critical thinkers. The classes we take and is reinforcing the idea that teaching is something that just happens.

To those who made comments about our basket wearing classes, I have to say I agree with you. We do not ever design bridges or buildings, we will have the chance to influence the lives of so many children while I am a teacher. And maybe, if I am fortunate, I may inspire them to go to college and become engineers and scientists, like you.

Alma Montanez, liberal studies student!

There’s more to life than marriage

I was quite upset and upset that Ms. Potter has such an archaic attitude towards the female popula-tion at Cal Poly.

All my friends, her a female’s place in society is in the home. When I read this I immediately called my grandparents and just to bad they are engineers,’

Jessica Potter’s letter is degrading, not only to liberal studies majors, but to all women. The idea that liberal studies majors might be in it for the sole purpose of stimulating the minds of someone else is ridiculous.

Just because there are women in the workforce, doesn’t mean she succeeded in the career world, doesn’t mean at any point that their family life will suffer. All people including women have priorities. We learn them in college. Doesn’t equal faked marriages. Marriages fall apart for numerous reasons; one of them being women in college.

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We all know that Cal Poly has a highly competitive admission process. By being admitted, we all should know that we are extremely gifted and can accomplish what we put our mind to. In the 11th straight year, Cal Poly has experienced a record applicant pool. Two years ago and one of those 4,200 were accepted. But it appears that you are a waste of a col-lege education; one you stole from someone who would make some-one else proud of your major.

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About one in every 31 adults are in prison, on probation or on parole

Rebecca Carroll

WASHINGTON — Nearly 7 million adults were in U.S. prisons or on probation or parole at the end of 2004, compared with about 1 in 36 adults in 1995 and about 1 in every 88 in 1980, said Alan J. Beck, who oversees the preparation of the department's annual report on probation and parole populations.

Beck attributed the overall rise in the number of people under correctional supervision to sentencing reforms of the 1990s. The nation's incarcerated population has been increasing for more than 30 years, with sharp growth in the last decade. He said crime rates have fallen in recent years, which helps account for slower growth among people on probation — those allowed to live in the community with some restrictions rather than being incarcerated.

The number of people on probation in 2004 grew by 6,343 to about 4.2 million in 2004, the report said. Nearly 30 percent of all probationers at the end of last year were convicted of a felony. Twenty-six percent were on probation for a drug-law violation, and 15 percent for driving while intoxicated, said the annual Justice Department report.

"White people — for whatever reason seem to have more access to community supervision than African Americans and Hispanics," said Jason Ziedenberg, executive director of the Justice Policy Institute, which promotes alternatives to incarceration. He called probation a cheaper and more effective form of rehabilitation.

Black, he noted, comprised 30 percent of probationers and 41 percent of prisoners at the end of 2004. Hispanics made up 12 percent of the probation population and 19 percent of the prison population.

Pawley grew more than for any other career group, and the community with some restrictions for a time after they complete a prison term.

The parole population grew by 22,000, or 2.7 percent, during the year, more than twice the average annual increase of 1.3 percent since 1995, the report said. The number of people on parole at the end of 2004 was 765,355.

Beck said a late 1990s spike in parolee returns is now showing up in the number of parolees, as the number of prisoners released rises. The parole population grew during 2004 in 39 states, with double-digit growth in 10 states, led by Nebraska's 23 percent increase. The number of people on parole decreased in nine states and didn't change in Maine.

About 187,000, or 39 percent of discharged parolees went back to prison in 2004. While the number has grown, the rate has held relatively stable since 1995, when 160,000, or 39 percent of discharged parolees returned to incarceration.

The total number of people incarcerated in the United States grew 1.9 percent in 2004 to 2,267,787 people, according to the report released last month.

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iPods become new class substitute

Jodi S. Cohen
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SAN DIEGO — When Pepperdine University senior Marcus Kohler skipped a physics class, he didn’t have to borrow a classmate’s notes to catch up. Instead, he connected his silver iPod to a computer, downloaded the lecture, and from the comfort of a campus coffee shop, listened to the two-hour discussion on particle physics.

