Former congressman Leon Panetta talks politics to large crowd
Tonya Strickland

With around 500 people in attendance, Cal Poly began its "Prophetic 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 Café to Spanos Theater Friday.

Speaking on "leadership and contemporary issues," Panetta's criticism of the political leadership abilities in today's national public service sector rallied 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.

Leo Panetta

The holes in today's leadership, he said, can most recently be seen in Homeland Security's sluggish reaction to Hurricane Katrina.

"Whether it's a natural disaster or a man-made 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 on current leadership in today's society were well structured.

"He connected (the issues) 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.

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The Cal Poly Rodeo Club, and secretary, the Cal Poly Rodeo Club secretary, and a communications studies senior. Pope is anticipating the same turnout for the rodeo this weekend, partly due to their club adviser, Frank Mello, who she says is "enthusiastic" about the club.

Both Mello and Pope said they want to share their love of the sport and introduce the rodeo club to visiting spectators.

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In conjunction with the rodeo, a dance will be held in the Expo Room at the Madonna Inn Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the rodeo and at the door. They will also be sold in front of Campus Market from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday.
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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. "I thought that was a hell 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.

"I brought up the idea that this is the first generation where we're not going to live 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.

"Make no mistake about it, if leadership is not there, then crisis drives policy," Panetta said. From the gas crisis in the 1970s to today's loose grip on healthcare, Panetta 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 that Europol 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. Hansen will examine immigration issues in his speech on campus Dec. 1.

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The festivities will continue on Friday with the Grand Reunion activities at 5:30 p.m. The Honorary Alumni Awards and the Grand Reunion Banquet will be held in the Chumash Auditorium.

Gannon said that this year's homecoming is different because it focuses on the new Grand Reunion Banquet.

"In the past two decades, homecoming has focused on the past 50 years of alumni," Gannon said. "This year the Grand Reunion will focus on alumni from 1955 and back. We expect about 70 graduates to come with their wives, husbands and other family members. That's quite impressive considering that Cal Poly was a lot smaller during that era."

The Homecoming fun continues on Saturday beginning with the annual Homecoming Parade at 10 a.m. on Higuera Street. Riding in the parade will be honored alumni, the Cal Poly marching band, Cal Poly clubs, fraternities and sororities, Fremont Hall, community groups, the mayor and fire department, local dance groups and Musty the Mustang.

After the parade, the athletics department is sponsoring the Mustang Corral Tailgate BBQ on Richard J. O'Neal Green behind Mustang Stadium. The event takes place at 3 p.m. and is open to the public. The 100th annual Alumni Association Wine Tasting will also occur at 1 p.m. behind the stadium. Gannon expects about 2,500 people to attend.

"The wine tasting is for alumni, parents, community members and students over 21," Gannon said.

The main event is the Mustangs' football game on Saturday at 4 p.m. against the No. 10 Eastern Washington. The game will have a huge impact on the Mustangs' playoff hopes this season.

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 Chumash 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's Homecoming gives a chance 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."
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This Halloween:
Favorite costume: Shark attack victim
Most original costume: Deviled egg
Favorite scary movie: "Donnie Darko"
Favorite candy: Dots

What did you dress up as in child?
A spider
What face would you carve into a pumpkin?
A flamingo with palm trees
Favorite scary movie: "Domino Darko"
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Who is scariest: Jason from "Friday the 13th," Freddy Krueger from "Nightmare on Elm Street," or Michael Myers from "Halloween?"
Michael Myers
Scariest costume: Alienator

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Four U.S. troops were killed, two in a helicopter crash Wednesday, and two from a roadside bomb, as American ground forces fought insurgents around the city of Ramadi, and a suicide car bomb south of Baghdad killed about 20 Iraqis.

The U.S. command said the AH-64 Super Cobra attack heli­copter went down about 8:30 a.m. near Ramadi, killing the two Marines aboard.

The military said the cause of the crash was being investigated.

