Congressional candidates compete for Cal Poly

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Congressional candidates Lois Capps and Victor Tognazzini debated in a forum Wednesday afternoon in Chumash Auditorium as part of a lineup of events in the CP Next campaign.

Higher education, immigration reform, healthcare and the war in Iraq were some of the emphasized issues.

Capps, a Democrat, serves on the House Budget Committee and said the 2007 Federal Budget cuts of approximately $12 million from federal student aid would be restored if she is re-elected.

"That’s the best thing about democracy … when we make mistakes, which I clearly think this was, that we can restore them. We can do something about it," she said.

Tognazzini, a Republican, said he disagrees with Capps in that the U.S. cannot afford to give the same rights of education to those who are in the country illegally.

Another area of difference lies with the war in Iraq, Capps said that the U.S. should leave as soon as it is safe to do so, while Tognazzini wants to avoid a “cut and run” situation.

The candidates are running for the House of Representatives’ 23rd District which runs along the Central Coast from Monterey County to Port Hueneme south of Oxnard. The shape of the district, 200 miles long and never more than five miles wide according to the Wall Street Journal, is somewhat controversial.

“It was gerrymandered to protect the incumbent. Some might contend that it’s only contiguous at low tide,” Tognazzini said.

He also asserts that he would be a better leader than Capps, as evi-

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Biodiesel Club member Ian Ferguson fills up a Crop Unit tractor with B15, a mixture of diesel fuel containing 15 percent biodiesel. Eventually, the club would like to see all campus vehicles running on a biodiesel mixture.

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Cal Poly’s Biodiesel Club has made a progressive step toward making Cal Poly a green campus with a proposed goal of running all the school’s diesel equipment on cleaner burning fuel. In a successful three-month test last summer, one of the agriculture department’s tractors ran on B15, a mixture of diesel fuel containing 15 percent biodiesel.

“It’s new, and new things are always hard to bring to a system that already works,” said Ian Woertz, founder of the Biodiesel Club and environmental engineering graduate. "Our initial goal was getting biodiesel in every vehicle on campus right away, but we came to the realization that it’s not going to work that way, so the tractor was more of a stepping stone to prove to people that it doesn’t take a lot of effort to start running on biodiesel.”

Woertz hopes Cal Poly will start running campus vehicles on B20, 20 percent biodiesel and 80 percent diesel fuel, which he says is the standard for most fleets and the easiest way to make the transition from traditional fuels.

Biodiesel is a renewable diesel fuel made from plant oil and animal fats. Most see Biodiesel, page 2

Farmers’ Market adds new food vendors, seating

Josh Krane  
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Farmers’ Market has recently opened up space for businesses located outside of downtown San Luis Obispo to display their merchandise during the Thursday night festivities.

Seating for one hundred people has also been added along Broad Street. Both changes were implemented in July.

The change to add outside businesses was implemented to diversify Farmers’ Market, said Diana Costa, event coordinator for the San Luis Obispo Downtown Association, which oversees all city special events.

Businesses that are permanent members, meaning that they are headquartered within a designated downtown perimeter, still have top priority for space, Costa said.

The Downtown Association has also been careful

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Le Ciel Crepe Cafe is just one of the new vendors available at Farmers’ Market, along with The Cakery.
Biodiesel

Biodiesel is produced from soybean oil, but it can also come from vegetable oil waste, like the grease restaurants throw away. Cal Poly’s Campus Dining currently pays to have vegetable oil waste removed from campus.

“We want to start making biodiesel on campus to eventually try to close the loop. We found out that campus dining goes through 120 gallons of vegetable oil per week, so that could potentially be a third of diesel consumption on campus,” Woertz said.

Using biodiesel to fuel machines, like automobiles, is often confused with running a car on straight vegetable oil, requiring a separate fuel and heating system. Biodiesel is actually made through a chemical process called transesterification, where glycerin is separated from the fat or vegetable oil, creating methyl esters, which can be used in any diesel engine with little or no modification. B100, or 100 percent biodiesel, can reduce emissions that contribute to air pollution up to 75 percent. Biodiesel is less toxic than table salt, biodegrades as fast as sugar and can even clean oil and diesel build-up from fuel tanks, according to a Biodiesel Club press release.

“Biodiesel will be an essential part of the renewable energy future,” said Jess Turnbull, president of the Biodiesel Club and aerospace engineering sophomore.

The Biodiesel Club hopes to inform students and faculty about the uses, production, benefits and drawbacks of biodiesel in a seminar called, “Biodiesel 101,” to be held on each Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon in the engineering building, room 118. Woertz hopes attendees of the seminar leave with a basic understanding of biodiesel. There’s a lot of confusion about what biodiesel is. A lot of people think, ‘Oh, that’s running your car on grease and it smells like french fries, right?’” Woertz said. “It’s not that. It’s actually taking the vegetable oil and refining it into a chemical that’s similar to diesel fuel, so it burns cleaner and is approved by the EPA.”

The biodiesel seminar will also include a special presentation by Carlo Luci, chemical engineer and general manager of Bently Biofuels. According to their Web site, the company plants canola seeds and harvests them to use in the production of biodiesel.

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The founder of Bently Biofuels, Donald E. Bently, owns a host of other companies and also happens to be the top contributor to Cal Poly’s College of Engineering.

Biodiesel Club leaders hope the seminar is the first step in getting more students learning about biodiesel and how Cal Poly can use it to help the campus.

“Everyone is really supportive on campus, all the faculty really want it to happen. It’s just a matter of getting enough students together and getting enough money together, which is all happening right now. We are an IRA (Instructionally Related Activities) funded project, thanks to all of the students who voted for the IRA increase last year,” Woertz said.

