Democrats took 226 seats in the House while Republicans took 191. The Senate was tied at 49 seats and two states were still undecided as of 12:07 a.m. today.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Resurgent Democrats won control of the House and challenged the Republicans’ grip on the Senate in midterm elections early Wednesday, riding a powerful wave of public anger over the war in Iraq and scandal at home.

“We Preside, we need a new direction in Iraq,” said California Democratic Rep. Nancy Pelosi, celebrating her party’s return to power — and her own ascension as first female speaker in history.

Despite public dissatisfaction with President Bush, Democrats won gubernatorial races in New York, Ohio and Massachusetts for the first time in more than a decade, then put Colorado, Maryland and Arkansas in blue column as well.

Bush monitored the returns from the White House as the voters picked a new Congress certain to complicate his final two years in office. He arranged to call Pelosi on Wednesday morning, then hold an afternoon news conference.

“They have not gone the way he would have liked,” press secretary Tony Snow said of the election returns.

Charlie Crist was a rare bright spot for Republicans, winning the Florida governorship now held by the president’s brother Jeb. GOP Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger won a new term in California, the nation’s most populous state.

But that was cold comfort for the Republicans, who have controlled the White House and both houses of Congress for most of the time since Bush took office and used their majority to pass large tax cuts and back the war in Iraq,” said California Democratic Rep. Nancy Pelosi.

Despite trailing earlier in the night, Proposition ID squeaks by, gives millions to Cal Poly

Devan McClaine
MUSTANG DAILY

A proposition that will infuse $10.4 billion into California’s education system, including $16.7 million for Cal Poly over two years, was headed toward approval as of deadline Tuesday.

Proposition 1D was up by a margin of five points, 54.6 percent to 45.4.

As of 11:02 p.m. on Tuesday, 3,667,064 votes had been counted.

The proposition will send $7.3 billion to K-12 schools while the remaining $3.1 billion will be sent to higher education such as community colleges, Universities of California and California State Universities like Cal Poly. The funds will be used to repair older facilities, provide earthquake safety and deal with the constant problem of overcrowding in California’s educational facilities.

Funding for the bill will arrive via obligation bonds sold by the state. It will cost the state $20.3 billion to pay off the loan, including $9.9 billion in interest payments.

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Dalidio Ranch: Success after 16 years

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Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger shakes hands with supporters during his victory party in Beverly Hills, Calif, on Election Day.

He’ll be back

Gillian Flaccus
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger coasted to a second term Tuesday, a campaign in which he promised to rebuild California, and wound up rebuilding himself.

“This without any doubt is my favorite sequel,” a jubilant Schwarzenegger told supporters in Beverly Hills.

Democrat Phil Angelides, 53, the bespectacled state treasurer who argued that the state needed a new face, not a celebrity sequel, suffered from campaign mistakes, inadequate cash and lackluster party support.

“From the day we started this campaign, we stood up for what we knew was right. We stood up for the people who need a chance in government,” Angelides said after conceding the race.

A massive, $37 billion package of initiatives to rebuild highways, schools, see Governor, page 3
Mayor returns for third term as mayor

Voters re-elected San Luis Obispo Mayor Dave Romero Tuesday for his third term. He won by 16.79 percent in a race against John Ewan, a business owner and City Council member, City Council member Christine Milholland and artisan welder Don Hedrick.

Romero led the race the whole way through.

"It is always nice going into the race with a comfortable lead," Romero said. "Plus, it's so much more fun being at a victory party with your friends and family when you're actually winning."

In another part of town, Ewan attended his own party. He knows that he will move on and still help the community.

"I've got a life," he said. "I've lived here since 1970, I have a company and I enjoy giving to the community. Now, I'll just have to give in different ways and I could use a vacation."

Down at Higuera Street Café, Milholland was spending time with friends. With the knowledge that she was not going to win, she still said she felt great.

"I came into this race to give people a choice and stir up conversation," she said. "I definitely think I succeeded."

Milholland will keep her seat in the City Council even though she lost, unlike her competitor Ewan. She said she was satisfied with the way all candidates treated each other and avoided mudslinging.

"I am a voice for the constituency that doesn't usually have one," she said. "Win, lose or draw I still get two more years of working on City Council."