“It recreates the entire class experience,” said Kohler, 22, who missed a classmate’s lecture to catch the two-hour discussion from the comfort of a campus coffee shop.

The California Institute of Technology admissions office recently released an 11-minute podcast for prospective students that leaves little to the imagination; its title: “CalTech University Radio.”

Some universities, such as Pepperdine and North Carolina’s Duke University, have university-wide programs that make it easy for professors to become podcaster.

The National Parenting Center on Technology & Kids offers students a podcast where they can access lectures as soon as 10 minutes afterclass.

Erica Carlson, one professor podcasting her right-hand attendance, said in her 22-student class on thermal and statistical physics it hasn’t declined.

Carlson downloads her lectures to iTunes as well as the Podsite. After appearing favorably on the homepage of the iTunes Web site, the number of subscribers to her podcast shot up to 750 from 100. A college history major e-mailed to say he enjoyed her lectures, as did an engineer who graduated from college years ago.

Girl, 17, marked as first female sex offender in Illinois

Richard Snowden
(Courtesy Chicago Sun-Times photo by Carol Leu)

DEKalB, Ill. — For the first time in history, the state of Illinois has designated a female as a sexually dangerous person.

Families of Tammy L. Wheeler, 17, agreed to the designation last month after being charged with aggravated criminal sexual abuse in April for allegedly fondling a 4-year-old boy. Wheeler also admitted during a court hearing that she had molested two other children.

The decision makes Wheeler the first woman on a statewide list of 136 persons designated as sexually dangerous.

“It’s an unusual case in that the offender is a female,” said Woodford County State’s Attorney Mike Sroch.

The vast majority of sex offenses are committed by males.

No criminal charges filed

The aggravated criminal sexual abuse charge, a Class 2 felony that carries a maximum sentence of seven years in prison, has been dropped in favor of a civil commitment via the sexually dangerous persons statute.

Sroch explained Wheeler’s age also played a role in the decision to apply the designation.

“She was one factor among several that were taken into consideration in addressing the case,” he said.

“We have to evaluate each case on an individual basis, and in this particular case, taking all the evidence into account, we felt that it was best to proceed with the sexually dangerous persons petition instead of pursuing the criminal charges.”

According to the petition, mental health experts examined Wheeler and determined she suffered from chronic post-traumatic stress disorder due to childhood sexual and physical abuse, obsessive-compulsive disorder marked by a primary sexual obsession and borderline mental retardation.

The statutory definition of sexually dangerous requires that a person suffer from a mental disorder that has existed for at least one year prior to filing the petition, have a demonstrated criminal propensity toward committing sex offenses and have a demonstrated propensity toward acts of sexual assault or molestations of children.

More options for the courts. In cases of this sort, applying the sexually dangerous designation offers the courts a greater breadth of options, said LeRoy Perrell, dean and professor of law at the Northwestern University School of Law.

“The general purpose of these types of designations is to give the courts wider sentencing discretion,” Perrell said. “They also typically mandate some type of treatment response in conjunction with any penal sentence that may be imposed.”

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WASHINGTON — The 14 centrists who rewrote a Senate breakdown over judicial nominees last spring are showing signs of splintering on President Bush's latest nominee for the Supreme Court.

That is weakening the hand of Democrats opposed to conservative Judge Samuel Alito and enhancing Senate's 'Gang of 14' breaking down, making Alito's confirmation road smoother.

``There's a worsening of sentiment, a splintering on O'Reilly's latest breakdown over judicial nominees last spring are showing signs of centrist Democrats who annexed a Senate nominee for the Supreme Court. earlier this year over O'Reilly's lower court nominees. His prospects for confirmation. The centrist Democrats plan to urge their GOP colleagues to withhold judgment, since Alito's nomination is not even annou nced officially at the Senate yet. The decision of even two members of the group — which decided earlier in the year to support filibusters only in "extraordinary circumstances" — would virtually ensure that Frist, R-Tenn, would win a showdown."

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Mustangs dominate Maritime Academy in exhibition game

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Senior forward Gabe Stephenson and sophomore guard Dawn Whiten each scored 14 points as Cal Poly defeated Cal Maritime 79-36 in an exhibition men’s basketball game Tuesday night in Mott Gym.