NEW YORK (AP) — The CIA has been hiding and interrogating some of its most important al-Qaida captives at a Soviet-era compound in Eastern Europe, according to U.S. and foreign officials familiar with the arrangement, the Washington Post reported.

The secret facility is part of a complex prison system set up by the CIA in recent years, including: Thailand, Afghanistan, and several democra­cic in Eastern Europe, as well as a small center at the Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba, according to current and former intelligence officials and diplomats from three countries.

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

Jill Lawless

WASHINGTON DC — With smiles and handshakes, President Bush and his wife, Laura, quietly welcomed Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, to the White House on Wednesday as the royal couple made a low-key entrance to the nation’s capital.

“I’m still here, I’m alive,” Charles replied dryly when a British reporter asked how the trip was going so far.

There were no military bands, no pomp and ceremony. Just the presi­dent and first lady waiting in the White House driveway when a limousine pulled up at the South Portico carrying the prince and the Duchess of Cornwall.

Plenty of pageantry awaited the pair at dinner.

Charles was first out of the car with a handshake for Bush. Camilla exited the other side of the limousine and came around the back with a handshake for Mrs. Bush. There were no air kisses or hugs. Bush and the prince patted each other on the back.

“Fabulous” about something.

After posing for pictures, the quartet went into the White House for a lunch featuring watercress soup, lemon sole, asparagus and tomatoes, salad and apple sorbet. The table was set with Truman china.

Neither the White House nor Charles’ office would say whether the prince planned to raise the issue of global warming, which he recently called “terrifying.” Bush’s refusal to sign the Kyoto climate­change accord has angered many environmentalists.

There was a small guest list for lunch: the president’s mother, Barbara, his sister, Dora, and her husband, Robert Koch, and the president’s brother, Marvin, and his wife Margaret. Also, Sir David Manning, the British ambassador to the United States, and his wife, Lady Catherine, and Robert Turtle, the American ambassador to Britain, and his wife, Maria.

Bush and his wife were giving their guest gifts of custom-made leather saddles. The horns of Charles’ saddle feature the crest for the Prince of Wales and Camilla’s has the crest for the Duchess of Cornwall.

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Rosa Parks honored by thousands at funeral in Detroit

Kathy Parks Hoffman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETOUR — A church packed with 4,000 mourners celebrated the life of Rosa Parks Wednesday in an impassioned, song-filled funeral, with a crowd of notables giving thanks for the humble woman whose dignity and defiance helped transform a nation.

"The woman we honored today held no public office, she wasn't a wealthy woman, didn't appear in the society pages," said Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill. "And yet when the history of this country is written, it is this small, quiet woman whose name will be remembered long after the names of senators and presidents have been forgotten.

The funeral, which stretched four hours past its three-hour scheduled time, followed a week of remembrances during which Parks' coffin was brought from Detroit, where she died Oct. 24, to Montgomery, Ala., where she sparked the civil rights movement 50 years ago by refusing to give her bus seat to a white man.

Washington, where she became the first woman to lie in honor in the Capitol Rotunda.

Those in the audience held hands and sang the civil rights anthem "We Shall Overcome" as family members filed past her casket before it was closed in the funeral's final hour.

"Mother Parks, take your rest. You have certainly earned it," said Bishop W. J. Naftale, who led the service.

"The world knows of Rosa Parks because of a simple, single act of dignity and courage that struck a lethal blow to the foundations of legal bigotry," said former President Clinton, who presented Parks with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1996.

Philip Robert Coun, a senior lawyer of the AME Church, colored that Parks was "a diamond that had been polished in the hands of God. She formed the rock on which we now stand."

"Thank you for sacrificing for us," he said. "Thank you for praying when we were too cool and too cute to pray for ourselves. Thank you for allowing us to step on your mighty shoulders."

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Fear, frustration smolder in Paris' tough northeastern suburbs

Jocelyn Gecker
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

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

He said he has welcomed by post-World War II immigrants and their French-born children often complain of police harassment and of being refused jobs, housing and educational opportunities.

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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 blacks and Arabs try to recruit disenfranchised youths by telling them that France has abandoned them.