The Cal Poly Biodiesel Club is also in the process of building a mobile biodiesel processor to demonstrate and improve biodiesel production on campus and to show students and faculty that it is possible to take small steps toward a greener campus.

The Biodiesel Club holds regular meetings every other Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Conchteck Education building, room 212. The next meeting is set for Nov. 8.

Market

not to add businesses that may intrude on current members, she said. Rather, they look to add unique businesses that Farmers’ Market doesn’t have already.

“If you continue to diversify, it will encourage people to come down. That will help everyone,” Cotta said.

The Cakers, located off Foothill Drive, has been one of the recent additions. Owner Yarow Moreno said people who didn’t know her business existed have come up to her each week since she has been displaying at Farmers’ Market.

“We love being downtown. I don’t think we’re stepping on anyone’s toes, we’re just adding to what’s there,” Marrow said.

Cotta said the additional seating has been received well by the community. Last Thursday, the area of Broad Street was at full capacity.

“I’ve been here when we couldn’t find a seat except on the sidewalk. I’m delighted with being able to sit at a table. It’s a great improvement,” said Margaret Korenko, a Paso Robles resident who visits Farmers’ Market a few times a year.

Electrical engineering senior Chris Chen said there could be even more seating, but added, “It’s a lot nicer.”

In addition, Farmers’ Market will introduce a main stage Nov. 16 on Nipomo and Higuera streets. Cotta said the stage will be elevated and fitted with lights in hopes of attracting people to the less trafficked area of Farmers’ Market. Local reggae group Reunion will be the first act to perform on the stage.

The Farmers’ Market happens every Thursday night on Higuera Street between Osos and Nipomo streets.

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Who are you voting for for governor?

"Angledes because Schwarzenegger's not doing that good of a job and I think he could do better."
- Brian Katz
business sophomore

"I'm going to vote for Arnold. I think he's done an overall good job for the economy and I agree with most of his policies."
-Dustin Yoder
business administration junior

"Schwarzenegger because he's cool and he supports education."
-Jack Kneubler
art and design junior

"I'm not voting for Schwarzenegger, that's for sure. I don't agree with the way he's spending money."
-Jessica Wilson
agribusiness freshman

"I'm voting for Peter Camejo, the Green Party candidate because I'm categorically voting against the Republican Party."
-Gene Hannon
entomology lecturer

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Explosion at PayPal building
shatters window; no one hurt

Jordan Robertson

SAN JOSE — Authorities scour­red a building at eBay’s BayPal division Wednesday for clues about a Halloween night explosion that shattered a window and forced the evacu­ation of dozens of employees.

PayPal spokeswoman Amanda Pites said the company had not received any threats but declined to comment further on the investigation of the blast Tuesday that hit the first floor of the company’s network operations center.

“We believe this is an isolated inci­dent,” she said. “We’re working closely with local authorities. We have everything under control.”

Business was not disrupted, but the complex was closed Wednesday and cordoned off by police tape. About 1,900 eBay and BayPal employees who work in buildings on the cam­pus where the explosion occurred were asked to work from home or at another eBay campus in San Jose. Pites said.

The blast occurred near an out­door corridor popular for employee breaks and was not visible from the street. A 6-by-7-foot window was shattered, but there was no other damage.

Dozens of employees were evacu­ated following the explosion, but no injuries were reported, said Sgt. Nick Mayo.

No explosive device was found, but investigators determined the blast was deliberately set, he said. There were no suspects.

“It’s definitely not an accident,” he said. “Everything else there is accounted for. This was not any kind of accident or malfunction.”

Investigators from the San Jose police and fire departments, the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were investigat­ing the blast. The investigation was being taken over by San Jose police.

PayPal, which provides a platform for online payments, is a lucrative division of eBay, generating some $350 million in revenue for the online auction company in the latest quarter.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A man whose surfboard was stolen while he saved a home­less man who had jumped off a pier has received several offers of donated replacement boards.

Dustin Lackey and two of his friends were credited with saving Ronald Williams, 39, on Sunday after he dove headfirst off the Crystal Pier in the Pacific Beach area of San Diego.

While Lackey was in the water, someone stole his $700 longboard, which he had bought using money recently given to him for his 21st birthday.

Surfing legend Peter Mel, who designed Lackey’s stolen board, offered to give him a new one.

CAMP PENDLETON (AP) — A Marine was fatally shot dur­ing a combat training exercise, the U.S. Marine Corps said.

Cpl. Seth M. Algrim, 22, died late Monday from gunshot wounds sustained during urban combat training, according to a Camp Pendleton statement late Tuesday. The incident remained under inves­tigation, but foul play was not suspected. No other information was released.

Algrim, of Finney, Kan., joined the Marine Corps in August 2003 and was assigned to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division. He was a combat veteran who won several awards includ­ing the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal and the Combat Action Medal.

“Our heartfelt sympathies and thoughts are with the family and friends of Cpl. Algrim during this time of grief,” said Lt. Col. Beau Higgins, commanding officer of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion.

DESSERT HOT SPRINGS (AP) — Mayor Alex Bias apologized for a remark he made to a councilwoman following a recent city meeting.

Councilwoman Yvonne Parks on Tuesday accepted the mayor’s apology, made in a letter as well as verbally during a Halloween party.

“He just said that what he said was mean and unlike him to say anything like that,” Parks said about the verbal apology. “In the end, I accepted his apology. I know that he regrets what he said. Anybody in their right mind would regret that.”

The city meeting Oct. 24 was adjourned abruptly when Bias and Planning Commission chairman Al Schmidt became embroiled in an argument. Moments later, the mayor told Parks to “go play with your­self.”
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Wednesday he wants Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Vice President Dick Cheney to begin extending a job guarantee to two of the most-criticized members of his team.