Cal Poly made 52.5 percent of its three shots and scored the first 18 points of the second half to add to its 39-22 halftime lead. Junior guard Tom Kehta was the last Cal Maritime player to score in double figures, tallying 11 points.

Cal Poly out-rebounded Cal Maritime 40-23, led by freshman center Goby Leavitt with nine and junior forward Derek Leavitt with seven. Junior forward Praneet Oda-Borns grabbed five boards to lead the Keelhaulers.

Leavitt brought the sparse crowd to its feet in the second half with an emphatic dunk. Leavitt leaped as a missed shot clanked off the rim, meeting over 22 times. Cal Poly committed 14 turnovers of its own, mostly due to lazy passing, in the second half to add to its 39-22 halftime lead.

The undersized and outmatched Keelhaulers turned the ball shooting from the floor and it took the Keelhaulers eight minutes to score in the first half.

Game Notes

• As a sign of what’s to come, Cal Poly coach Kevin Bradley started Derek Stockalper, Gabe Stephenson, Dawn Whiten, Clayton Osborn and Titus Shelton on Tuesday. Freshmen Leavitt and Travis Boch saw the most time off the bench for the Mustangs.

• The Keelhaulers’ Joel Henning finished with eight points and two rebounds. Henning played for UC Riverside last season, but transferred to Maritime Academy to play out his senior season. Henning played in 24 games for the Highlanders, averaging 2.3 points per game.

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The Cal Poly men’s soccer team is comprised of a mixture of athletes from countries all over the world, including Germany, Poland, Canada, Belgium, South America and the Republic of Sierra Leone.

Social sciences freshman Abdul Sesay is one of the many soccer players who recently moved to the United States to expand his opportunities in education.

Sesay, born and raised in the Republic of Sierra Leone, in West Africa, was a member of his national soccer team, but came to the United States to receive the education he felt was necessary.

"Back where I come from you get your education and you have nothing to do with it because the leaders are selfish and they do not provide opportunity for everyone," Sesay said. "I can't play soccer for the rest of my life, but I can have my education for the rest of my life."

Because of Sesay’s success in soccer, he was able to escape the city of Sierra Leone in 1997 during the country’s civil war, and was taken to Guinea Conacry for safety. Being a member of the national team and a celebrity in his country, people were constantly concerned with his protection, Sesay said.

"In my country, soccer is the only thing that brings us together. That’s one thing that keeps people’s spirits up," Sesay said. "When you play soccer people know you and people are trying to protect you all the time. Being on the national team, the entire country know who I was."

Sesay’s coach said these experiences bring a certain maturity to his game.

"He is a mature person and an experienced player," said Wolfgang Gartner, Cal Poly’s men’s soccer coach. "He lived in a refugee camp I think for three years in Liberia and he brings a maturity based on those experiences that other students don’t have."

Although the life lessons Sesay gained from living in Africa add to his game, the differences between American and African soccer have taken some time to adjust to.

"One of the differences is being on a national team you play with a lot of experienced players," Sesay said. "Sometimes I cannot play the way I want to play. This game is not a one man game, it’s a team game and sometimes I find it frustrating, but I got to play it and I am doing my best."

Sesay is only one of many foreign players on the team that find the difference in soccer training in the United States difficult to work with. Journalism sophomore Nikhil Erlebach, who hails from Hamburg, Germany, recently moved to the United States for his education, and often finds college soccer a different game.

"It is great here. I like it because every week you have new people in and out, and it doesn’t foster a continental game, which I don’t like," Gartner said. "It takes away the creativity and skill from the player. If a player is skillful and wants to play 90 minutes, but the other team is putting new guys in every few minutes, then the game becomes to high pace."

Regardless of the different styles in each player’s game, both Sesay and Erlebach are grateful for the education and ability to play soccer in the United States.

"It is great here. I like it because every week things is organized and everything has a systematical step, and because education is the most important thing here," Sesay said. "Back home my teammates are praying for me for getting an education. People are writing about me and saying, 'He is in school and playing soccer. That is how it is supposed to be.'"