"France 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 claim an identity that is not French, to seizing on something which gives them back their individual and collective dignity.

French government has injected funds and job-creation schemes for years but has 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 Patrick Ribbons, national secretary of the Synergie, police officers' union. "Police patrols pass through but without stopping and with their windows rolled up."

Police said 180 vehicles were torched overnight Tuesday, most in the Seine-Saint-Denis region that includes Clichy, Aulnay and other violence-hit neighborhoods. Police made 35 arrests in Seine-Saint-Denis.
Live from Poly, it's 'The Al Franken Show'

Holly Burke
MUSTANG 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 Risers, KYNS 1340 AM, a progressive talk station called "Air America," sponsored the event where nearly 200 people came to watch and listen.

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 producer 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 notorious alumni. He mentioned John Madden, Weird Al Yankovic, and Scott and Lici Peterson.

Franken was joined by guests including California State Treasurer and gubernatorial candidate Phil Angelides and Cal Poly electrical engineering master's student Robert Johnson.

As the host of a liberal talk show, Franken discussed many current events with a guest. "A Cal Poly student has created a solar house, which you can do anything in ... unless Alito makes it illegal," Badion said.

Other popular topics were ex-Chief of Staff to the Vice President Lew "Scooter" Libby. When Libby was first mentioned, the audience booted. Franken then said that every time Libby was mentioned, the audience would "1340 AM do "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 push a right-wing agenda.

Franken also spoke about the senate meeting and Nevada Senator Harry Reid. Franken said that the congress 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 Solar Decathlon in Washington, D.C.

"We are leading the way to show that solar power can work and 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.

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Leaving it to chance in Chicago

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

Brittany Ridley
MUSTANG 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 Al Franken Show, a Cal Poly Filipino cultural exchange play," Badion said. "That is when I started getting really into 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 own money to the project.

"There is no film program at Cal Poly, and we really wanted to make a film even if it was 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 "Leave it to Chance" crew submitted the 100-minute film to festivals across the nation. The film was accepted by the Chicago Filipino American Film Festival and will screen Friday at 7:30 p.m.

"It makes us more known and it's a big deal even to get accepted because so many people make movies," producer Eileen Chiao said. "It is a very competitive industry so I think getting into the community and onto the East Coast (screen) gives us more credibility."

Crew members will attend the festival this weekend to support and celebrate the film's success.

"We have been entering a bunch of film festivals ever since our premiere in April, but it just so happened that this is the first one that accepted us and we are really excited about that," Badion said. "It kind 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 (its) one-year anniversary."

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

Rancer's Recipes

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Rancer's Recipes

A fter coming home from that afternoon class, a frozen dinner can be enough to satisfy your needs. But I challenge you to make today's salad a healthier option on 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
1/4 red onion, sliced in half-rings
3/4 cup candied walnuts
About 15 leaves cilantro
1/2 cup orange juice
1/2 cup olive oil

To make the dressing, chop the cilantro into small pieces. Stir 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 with a necessary extra boost of vitamins for the day.
Artist Maria Velasco has displayed her work all over the nation as well as overseas.

**Artist shows Cal Poly her BLUE side**

**Emily Logan**

**Mustang Daily**

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.

**In this exhibition, there is an element of time and movement and change.**

— MARIJA VELASCO

Assistant professor at University of Kansas
Turning 21 is one of those times in your life when you feel like you're on a crumblde and unknowingly take it to the next level where happy hours finally become much more than appetizers and where microbrews force a rapid betrayal of Natty Ice.

But the road is tough and the road is hard, and many of us have fallen out of the game. Many only make it out on the certain nights when a beer costs less than a gallon of inflated gasoline. Thus, cheap beer deals get many students excited to wake up in the morning.