Bush, in an interview, also said he was determined that sanctions imposed against North Korea must be applied even though Pyongyang has agreed to return to six-nation nuclear disarmament talks.

No one, he said, will get the benefits of living a normal life without the pain of dieting — was cholesterol, and other fat-related ill effects in obese mice. Fat-related deaths dropped 31 percent for obese mice on the supplement, compared to fat mice that got no treatment. But the fat extract also lived longer than expected in the study showed.

And astoundingly, the organs of the treated fat mice looked normal when they shouldn't have, said study lead author Dr. David Sinclair of Harvard Medical School and the National Institute on Aging shows that heavy doses of the red wine ingredient, resveratrol, lowered blood sugar, reduced insulin problems and other fat-related ill effects in obese mice.

In the journal Nature on Thursday, he said he won't be taking resveratrol supplements because it's too early to understand safety issues. Sirtris Pharmaceuticals is working on a high-dose resveratrol pill that unlike unregulated supplements on the market now, would be used as a drug and require Food and Drug Administration approval, said company chief executive officer Dr. Christoph Westphal.

The study is so promising that the aging institute this week is strongly considering a repeat of the same experiment with thymus monkeys, a close match to humans, said institute director Dr. Richard Hodes.

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Hezbollah threatens street protests if government rejects national unity Cabinet

Sam F. Ghattas

BERUIT, Lebanon — Hezbollah is threatening street protests to force early elections in Lebanon if its demands are not met for a "national unity" Cabinet that would give the militants and their allies veto power over key decisions.

The bold move reflects the Shiite group's push to consolidate the political power it gained following its self-proclaimed victory in its punishing summer war with Israel. The effort seems certain to further raise tensions in the country that ended a 15-year civil war.

"Our concept of the national unity government is that all the basic forces in Lebanon be in it — actual and serious participation, not an aesthetic participation," Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, Hezbollah's leader, said in a lengthy interview on Hezbollah's Al-Manar TV Tuesday night.

In the tandem interview Nasrallah said that "serious negotiations" were taking place over the inclusion of two Israeli soldiers whose July 12 capture by his militant group sparked the 34-day war.

He said a negotiator appointed by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan has been meeting with Hezbollah and Israeli officials. He would not provide details about the negotiations, but told Al-Manar: "We have reached a stage of exchanging ideas, proposals or conditions."

Nasrallah warned that any attempts by the beefed-up U.N. peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon to disarm Hezbollah would also bolster their standing in the 128-seat parliament, where the group and its allies hold less than half the seats, compared to 70 seats held by the anti-Syrian majority.

Nasrallah said he welcomed a call for its self-proclaimed victory in its punitive summer war with Israel. The effort seems certain to further raise tensions in the country that ended a 15-year civil war.

The move, if successful, would significantly raise Hezbollah's standing in the Cabinet, where it and its allies have few ministers. Such veto power and influence in decision-making would much for the country and did its best to stop the war. His supporters say that Hezbollah and its backers, in pushing for greater political power, are doing Damascus' bidding and are trying to undermine the formation of an international tribunal to try suspects in the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri in February 2005.

The assassination sparked massive street protests and prompted Syria to withdraw its forces from Lebanon under international pressure. The parliament, however, has lacked the strength to force pro-Syrian Prime Minister Ehud Olmert out of office or to eliminate Syria's powerful influence through local allies like Hezbollah.

In the face of Nasrallah's ultimatum, government supporters have threatened popular counter-protests, raising fears of a repeat of the kind of sectarian clashes between Lebanon's Sunnis, Shites, Druze and Christians that ravaged the country during its 15-year civil war.

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Associated Press

BRITISH threatens streets...
Kevin Federline gets burned on embarrassing debut

Sneaking into World Series Game 4: priceless

It was almost an irresistible temptation.

At first I thought just being in St. Louis during the World Series would be exciting enough to justify the cost of a ticket. St. Louis is a great baseball town and I knew attending a game just a few blocks from Busch Stadium would make for an interesting time.

The expectation of sports bars and restaurants jammed with tailgating fans cheering on their hometown Cardinals was met quickly that first night. You could actually hear the roar of the crowd inside of the hotel.

But then the rains came and postponed things for a day. However, it wasn’t long until we had conquered the security guard who insisted we head back to the hotel as there was no one inside of the stadium.

Then came Game 4 (actually the ticket says Game 5 but the rainout caused some changes and confusion). After a dinner with a new pair of employees, the outrageous ticket prices were never even a consideration.

It wasn’t long until we had convinced two ladies leaving the game early to give us their tickets for $225. But we quickly found out the tickets were worthless as once they were on the verge of giving up. I explained our situation and he could do to help us? I found him at the same gate where he had been the prior morning and to my surprise, he remembered me.

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Everybody has heard about this flick and the press sure can't get enough of the controversial film "Death of a President," but is the substance of this fictional docudrama really worthy of the hype? More than a Kennedy-esque assassination tale of "whodunits," this film tries to express the American sentiments that lead up to the president's death. It also explores the serious repercussions for the victims involved, in addition to the negative effects it has on the U.S. government and its effect on the Patriot Act.

Unfortunately for the filmmakers, I'm not buying it. However, before tearing this film apart, I will give credit to the filmmakers where it is due. First of all, it's its core, the film is a novel cinematic idea. The film plays out like a documentary you would see on the History Channel, with the addition of a dramatic score and all the pain and conviction you would expect of the cinema, which is supposed to take place in the aftermath of the assassination of President Bush.

The film takes place in late 2007, and the events leading up to the assassination are all very profound. The stage is set with Bush flying into Chicago to make a speech on a troubled economy while a riled up crowd of protesters lines up outside of the conference to vehemently and sometimes violently show their disgust (and hatred) for the president.