Mayor Dave Romero defeated his competition yet again as he was re-elected to a third term.

Now that he has won, Romero knows there is a lot to do. He was the only candidate in favor of Measure J.

"Now that it has passed, we can move ahead with something that we have been planning for a long time," he said. "We can also build the interchange that has been planned for even longer."

Luckily, funding will not be an issue because that was decided a long time ago, he said. The goal is to get the interchange and the shopping center built at the same time, Romero said.

"It will probably be done in four or five years."

Another thing that passed was Measure Y, the sales tax increase, and he was in favor of that as well.

"We can finally get back to the first class qualities of life that this city has been known for in the past," he said. "It should bring in $4.5 million."

Romero knows that the job is a lot of work, but he is ready for it. "It's my city," he said. "I'm happy with all the work that goes along with the job. I'm retired."

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SLO residents vote Measure 'Yes'

Sara Hamilton

The measure passed Tuesday night with 64.74 percent of the vote, meaning that the city of San Luis Obispo will now pay a half-cent more on sales taxes for the next eight years.

The measure finished with 7,738 votes supporting it and only 4,215 votes opposing it. The measure is expected to provide approximately $4.5 million in revenue for San Luis Obispo.

"It's an unfortunate necessity," said newly re-elected City Councilman Allen Winslow, "now we'll know the state can't take our money."

Former Associated Students Inc. President Taylor Middletti agreed, saying that the negative impacts of unfunded mandates can be reversed with the passing of Measure Y.

"San Luis Obispo has been sapped for resources, and that's the only thing that has been keeping us from implementing important stuff."

Government

housing and levies — a pillar of Schwarzenegger's agenda — was facing a defeat. Allen Winslow "Now with 19 percent of precincts reporting.

Schwarzenegger, 59, was seen as a likely Republican in a year when the party has struggled to hold on nationwide amid frustration with the federal government. A year ago, the race was Angelle's to lose.

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But the former muscleman and

Hollywood star admitted mistakes he had made in office. "We"re gonna give it our effort and try to make a big difference."

in his city's infrastructure to break a big difference."

It's a modest amount with big impacts.

The tax increases in Arroyo Grande, Morro Bay and Grover Beach passed, but Pismo Beach's measure was defeated 51.52 to 48.48 percent. San Luis Obispo's version of the tax increase was unique in that Measure Y will only be put into effect for a period of eight years. In 2015, it will be up for review and voters can either renew or repeal Measure Y.

Selle, a political science profes­

said that while the measure won't affect tuition costs or other Cal Poly facilities, he does think that the revenue from the measure will vastly improve the bus transit sys­

From the Associated Press

The measure will be put into effect next year to protect and maintain essen­

tial services such as road paving, pothole repair, traffic con­

trol, public safety, including restoring eliminat­

ed traffic patrol, Fire Marshal and fire prevention, flood protection, senior citizen services and services, neighborhood code enforcement, open space preservation and other general pur­

ture improvements, Dalidio said. Measure Y will become active April 1, 2006.

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that Rep. Mark Foley had held. He resigned on Sept. 29 after being contem­

plated with sexual explicit conduct. He was impeached in the house investiga­

tion. The GOP also lost the Texas seat once held by former Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

Surveys of voters suggested Democrats were winning the sup­

port of independents with almost 60 percent support, and middle-class voters were leaning Republican behind.

About six in 10 voters said they disapproved of the way Bush is han­

dling his job that the nation is on the wrong track and that they oppose war in Iraq. Iraqi voters in all groups were more inclined to vote for Democratic candidates than for Republicans.

Over half of the voters registered dissatisfaction with the way Republican leaders in Congress dealt with Foley they voted overwhelmingly against him in a special House race, by a margin of 3-to-1.

The surveys were taken by The Associated Press and the networks.

History worked against the GOP. too, since World War II, the party in control of the White House has lost an average 31 House seats and six Senate seats in the second midterm election of a president's tenure in office.

More than the party-run battle for control of Congress and the statehouses was at stake.

South Dakota voters rejected the toughest abortion law in the land — a measure that would have outlawed the procedure under almost any circ­

umstances.