What is more glorious than Pint Night at Frog and Peach on Tuesdays or getting plastered at Woodstock's on Thursday-Sunday? Sadly, we all experience a time when sneaking out of Woodstock's on an opening night with a full of pint glasses looses in flare and we tire of the dreary cash-only policy or Frog and Peach. Many of us seasoned veterans find ourselves looking for new places to play ball. What do we do in the land of opportunity there is no better deal than the $2 night that will go down as one of the most memorable experiences of my academic career. We ordered our beloved behemoth-sized burgers and a round of JD Boones quart of oat soda. We met some friends there and joined forces to make a table of six.

The Yankees were playing the Angels and we were immersed in total jargon when we noticed the table next to us was a group of six muscle-bound savages. They were having a grand old time, all six of the large guys — and one gal. I noticed that they had polished off more than a few pitchers and I quickly thought to myself, "We better not mess around with Hans, Frans and their friends, or I'll have to go back to the Health Center and then get turned away from another wicodin prescription to leave the healing process up to the heavens."

We were drinking quietly amongst ourselves, and for some reason these guys were continuously eying us. At one point, one of the largest of the group got up and walked to the bathroom staring at me. He wanted the entire way. Nobody could believe what had just happened. We all thought these guys were trying to start a fight, but we went on watching the game.

Fifteen minutes later, unannounced, all five guys got up from their table and stood over our group. I was ready to stick a quick forearm shiver and run when, all of the sudden, they all pull out police badges and ask us for our IDs.

At first, I was relieved that I wasn't going to have to run down Footiui Boulevard with my tail between my legs. However, when I realized that these guys were police paid by "the man" to drink beer and arrest poor college students I was shocked. I had heard of undercover police getting people coming out of the liquor stores, or in the bars, but they really allowed to drink pitchers of booz for to keep their cover! We showed our - IDs — everyone was over 21 — even then the two dudes drinking Henry Weinard's Root Beer.

After exchanging strong words with the police, we all looked at each other, raised our glasses and sang songs of freedom and glory. We were 21 and there was nothing that "the man" could do to ruin our night.

Christine Kuper, University Art Gallery coordinator, said a big part of the process is being able to take various art pieces together within the space.

"In this case, (multimedia) really just means she's using lots of different kinds of materials," Kuper said. "However, it does pose the challenge that she doesn't really know what it's going to be until she actually constructs it in the space."

Velasco said when she has additional time to construct the exhibitions, she can change things around more.

"In this exhibition, there is an element of time and movement and change," she said. "To me the drawings are also three-dimensional, so I work with the materials so they can change."

Velasco has done exhibitions all over the world, such places include Germany, Paraguay and various galleries in the United States. Her exhibitions are as different as the content and visual appeal, but she often uses multiple mediums and she frequently uses the color blue.

The University Art Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. It is located in Dexter building 34, room 171. For more information about Maria Velasco, visit www.mariavelasco.com.
The advantages of monogamy... 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 limited states abounded, and I wondered what had sparked the urge in these guys to find a girl. Finally someone produced a theory: Winter is the cold season for every guy out that night, and many males call on a stressful day, and crawl into bed with a special person every night when one could enjoy an entire menu of entrees and potent, could theoretically impregnate a huge amount of women (and probably still want more after a quick catnap). This is not only less necessary or socially acceptable in our culture, remnants of this "spreading the word" will remain in the male psyche, causing guys often-times to believe that they could, no wait, MUST hook up with as many girls as possible. Admittedly, it's no fun eating nutritious but predictable pasta every night when one could enjoy an entire menu of entrees, but as a girl who has spent time both as a sultry single and a committed girlfriend, I have to give monogamy credit where credit is due. Consider that devoted couples don't have to go 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 excitement from things.

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 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 be all singing the tune of spring fling.

Jane Edman is an English senior and a Mustang Daily columnist.

What does the other sex have to say?

In my mind, there are only two states: the state of being in a monogamous relationship, and the state of searching for one...

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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 students have read all of the letters and the responses it has received have done little more than trivialize our major. I was suddenly hear that many of us, including myself, have made our major even more of a joke by creating a poll on the Web site about what people think we are really 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 something more than just anyone can be. But she also raised six children, with the necessary step so that it would be easier for the day when I can have my own, but my ultimate purpose in life is to get married and have children. Though I do not think our idea of motherhood but don't assume we are kidding. Though I do not think advancing my career suitable for having a steady girlfriend, let alone a wife.