It portrays a public that pushes beyond the brink of peaceful protest to get their point across, which sets the tone for the eventual pinnacle of the film — the assassination.

While all of these events are enthralling — the filmmakers did one fine job of setting up a mood of anxiety, anticipation, and dread or excitement (depending on your overall opinion of our president) leading up to the assassination — it's the second half of the film that crumbled the foundations of any favor I had for the style and substance of this film.

Immediately after the assassination, the filmmakers try to break down how the U.S. government would handle such a prolific event, but do no more than convey ugly anti-government stereotypes.

Jailing hundreds of individuals while attempting to show the government's gross reputation of racial profiling and their attempt to tag the assassination on a terrorist group in the Middle East is nothing more than a stereotypical jab at our heavily criticized government.

As I've mentioned, the underlying theme of the film is more or less a critical attack on the Patriot Act. Leading up to this film, as well as in the press, there was much more of a critical attack on our president than on the act itself.

One of the filmmakers' greatest strengths is their ability to create a mood. However, in a film that should have been dramatic, the filmmakers did not succeed. Out of 10, I give "Death of a President" a 5 for its attempt and a 3 for its failure.
The Shamblers have a sound that is completely unique, which is what they say that's what they like. "We love that nobody can compare us to anyone else," James said. When asked what kind of music they classify themselves as, Marotto said, "It's hard to explain when nobody else sounds like us, but we just say rock."

"We are more like Led Zeppelin and less like Bach," James said. Besides the room, posters fill the walls including one that says "The Fray." James says this used to be their band name. "Then, we realized there was a band that just got signed to Epc with the same name and knew we had to change it," he said. They use both their own material and cover material when they perform, Ohio said. "We have

Cal Poly trio brings beat back to SLO

Christina Casci

Imagine driving down a gravel road full of oaks and coming up on an older house with a red illuminated room that is attached to the rest of the house. Inside the room is a full drum set, multiple amplifiers and other music equipment. This is where the Shamblers practice for their performances.

The band will play this Saturday at Frog and Peach at 10 p.m. to celebrate the release of their new self-titled album. They will also be playing downtown at Farmers' Market tonight.

The house described is the agriculture student housing on campus where fruit science senior Lucas Ohio lives, the lead singer and guitarist. The other band members are Colby James, drummer and materials engineering senior and Mike Marotto, bassist, guitarist and Cal Poly graduate.

"It's a pretty sweet set up," Ohio said. "We started out with just a small amount of space in the room and as people moved out, our space got bigger and bigger. Eventually it was all ours."

The Shamblers have a sound that is unique and love that they cannot be compared to anyone else.

Andrew Heringer at UU Hour today

November UU Hour lineup

Today: Andrew Heringer

Nov. 9: RUN

Nov. 16: "International Week."

"Come learn about the different study abroad programs that Cal Poly offers."

Nov. 23: Holiday

Nov. 30: Play it By

Acoustic singer, songwriter and guitarist Andrew Heringer will bring his music to Cal Poly today during UU Hour from 11 a.m. to noon.

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to produce an album spouting lines like, "I get $50 million/ I can do whatever I want/ I don't need a deal! I can do whatever I want," K-Fed's self-love affair continues on "Dance with a Pimp," a track featuring gangster rapper Ya Boy. Mr. Spears brings Bollywood to the trailer park, blending exotic strings and tambourines with an ominous baseline, braggading about just how many he really is and putting down all those whack fools dogging him. Simply put, "Dudes hate K-fed/ Girls love K-fed/ It don't matter to me/ Cause K-fed stay fed."

"Lose Control" layers so many sounds that listeners may actually break down before the track's completion. Snaps, claps, high-pitched synthesized rhythms and what sounds to be a seizing keyboardist combine forces to create one cluttered, obnoxious song Flasher than the gaudy pieces of ice weighing down Federline's lobes. The high-pitched sounds continue in the chorus of "Gisas," a track featuring Britney Spears herself defending the former dancer against his critics and proving listeners with a much-needed break from her hubby's elementary-style lyrics.

There are things Kevin Federline is good at, namely smoking, drinking, impregnating dancers and singers, and looking generally skanky. There are also things he should stay away from, namely the recording studio. K-Fed can wear his bling, don stickers on his Yankee hat, and wear the pants that Britney bought him halfway to his knees, but "Playing With Fire" proves he's better suited to the role of Mr. Mom than a bread-winning dad.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Men shouldn’t fear women with equal power

I sincerely hope that Will Vigliotti’s commentary was a joke, or some form of Halloween prank designed to frighten think­ ing readers. I also feel deeply sorry for any of the women in his life. First of all, if manly men are, or apparently were, so strong, how could they have let women and “veritable women” push them aside? It seems that the sort of man that Mr. Vigliotti is referring to would be able to hold his own against such “foppish” dandies. Furthermore, Mr. Vigliotti’s statement that the enforcement of sexual equality has forced the mainly men from their place in society implies that men only sit virtually to women. Unlike a sexual equality is bad thing Mr. Vigliotti? If there are women out there who desire a return to the days of the British have changed as well. While I still have yet to see a pair of braces on, most people have straight teeth and overall good hygiene. Although many of them do smoke, it is not as overwhelming as I had imagined and many restaurants are starting to outlaw them. Yes, we have eaten flu­ voless chicken and mousse peas, but I have also found some of my favorite Indian and Asian res­ taurants here.

We have also had thunderstorms make the whole building shake and torrential downpours that no one dared step outside in, but for the most part the weather has been beauti­ ful. Supposedly, it has been the hottest October since the 1970s. It has been a great experience learn­ ing about British culture and get­ ting to know some of the friendly locals.