In a comeback unlike any other, Sen. Joe Lieberman won a new term in Connecticut — dispatching Democrat Ned Lamont and thus winning when it counted most against the man who had prevailed in a summertime primary. Lieberman, a supporter of Bush's war policy, ran as an independent, but will side with the Democrats when he returns to Washington.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton counted to a second Democratic term in New York, winning roughly 70 percent of the vote in a warm-up to a possible run for the White House in 2008.

The bill would benefit Cal Poly in various ways including replace­

ment of Anderson Pool and provid­

ing equipment and furniture for the new Construction Management building.

Nearly $5 million of the $16.7 million Cal Poly will receive will be ear­

marked for the new Science Building.

Kelley called the project "imperatively important to Cal Poly students, academic programs and administration."

The measure was passed with a big impact. "The interest rates have

increased," Capps said at the debate. "And I'm going to continue to fight really hard to restore these cuts to secondary education.

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dents," Capps said.

To the people of the 23rd District, Mark O'Toole said, "If we're gonna give it our effort and try to make a big difference, we'll be forced to do that.

with a big impact.

San Luis Obispo Sales Tax Increase

64.74% Yes

53.26% No

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Tognazzini claimed the long and

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trict" for the incumbent.

Capps spent the rest of the night celebrating with and thank­

ing her supporters.

"It looks like for the first time I'm going to serve in a majority and that's very good," Capps said. While the Democrats have a majority in the House, as of 31 p.m. Tuesday there was no clear

majority in the Senate.

During a debate at Cal Poly last week she talked about her hope for a democratic majority in Congress, especially in light of the Republican budget for higher education.

"I think it's outrageous that in a time when we all know how important higher education is for our country that this budget would actually let outreach events, grant opportunities and make it twice as hard to get a student loan.

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James Fagone, 24, asked to move estranged husband and putting chemist charged with killing her. Lawyers for Larissa Schuster, 46, and her alleged accomplice James Fagone, 24, asked to move the case to Alameda County during a hearing in Fresno County Superior Court on Monday. Schuster and Fagone, her lab assistant, were arrested for the 2003 murder of Timothy Schuster after authorities found his remains in Larissa Schuster's storage unit. **L O S A N G E L E S (A P) —** A man was killed when he tried to outrun an oncoming light rail train, authorities said. The southbound Metropolitan Transportation Authority Blue Line train struck the 31-year-old man was killed when he tried to outrun an oncoming light rail train, authorities said. The southbound Metropolitan Transportation Authority Blue Line train struck the 31-year-old man was killed when he tried to outrun an oncoming light rail train, authorities said. 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Police arrest 4 SLO residents for sale of drugs, weapons

San Luis Obispo police located 3 pounds of meth and 1 1/2 pounds of cocaine among other drugs in the raid.

Devan McClaine  
SLO chasing  
Four San Luis Obispo residents are in police custody after a drug raid late Monday night on five locations throughout the city. The suspects, Robert Trevino, Pedro Barra, Phillip Furia and Claudia Rosales, were arrested on suspicion of crimes ranging from possession and sales of a controlled substance to child endangerment, according to San Luis Obispo police chief Deborah Linden.

During the raid, police discovered numerous caches of drugs and three firearms at various locations including approximately 3 pounds of methamphetamine, 1 1/2 pounds of cocaine and a kilo of marijuana. In addition to the narcotics, the raid netted two 380 caliber semiauto­matics, a 22 caliber rifle, which the suspects allegedly intended to sell.

According to police, the drug had an approximate street value of $117,000 total; the methamphet­amine alone carries a street value of $65,000.

During the course of the investigation, an undercover officer purch­ased methamphetamine and cocaine on several occasions from the 24-year-old Trevino, Linden said. The officer allegedly purchased a Bryco Arms 380 semi-automatic pistol (in addition to the two seized) and a ballistic body armor vest from the suspect. While the vest is legal, only licensed firearm dealers can sell handguns. During the course of the transaction, Trevino also reportedly offered to sell the officer pound quantities of methamphetamine and half kilogram quantities of cocaine.

Trevino is being held on suspicion of firearm sales, conspiracy, and child endangerment; his bail is set at $50,000.