As for those still hopping up over the many obstacles required to attain a teaching credential, we see our goal as having a positive influence on the next generation, just as the women engineers' children. Taking and passing the CBEST, CSET and RICA is not our idea of having a good time. Being a liberal major is difficult enough with all the negative stereotypes. To have one of your own rein- forcing these stereotypes only brings about more fear. It is for you to use liberal studies as a prerequisite for motherhood but don't assume we are kidding. Though I do not think our idea of having a good time. Being a liberal major is difficult enough with all the negative stereotypes. To have one of your own reinforcing these stereotypes only brings about more fear. It is for you to use liberal studies as a prerequisite for motherhood but don't assume we are kidding. Though I do not think our idea of having a good time. Being a liberal major is difficult enough with all the negative stereotypes. To have one of your own reinforcing these stereotypes only brings about more fear. It is for you to use liberal studies as a prerequisite for motherhood but don't assume we are kidding. Though I do not think our idea of having a good time.
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 last year, 30 percent more than in 1995, the Justice Department said Wednesday.

That was about one in every 31 adults under correctional supervision at the end of 2004, compared with about 1 in 36 adults in 1995 and about 1 in adult 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 incarceration rate 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 6,340 to about 4.2 million in 2004, the report said. Nearly 50 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.

Whites made up 56 percent of the probation population and only 34 percent of the prison population, according to Wednesday's report and another Justice Department report released last month.

“White people — for whatever reason seem to have more access to community supervision than African Americans and Hispanics,” said Jolien Zuidenberg, 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.

Parolees grew from 20,400 to 2.7 percent, during the year, more than twice the average annual increase of 1.3 percent since 1995, the report said. The total number of parolees at the end of 2004 was 765,355.

Beck said a late 1990s spike in prison populations 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 28 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 within two years. 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 2,677,787 people, according to the report released last month.

The California Polytechnic State University Foundation's Annual Audit FY 2004-05 has been completed. Public information copies are available at Foundation (Building 15).
iPods become new class substitute

Jodi S. Cohen
(MANAGING EDITOR/DEVELOPMENT EDITOR)

SAN DIEGO — When Palm University senior Marcus Kohler skipped a physics class because he didn’t have time to brush his teeth, he didn’t have to worry about losing a classroom note to catch up. Instead, he connected his silver iPod to a computer, downloaded the lecture, and from the comfort of a campfire scene, listened to the two-hour discussion on particle physics.

"It recreates the entire class experience," said Kohler, 22, who missed another lecture at the weekend. "I didn’t have to sit in the 1:30 p.m. class. If I want another chance to be even better, he said, "but no go from paper printouts to audio, this is a step in the right direction." It’s a step that a small but growing number of professors are trying. By turning class lectures into podcasts — free audio shows that students can download to their iPods or other portable players — students can skip the lecture hall but still hear the lecture. Supporters of iPods help students who miss a class or want to review the material, while professors get points for being flexible and using the latest, hippest gadget.

More traditional academics fear that by listening to lectures on the run, students will miss out on learning that can only happen when students and instructors come together.

In the past, iPods have been used for homework, recorded last semester for homework and then used class time to review problems. At the University of Michigan, lectures can be automatically delivered to dentistry students’ computers or portable devices.

And at the University of Hawaii, hundreds of students in a computer science class are required to show up at a lecture hall only twice a semester — for the midterm and final. Instead of a textbook, they purchase a small iPod at the bookstore, though most students already have one, the course professor said.

Universities have found other ways to test podcasting, using it to publicize campus news and broadcast Web seminars as well as the Murdie site.

The California Institute of Technology admission office recently released an 11-minute podcast for prospective students that leaves listeners with the impression that school is neat, in a hip kind of way. Rich Biishoff, admissions director in Caltech’s music program, said it is a way to grab the attention of busy high school seniors. "I want high school students to listen and imagine, that is a community I want to be part of. Or say, that doesn’t sound like a place that I want to be part of."