Every morning I wake up with something new and exciting to look forward to, whether it is a play we are going to watch or my musical theater class, listening to a live band in a pub, or walking around a famous food market and getting free samples. This city has so much to offer and see, and I only have seven more weeks to conquer it all.

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Support abortion. With this in mind, Roe vs. Wade should be overturned. My position isn’t inconsistent, because there is a much deeper issue involved.

What is the function of our electoral system? One could argue about that all day, but it turns out that the deep purpose to is convince people that they’ve lost. We citizens of this republic have made a pact with each other to make certain decisions collectively through some combination of voting and representation, and we know inevitably the process will make at least some decisions that we as individuals despise.

But the pact we have with one another is that if the process was involved, America must preserve its social contract. That’s how the system is supposed to work, and that’s what the initial emotions that always run high in a bad breakup will eventually fade, and then you can look at it with an objective eye.

Two years ago, I entered the most wholly-engaging relationship I have ever had. He welcomed me into his life like I had never seen anyone do before. Now, it’s over, and it’s nobody’s fault. I’ve made mistakes, sure, but so has he. It was a mistake, maybe on both our parts, to get involved with each other in the first place. But do I regret the relationship? No. I’ve learned a lot from being in a relationship with him and the learned things will serve me well in my next relationship. After all, that’s what relationships are learned experiences.

Anybody coming to college looking for marriage will be hard-pressed to find anyone ready for it. There probably are some hot for the most part, we’re all just trying to find our way in relationships.

According to the Americans for Divorce Reform, “Probably, 40 or possibly even 50 percent of marriages will end in divorce if current trends continue.” So how are we supposed to expect permanent marriage, eventually — or at least one that will “last ‘till death do us part”?

Furthermore, according to www.divorcerate.org, the age group with the highest percentage of divorces is these 20 to 24 years old — prime college age for most of us.

College is a time to learn, and a time to grow — not just in the classroom. This is why it is so critical that we learn from our mistakes in relationships and put that knowledge to use in our next relationship.

Otherwise, we’re doomed to repeat the past.

Going into the tempest to get involved with someone just “for now” isn’t in itself a mistake. Sometimes people get attached and sometimes it ends ugly — because meanwhile, you’ve learned something about what kind of man or woman you work best with in a relationship.

Whether your reaction after it’s over is, “Oh my God! What was I thinking? I’m never dating someone like that again!” or “Well, we’ll, h,” some good times, but it just didn’t work out”, you know that it either was never going to work in the first place, or could have worked, but the circumstances didn’t allow it. For example, graduation is a huge change, and some relationships don’t last through it. You’re not a horrible person because it didn’t work.

It’s safe to say that at least most young girls dream about their perfect wedding, from the dress right down to the cake and the table centerpieces. I was a simple kid. My dress was going to be a strapless satin gown, with a simple veil. The color of the bridesmaids’ dresses varied a lot in accordance with my favorite color at the moment. Somewhere deep down though, little kid is still in me, hopeful that I’ll eventually be able to realize that dream.

Reality hits hard growing up — suddenly the realization of “this isn’t going to be as easy as I had thought” makes dating almost a futile effort. What’s the point, if relationships don’t last anyway? At this point, you have a choice. You can either give up and become a nun, or you can look at the ending of a relationship under a microscope, to see, and speak, and see what didn’t work so well. I don’t think either one is going to happen.

The most important thing to remember is to value yourself, no matter what someone does to make you think you’re worthless. I lost myself somewhere in my relationship — it could have been because I was too involved in my boyfriend’s life, but it also could have been my own fault for not recognizing it, before things got really muddy. Whatever the case may have been, I now have the chance to love myself like I haven’t for years. And that’s a pretty exciting thing to think about.

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Big parties can cost big money for UCLA greeks

Saba Riazati

Dear Bruins (UCLA)

LOS ANGELES — A budget tab that lists a life-size pirate statue, 500 shirts and materials to build a ship, a plank and a waterfall would seem like it would be the shopping list for the set of the next "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie. But it is the list of materials for a party down the street from the University of California at Los Angeles campus. And the hosts are not pirates, just fraternity members hoping students who attended would call it a priceless experience.

But Theta Chi’s "Pirates" theme party on Oct. 20 was a costly endeavor — the decorations, security, dice, jewelry and all other expenses cost the fraternity’s treasury approximately $3,000, said Kyle Rehman, a UCLA alumnus and live-in adviser for the house.

Aside from monetary expenses, both time and effort go into preparing these parties.

"We had about 10 guys working on the ship...about six hours a day for two weeks. A lot of coordination was put into it and the hardest part was getting the top part up," said Henri Domange, a second-year business economics student and vice president of the fraternity, referring to the difficulty in stabilizing the two tall masts of the ship that held the sails.

So why surrender a large portion of "yer" treasured time and booty for just one night?

"It’s mostly done for pride and reputation. You want to throw the best parties so your house can gain the reputation of being the best fraternity," Rehman said. "It’s also about how can we portray the fraternity in a positive way. That could include whether people talk about the party for weeks on end or that you’ve known to host something unique that people can have fun with," he added.

Jeffy Travis, director of communications for the UCLA Interfraternity Council and member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, said fraternities host parties "mostly to keep up appearances," referring to the fraternity’s general desire to maintain its presence within the UCLA community.

But along with the incentives, there is the need to pay for expenses, as well as deal with "the bunch of random people at the house," said Travis, a third-year political science student.

There is also an added consequence that is only noticeable when the party is over.

"Your house gets trashed," Travis said. Whether the party is worth the trouble of waiting in line or dressing in theme is a judgment call for students.

At the pirate party the line outside the house extended far past the front lawn at one point and it was rich with students wearing stripes, some with patches, some with hats and some shirtless to reflect the theme.