Barra, 28, was purportedly also involved in the sales and was alleged to have been involved in the sale of cocaine. Barra was arrested on suspi­tion of the handling and selling of the firearms and conspiracy, his bail was also set at $50,000.

Furia, 27, and 20-year-old Claudia Rosales were also arrested during the raid, their bail was set at $100,000 each.

Furia was detained on suspicion of possession and the sale of cocaine, conspiracy and possession of ecstasy. Rosales, who is Trevino's wife, was arrested on suspicion of possession and the sale of methamphetamine and cocaine, in addition to child endangerment.

The couple's two children, a 1-year-old boy and 2-year old girl, have been placed in protective custody by Child Welfare Services, if convicted of the charges, the suspects face between nine to 14 years in prison.

The raid was the culmination of an investigation by a joint task force including the San Luis Obispo County Narcotics Task Force, San Luis Obispo Police Department and the Santa Maria office of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The seizure marks one of the largest in San Luis Obispo County this year. In a prepared statement, police chief Deborah Linden said the street has "removed a significant source of illegal narcotics from our streets and made our community safer."

Linden added that two small chil­dren are now out of harm's way as well.

Heavy rain in Washington state prompts evacuations

Donna Gordon  
ASSOCIATED PRESS  
SEATTLE — Heavy rain tapered off Tuesday in western Washington after causing severe flooding that killed at least one person and stranded others who had to be rescued by police and the National Guard. Mud and rock slides blocked a number of highways in the Northwest and delayed an Amtrak passenger train.

Gov. Chris Gregoire declared a state of emer­gence for 18 counties, authorizing the National Guard and the state Emergency Management Division to offer assis­tance. Helicopters and hovercraft were pressed into service for rescues.

Tens of thousands of children were given the day off from school Tuesday.

Mount Rainier National Park measured more than 10 inches of rain in 24 hours. Stampered Pass reported an all-time record of 8.22 inches on Monday.

About 200 to 225 elk hunters were evacuated Monday from hunting camps near the Cowlitz River in southwest Washington, said Lewis County Sheriff Steve Mandsfield. A 29-year-old elk hunter dead where his pickup truck was swept into the river, authorities said.

The rainstorms that soaked Washington and parts of Oregon and British Columbia were pro­duced by the Focus of the run 2 Remember.

The event is open to walkers, jog­gers or runners of all skill levels. Women's Programs hopes that peo­ple will come out just to have a good time and show support.

The course for the 5K run is different than in previous years, as a result of recent construction on Poly' s Perimeter Road, in front of the Health Center, and go to the Health Center, and down the Health Center in the University Union, room 207, or at the event.

RCPR will be providing music for the Run 2 Remember. Directly following the run at 7 p.m., there will be a special performance by songwriter Tara Jane O'Neil, at the San Luis Obispo Art Center, down­town next to Grappolo.

Women's Programs changes this year's run to 2 Remember. The Rain 2 Remember, Women's Programs turned to promoting sexual assault awareness and helping prevent violence against women.

"It's always been a very fun, empowering event," said English senior Ruthie Osorio, the coordina­tor for the first year's Run 2 Remember, and part of the team working on this year's event.

The event is open to workers, jog­gers or runners of all skill levels.

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The course for the 5K run is dif­ferent than in previous years, as a result of recent construction on campus. Runners will start on Cal Poly's Perimeter Road, in front of the Health Center, and go to the Sports Complex and back on main, well-lit roads through campus.

"For one night, we can run with­out fear. Running together with our friends, we can empower ourselves and reclaim the night. With each step, we run to honor the survivors and remember those we, as a commu­nity, have lost," said the mission statement for the Run 2 Remember.

Women's Programs will have a table at the event with literature offering advice to women on how to protect themselves from sexual assault in their daily lives, while doing things like going for a run or taking a bath, according to Webb.

Women's Programs hopes the event will attract men as well as women. Even though sexual assault is not as prevalent among men, the group wants to show support and awareness about something that affects everyone close to a victim, not just the victim themselves.

"We always try to encourage men to come out and be allies," Osorio said.