At a recent national conference for admissions counselors, TivoliPod Productions, a Pasadena, Calif. based marketing company that produced the CalTech podcast, pitched the idea to other colleges. The podcasts cost between $5,000 and $7,500, depending on the size of the school.

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

Purdue this fall introduced a podcasting service called BolterCast that records and downloads lectures to the school Web site at professors’ requests. About 60 professors are using the service, and their students have access to the lectures as soon as 10 minutes after class.

Erica Carson, one professor podcasting her right to attendance in her 22-student seminar class on thermal and statistical physics hasn’t declined.

Carbon downloads her lectures to iTunes as well as the Purdue site. After appearing first 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.

Girls, 17, marked first female sex offender in Illinois

Richard Snowden
(NORTHERN ILLINOIS) 2005-11-03

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

Farradna Wheeler, 17, a student at 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 138 persons designated as sexually dangerous.

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

The vast majority of 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 bypassed in favor of a civil commitment via the sexually dangerous designation.

Stroh explained Wheeler’s case also played a role in the decision to apply the designation.

"Her age 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 indecent acts 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 Northern Illinois University College of Law.

"The general purpose of these types of designations is to give the courts wider sentencing leverage," Perrell said. "They also typically mandate some type of treatment in response in conjunction with any penal sentence that may be imposed."
WASHINGTON — The 14 centrist senators who are leading a Senate break­down over judicial nominees last spring are showing signs of splitting on President Bush’s latest nominee for the Supreme Court.

The unity of the seven Democrats and the seven Republicans in the “Gang of 14” was all that halted a major filibuster between GOP leader Bill Frist and Democratic leader Harry Reid earlier this year over Bush’s lower court nominees.

The early defection of two of the group’s Republicans, Mike DeWine of Ohio and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, could hurt Democrats’ ability to decide to attempt a filibuster of the New Jersey jurist. The defection of even two members of the centrist group to join the minority would virtually ensure that Frist, R-Tenn., would hold judgment, since Alito’s nomination requires a simple majority, it takes 60 votes to break a filibuster. The central Democrats plan to urge their GOP colleagues to with­hold judgment, since Alito’s nomi­nation is not even officially on the Senate yet. The defection 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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**SPORTS**

**Mustangs dominate Maritime Academy in exhibition game**

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 36 shots and scored the first 18 points of the second half to add to its 39-22 halftime lead. Junior guard Tim Kestow 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 Stockalper with seven. Junior forward Przem Odo-Boms grabbed five boards to lead the Keelhaulers.

Leavitt bunched 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, Maritime player to score in double figures, 14 points as Cal Poly defeated Cal Maritime.

Junior guard Tom Kreta was the lone Cal Baptist player to score in double figures, 10 points as Cal Poly defeated Cal Maritime.

**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 Bech 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. Henning scored 10 points in two games against the Mustangs last season.

• Cal Poly plays one more exhibition game Tuesday against Cal Baptist at 7 p.m. in More Gym. The Lancers went to the "Sweet 16" in the NAIA national championship tournament last year.

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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 Conakry 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 spirit 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's 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 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.

"The problem is this is college soccer and no one in the world has college soccer because the season is only three months including preparation," Gartner said. "Being that this is a team sport, it doesn't allow much time to form a team and it makes the soccer team unusually systematical 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.'"

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Abdul Sesay posing with a Sierra Leone aficionado before a game.

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**Social sciences freshman Abdul Sesay is seen shaking the hands of one of his coaches while he played for Sierra Leone's national team. Sesay came to the United States seeking a better education.**

**College soccer also uses different rules compared to other soccer leagues in the world. Teams substitute in as many players needed throughout the game. Internationally, teams can substitute three times during the game, and they often only use two. Gartner said, "This unlimited substitution changes the game dramatically. Here you have people in and out, and it doesn't foster a controlled game, which I don't like."**

**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 thing 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.'"