"It was kind of funny to look at," said Avani Oswal, a second-year business economics student, who dressed for the occasion.

She wore stripes and waited in line with a group of seven girls. She said though she rarely waits in lines to go to fraternity parties, she was willing to wait as long as 30 minutes for a party of this magnitude.

"It’s important for the fraternity to host parties because it gives people a chance to socialize (with) otherwise, everyone would not have the opportunity," Oswal said.

Once students got past the meeting point at the entrance and into the house, there were 17 more steps to climb before reaching a densely populated dance floor of students in costume, they would need to pass through sheets, sand, cloth and plastic, a recurring decoration around the house.

Out on the balcony, students found themselves close to a pump-run waterfall coming out from the floor above them. While no one would walk the plank set on top of the waterfall, hours of walking, building, lifting and other laborious tasks were done to construct it.

But the concept of these themes parties may not seem as uncommon as the phrases "ahoy" and "matey."

Phi Kappa Psi, one popular "Miami Vice"-themed party, which is only one part of a wider range of events the house hosts and is involved in, saidPhi Kappa Psi President Jon Reedd, a third-year history student.

"It’s all about the party, the best parties so your house can gain the reputation of being the best fraternity."

—Koby Rehman

Theta Chi adviser at UCLA

Social Web sites changing the face of grassroots campaigning

Laura Chapman

Daily Nexus (C. Nebraksa)

LINCOLN, Neb — At one time, grassroots campaigning meant coffee at the neighbor’s and town hall meetings. While that is still true for some, the age of Web sites and e-mailing has opened the door for a whole new breed of grassroots campaigning.

Many Nebraska candidates and advocates for ballot initiatives are using social networking Web sites, such as Facebook and MySpace, to reach their constituents in a whole new way.

Jim Schiller, the U.S. House of Representatives Democratic candidate for District 2, uses both Facebook and MySpace as a way to bring interested Nebraskans to his official Web site, said Holly Esch, his sister and personal assistant. The use of the social networks has increased the number of visitors to the Web site, she said.

"It was kind of funny to look at the page’s stats," Holly Esch said. "I jumped because we were able to link them to our page.

Holly Esch said she and other campaign members were not aware her brother and town council hopeful until she stumbled upon it one day. After contacting Facebook employees, the campaign members were given access to his profile and were able to update it with additional information.

Jim Schiller now uses the networking Web sites as a way to communincate with people, post blog comments and respond to questions raised by Nebraskans who visit the site, Holly Esch said.

Rep. Lee Terry of Omaha and incumbent of District 2 also posts regularly on Facebook and MySpace. While Terry has a completed profile on MySpace, the Facebook page has not been updated because members of the campaign have not decided if they would like to change it, said Scott Shilller, Terry’s campaign manager.

Though the networking tools have been useful to direct interest ed viewers to Terry’s Web site, Shilller said, he did not know if the Web sites would encourage more people to vote.

"It’s hard to say if it’s a turnout tool because it’s a Web site," Shilller said.

Facebook launched an Election 2006 network on Sept. 1 in an effort to give younger generations an opportunity to express their opinions on political issues, according to a Facebook spokesperson. Profiles were created for gubernatorial, Senate and House of Representatives candidates running for office this November.

Students Against the Lid was created under the auspices of legal observers and the campaign members were given access to his profile and were able to update it with additional information.

Jim Schiller now uses the networking Web sites as a way to communicate with people, post blog comments and respond to questions raised by Nebraskans who visit the site, Holly Esch said. Matt Schaefer, student regent and president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, is one of the campaign members.

"It’s thè first time the students have felt like someone was taking the time to come out and vote," Holly Esch said.

In addition to parties, fraternities also participate in philanthropic events.

Philanthropy work by Theta Chi includes participation in UCLA Room Walk and Relay for Life, as well as an annual charity dinner which raises $2,000.

While a large portion of funds raised for charities varies by quarter based on the number of events participated in, Theta Chi said it raises about $4,000 each quarter.

SAE also hosted a party themed "Miami Vice," in line with the Halloween festivities.

SAE spent approximately $4,000, inclusive of the more expensive items such as security and a DJ, said Andrew Bertolli, social chair of the second-year global studies student.

And when members of SAE are not spending time preparing parties, they volunteer time to philanthropy work. A more popular cause, "Miami Vice," raised about $3,000, said Adam Bierman, a third-year political science student.

Christopher Burgart, a UCSB alumnus and fraternity brother living under the advisement of the ship of the, and though no one was inside the ship to act out pirate scenes of events, the house "bought 40 or 50 t-shirts," she said impressed a lot of students waiting in line as they would have to eventually walk under it.
Dianna Bai
The Stanford Daily (STANFORD)
STANFORD — Ever feel that need to continuously click the refresh button on your Internet browser to see if you’ve got mail? Ever show up late to class because you were writing an e-mail and got distracted? Ever wake up at 4 a.m. and automatically check Facebook? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may be an Internet addict.

A new study from Stanford University Medical School found that excessive Internet usage can be compared to alcoholism — and what may be labeled as merely bad habits could be signs of a compulsive disorder.

"Just think about the pandemic of e-mail once you get to college," said senior Ethan Townsend. "You like to feel that all the e-mail you've gotten are taken care of." But is this constant behavior a warning sign?

Dr. Elias Aboujaoude, director of Stanford's Impulse Control Disorders Clinic, recently surveyed 2,500 people in a nationwide study of Internet usage.

The results showed 14 percent of the population found it hard to stay away from the Internet for several days at a time, while eight percent used the Internet as an escape from problems. Another six percent said their personal relationships suffered directly from too much time online.