The Run 2 Remember has been held annually during past spring semesters with statistics sug­gesting that most sexual assaults occur within the first 30 days of the school year. Women's Programs changed their focus.

"We hope alerting people earlier might help with prevention," Run 2 Remember coordinator Andrea Metcalf said.

Although it's called Run 2 Remember, Women's Programs doesn't want the event to be a grieving past victims of sexual assault, but about learning how to prevent it.

The run costs $15 and includes a T-shirt, water bottle and glow stick. Anyone interested in participating in the Run 2 Remember can register at the Women's Center in the University Union, noon to 7 p.m. or at the event.

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**Blink**

By Laura Kasavant

First impressions mean more than you think

**BOOK REVIEW**

B ink and Susan sat in a non-descript room and allowed themselves to be video-taped for 15 minutes. While they discussed a point of contention in their marriage: their dog. They were a trendy couple in their 30s, whose sparkly messy haircuts revealed a playful nature. As people do, they had a seemingly ordinary conversation about their dog, they were under careful observation by John Gottman, a psychologist at the University of Washington. Electrodes and sensors recorded the flow of their heart rate and how much they were sweating. In the brief 15-minute clip of the couple, Gottman observed subtle signs of defensiveness and contempt in their interaction by analyzing the tape "according to a coding system that has 20 separate categories corresponding to every conceivable emotion that a married couple might express during a conversation.

Not only did Gottman measure the amount of positive and negative emotions during their interaction, he also looked for a pattern in Bill and Susan's marriage that he believes can emerge during any meaningful interaction. Bill and Susan are only one example of the kind of case examined in the book "Blink," by Malcolm Gladwell. This is Gladwell's second novel — his first foray into the world of writing non-fiction. Published in 2005, "Blink" explores "the power of thinking without thinking." Gladwell guides the reader's understanding of the world within by studying the process of decision making. For instance, he discusses the concept of thin-slicing, which is a critical part of rapid cognition. He writes, "thin-slicing" refers to the ability of a person to find patterns in situations and behavior based on very narrow slices of experience...thin-slicing is part of what makes the unconscious so dazzling.

However, even though much of the book is based on psychology and neuroscience, Gladwell doesn't overwhelm or intimidate the reader. Instead, he presents his well-researched arguments clearly, and delves into such a wide range of topics in his study that his arguments appear versatile and objective.

Gladwell's theory of thin-slicing is not all positive, either. He admits that although thin-slicing is possible because we can quickly get beneath the surface of a situation, we will err if we make a snap judgment without ever getting below the surface. He uses the case of Warren Harding to describe this error. "Many people who looked at Warren Harding saw how extraordinarily handsome and distinguished-looking he was and jumped to the immediate — and entirely unwarranted conclusion that he was a man of courage and intelligence and integrity."

This "Warren Harding error" reminds us of the importance of getting the right people in front of the screen, if we wish to see a woman before them, as the trombone was considered suitable for rules only. "Once Celibidache and the rest of the committee saw her in the flesh, all those long-held prejudices began to crumble."

"Blink" is a truly science-based book. It is worth reading because it is both dynamic and innovative. Most importantly, it sheds insight on a concept that we have always hoped possible: in the mere blink of an eye, we can apply the correct reality.

Laura Kasavant is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily book reviewer.

**Steamy ‘Shortbus’ looks past the sex**

Hyatt Michaels

**MICHIGAN DAILY STAFF WRITER**

Though its rapid succession of graphically uncensored sex scenes will undoubtedly scare away the prudish audiences, director John Cameron Mitchell’s ("Hedwig and the Angry Inch") provocative new film, "Shortbus," is much more than a run-of-the-mill raunchfest. It’s a cinematic ode to post-Sept. 11 New York City — a homage created solely to push its audience toward seeing what’s beyond the surface of things.

Like Woody Allen’s "Manhattan," "Shortbus" uses backdrops of the famed city to complement its stories of incorrigible characters in love and lust. But while the former used romantic shots and the city’s skyline as relief from the nonstop narration of its characters, "Shortbus" instead aggressively imposes an audience voyeurism, zooming in from the darkly drawn skies of an animated New York to the three-dimen-sional lives and escapades of a trou­bled group of 20- and 30-somethings.