A segment of the population — should they be called junkies? — is even seeking professional help for the addiction. At the Stanford Clinic, Aboujaoude has treated many patients, including University students, for problems related to the Internet.

"People come in because they've been disciplined or fired for spending too much time on the Internet," Aboujaoude said. "They know they have a problem, but find it hard to stop.

He compared excessive use to more serious behaviors.

"It's too early to call it an addiction like we call alcohol an addiction," he said. "But sometimes the cravings people feel can be similar, sometimes they need to gradually increase intake to get the same kind of satisfaction, and when they cut back, they might feel recklessness and withdrawal.

"At the epicenter of the Silicon Valley, it can be difficult to draw the distinction between normal and compulsive use,

"There's so much information on the Internet that you can read and watch," said sophomore Kimberly Johnson. "You can basically do anything you want without getting up from the computer. It's addictive because it's hard to stop doing something so convenient.

Moncharmont said there are finite levels of activity on the Net, some more addictive than others.

"There are definitely people who get lost in applications of the Internet," he said. "Some people play World of Warcraft and never come out of their rooms."

He expressed doubt that the problem stems from the technology itself.

"You can get addicted to any activity," he said. "You can be addicted to the Internet but still have a social life and do well at school." From a clinical perspective, Aboujaoude agreed, but he also put out a note of optimism.

The Internet can be a wonderful thing," he said. "It's not always bad. Some patients with social anxieties wouldn't be able to ask people out on a date if they didn't break the ice with a few e-mails first. When you feel your virtual life and social relationships are more important than those in your real life, that is when it becomes a problem."

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They helped lead the Trojans to a 37-2 record and two national titles. They created a dynasty that others would have to lose, but even without the losses they’re on course for a BCS bowl game. Oh yeah, did I mention that Oregon and Washington State are both in the top 25? Not to mention that team in Corvallis just had a pretty good week. The Brains had Notre Dame beat until Heisman candidate Brady Quinn refused to lose another game to a team from Los Angeles. The Pac-10 is starting to show that the Trojans aren’t the only team on the West Coast worth watching.

Third, to me is a question that is going to be answered very soon — how good of a coach is Carroll? He was outcoached in the title game last year in a 41-38 loss to Texas. He has barely won games this season that were expected to be blowouts. With Oregon, Cal, Notre Dame and UCLA still waiting on the schedule, he will be lucky to escape this season with only three losses. Bottom line is, USC’s run is coming to an end and everyone else in the country couldn’t be happier.

Take away a kneel-down on the last play of the first half, and Boise State reached the end zone on five straight possessions, ousting Fresno State 35-17 for the stretch. Zabransky completed 19 of 25 passes and added another 57 yards rushing. The Broncos were ranked 14th in this week’s BCS standings, and need to finish in the top 12 of the final poll to become the second team from a non-BCS conference to land a berth in one of the big-money bowl games.

With representatives from the Fiesta, Sugar and Orange bowls in attendance, the Broncos were overpowering for three quarters, then Johnson finished off the Bulldogs 45-21. Overshadowed much of the season by Johnson — the national leader in touchdowns — Zabransky directed the Broncos (9-0, 5-0 WAC) to scores on three consecutive possessions in the first half. He also led scoring drives the first two times Boise State had the ball in the second half.
**SPORTS**

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Though full of experience, the women's hoops squad may start three freshmen Friday.

Tristan Aird

Although Cal Poly's women's basketball team returns in top three scorers from a year ago, but that doesn't necessarily mean Mustangs will look the same this season.

In fact, Cal Poly might start as many as three of its six seniors, head coach Faith Mimnaugh said Wednesday.

"The coaching staff has talked about three of them possibly starting for us come Friday," Mimnaugh said. "This is one of our best recruiting classes ever." At the forefront of that recruiting class is 6-foot-1-inch freshman Bri'a Fields, who can play small forward or center.

"Fields has terrific size, an awesome post presence and awesome hands," Mimnaugh said. "She's the type of player defensively still." Mimnaugh said not only is Fields going to be counted on heavily her freshman season, but she has the potential to become one of the top players in program history. "Fields is in time going to be a dou-
ble-double player," Mimnaugh said. "Maybe in the 20s by the time she's done here in terms of scoring. We feel like she's someone who's really going to develop for us."

Mimnaugh will get her first in-
game look at the six freshmen when the Mustangs host Division I Cal State Los Angeles for an exhibition contest that will not count toward either team's record at 4 p.m. Friday in Mott Gym. Cal Poly is coming off a 13-14 season in which it went 7-7 in Big West Conference play and beat Pacific 94-67 in the first round of the conference tournament before it went on to a third-round loss to UC Riverside.

In the Big West preseason polls, Cal Poly was picked to finish fifth among eight teams by media and sev-
enth by coaches.

That doesn't fare sophomore post player Megan Harrison, who averaged 9.2 points and 4.6 rebounds per game last season. She was seco-
d on the Mustangs in scoring average last year despite starting only seven games.

"It's basically a new team," Harrison said. "We have high expecta-
tions because we have a bunch of talented fresh-
men that came in. They bring speed and a pos-
tive mindset that was needed in the past. It's just a fresh base."

At the core of the returning players is Jessica Elggleston, who can play either guard spot and her natural position of small forward. She

led Cal Poly last season in points (11.8), rebounds (6.1) and steals (2.4). "We have a good balance of returners and new people," Eggleston said. "I like having a lot of new people. It brings a new look to the team. It's a really different team than it's been in the past."

After receiving first-team All-Big West honors last season, Eggleston was named to the preseason all-conference team this year. She is only 335 points away this season from becoming just the seventh player in program history to eclipse 1,000 points for a career.

"Jessica has always been a special athlete," Mimnaugh said. "She's become a very spe-
cial basketball player. When we first recruited her, there weren't a lot of takers because her ball-handling skills were lacking. She's really worked on making better decisions on the court and made herself into a player who will be considered for Player of the Year in the Big West.

Mimnaugh added that Eggleston is one of five players in the Big West with a chance to play in the WNBA or professionally overseas. "We'll make sure we get some WNBA scouts here to see (Eggleston)," Mimnaugh said.

Another key returner is 5'2-inch point guard Sparkle Anderson, who has started the majority of games the past two backcourt since her freshman season (2004-05), in which she averaged 9.9 points and 3.0 assists.

Last season, Anderson averaged 8.7 points, 4.1 assists and 2.0 steals. "Sparkle is playing the best ball she's ever played," Mimnaugh said of the team's recent practices.

Alongside Eggleston, Anderson and Fields, Mimnaugh said the starting lineup will be rounded out by junior guards Kylea Hunter, Toni Newman, but nothing is set in stone.

"I've been tin-
kering with it for the last three weeks," Mimnaugh said of the starting five. Key reserves will include Harrison, sophomore guard Lisa McBride, junior forward N i c C. Yarwasky and five freshmen in addition to guards Ashlee Stewart, Shannon Gholan, Tamara Wells, Rebecca Trauter and Brittany Asplund.

"We're hoping that at least rebounding-wise we're going to have that concern addressed with the recruit-
ment of Trauter, who's a beast on the boards," Mimnaugh said. Shannon Gholan can shoot the three and drive to the basket, "Ashlee Stewart is a solid point guard, Toni Newman is a stress to the defense, Shannon Gholan can shoot the three and drive to the basket, "As for see Women, page 15

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**COMMENTS**

**Trojans falling off horse?**

John Middlekauff

Sports Editor

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ain is usually a normal occurrence in Oregon, and even on a sunny Saturday afternoon in Corvallis. One, it still managed to pour.

On this day it wasn't water falling from the sky. It was Oregon State's students pouring onto the field to celebrate one of the biggest victories in school history.

With OSU's stunning 35-31 victory over the USC Trojans last Saturday, it showed the nation something that many of us in already believed — USC isn't that good.

USC used to be a team that looked like it deserved to play on Sundays. Now the reality is that all the players that made them so dominant actually play on Sundays.

The Trojans may still have some of the most talented players in the nation on their roster, but sometimes it's impossible to replace certain individuals. They say schools like USC don't rebuild, they reload, but does do you reload three Heisman Trophy winners in four years? You don't.

USC had been ranked in the top three in the nation the entire year, but recently many start-
ted to question its dominance. The Trojans start-
ed season strong with a 4-0 record over Nos. 12 Arkansas and Nebraska. Then they started Pac-10 play where they had won 7-2 con-
secutive see USC, page 14

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**PORTS**

Depth key for both Cal Poly

basketball teams in 2006-07

The Mustangs return 84 percent of their scoring from last year.

Devan McClaine

MUSTANG GEEK

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it Poly's men's basketball team was recently picked fourth by the media and sixth by coaches in recent Big West Conference preseason polls.

Despite such humble rank-

ings, the Mustangs have high expectations for the upcoming 2006-07 season.

Cal Poly finished with a 15-19 overall record while posting a 7-7 record in conference play last year.

However, there are plenty of rea-

sons to be optimi-

stic. For starters, the Mustangs return 84 percent of their scoring from the previous year, most of the year in the conference. It doesn't hurt to have leading scorer Derek Stockalper back either. The 6-5-inch senior forward averaged 12.9 points per game last year and was named to All-Big West first team. Head coach Kevin Bonnely expects to play Stockalper exclu-

sively at the small for-

ward and power forward positions, although he did play some shooting guard last year.

"Stockalper can play the two, three or four," Bonnely said. "He's a complete player."

Bonnely cited Stockalper's post play in addi-

tion to his ability to shoot the ball in a contest for matchup nightmares.

"Stockalper presents a problem for most teams because he can post most threes up, but he's quick enough to get around most fours," Bonnely said.

Returning with Stockalper is shooting guard Dawson Whiten. The 6-3 senior led the Mustangs in steals (26) and three-point field goal made with 46. Bonnely also expects big things from sopho-

more power trio Shiloh Shenkel. Despite being a fresh-

man last year, the 6-7 forward played in 17 games and averaged 5.2 points per contest. Bonnely expects those numbers to rise this year.

The biggest surprise of Bonnely's evaluation of his team is the fact that he placed frontcourt depth at the forefront of strengths for the 2006-07 team. "We're big and very athletic up front," Bonnely said. "I'm looking forward to seeing what we can do this year."

This is news considering the Mustangs also return sophomore guards Travis Clark (83.9 points per game) and Chaz Thomas (7.7 ppg) in addition to Whiten.

The biggest revelation in the front-

court could come in the form of Cade Lavine.

The 6-9 sopho-

more earned a bit of time with injuries last year but came on strong at season's end. Bonnely describes Lavine as young, athletic and very exciting.

"He's someone who can make plays above the rim," Bonnely said. "He had five blocks in a scrimmage the other day."

The six-year head coach also stressed the fact that the league is wide open now, as opposed to the last couple of years, in which Pacific has dominated. "Pacific lost a lot people," Bonnely said. "It's nobody who really scares me this year."

Despite the losses, Bonnely still voted the Tigers No. 1 in the poll out of "sheer respect."

Bonnely need to carry moment-

um in order for the Mustangs to attain the goal of being at the top of the conference at the end of the year.

The Mustangs open the season No. 10 against Southeast Louisiana at the Oregon State Tournament. Cal Poly begins home play against Big West foe Cal State Fullerton on Nov. 20.