The stories we find aren’t always written — or acted — perfectly. But there’s something incomparably real and ultimately moving about the people we meet. Fitting, considering many of the actors helped pen “Shortbus” with Mitchell.

We meet the adorable Sophia, a sex therapist who’s never had an orgasm. She betrays two of her clients, a gay couple with sexual issues of their own, and the three eventually end up in Shortbus, a pleasure palace where the sexually starved and bored come to chat, drink and solve problems by getting off.

Of course, the most explicit scenes occur here, but with no gratuitousness. Despite a glimpse here and there of breasts, bare buttocks and simul­tation, our attention is pretty much glued to Sophia and her journey into her new world.

Mitchell managed to stage tragedy and comedy incredibly well with his avant-garde musical "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" a few years ago, and he does so again with "Shortbus." The stories feature main char­acters struggling with deeper issues beneath their sexual dys­functions, and they’re seamless­ly pieced together, each con­vincingly doing justice to heartbreak without neglecting its humor. And their disconcerting ra­onance actually has less to do with sex than with the characters’ sur­roundings — New York City.

Mitchell never takes a clear position, always a character reveals that she wants to leave the city because of the rising cost of living after Sept. 11, deeper worries than sexual dissatisfaction are certainly implied.

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Fark.com expands to online show

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Continuing once again "The Greatest Sites Series," we spoke with the creator, founder and the single one guy behind one of the most popular real news humor sites, Fark.com. Mustang Daily: So what is Fark all about for those who may have never heard of it?

Drew Curtis: Basically, it's just my life. That's probably the best description. I tend to read news and stuff all day long and started putting a Web site together of stuff that I found was funny or strange. I started doing the actual site in February 1999, so that makes it about 8 years old.

MD: How has the job changed for you? Is it still as fun as it's always been for you?

DC: Yeah, actually it is, which is probably a good thing honestly. It's just gotten a lot bigger and the scale has just gotten bizarre too, you know, in understanding that, for example, I try not to post anything about stocks that I own. I did a test one day to see if we could move the market and we did just a little bit and that's just enough to be illegal. I try not to do that too often. It's stuff like that that's really bizarre. I had dinner one night in New York City across the street from where Fox News is headquartered and I was watching their news ticker and I was watching Fark headlines go by and they had gotten off our site. So that's how it's changed and it's stuff like that that's really kind of bizarre that's quite a step up from just posting stuff on a Web site.

MD: Have you increased staff as well?

DC: No, one of the things about Fark is that it's my third business. It didn't start out as a business, but when it became one it was the third time around for me and I'd learned a few things the first couple of times, one of which is don't hire people if you can avoid it. So, I haven't and there's technically no full-time employees. I spend all my time doing it and I've got a guy who does the tech work for it, but other than that there's no employees.

MD: So what exactly do you see for the future of Fark?

DC: Well, we have a TV show coming out, online only. I don't know that I can tell you which network it picked it up. They just announced today that they had an online initiative, so I suppose if you poke around and see if you can try and find some major media company that has an online initiative, that's the one. I probably can't tell you, but you're going to be launched in January and it'll be an Internet-only operation being written, produced, directed, etc. entirely by people who read Fark. It's a fantastic thing. They've shot five quick episodes and it's all on-your-ass hilarious. I'm shocked actually. The media company told us all of the online content that they've been producing for this initiative. Ours is by far, in a way, the funniest thing they've got. And we're the only thing that's not Hollywood-generated. We don't have any star power or major studio names behind it. Everything's based on just a bunch of guys on some cameras. I've seen it and I agree. I'd be surprised if they had anything better than that. It's actually shocking how good it is.

MD: Are we talking a weekly show?

DC: It's actually going to be daily. Whether or not they were going to do it daily was up for debate until they saw the tests. Now that they've seen it, they've all about it. It's looking really promising.

Editor's note: After some intense sniping, it looks like MTV Networks is the most likely "major network" to pick up the show.

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Tax cuts: A good first step

Yesterday, America voted into office many new legislators who want to shape American domestic and foreign policy for the next few years. Since this column is written before the election results have been finalized, it will not contain any specific reactions to outcomes of particular races or potential power shifts in either house of Congress.

The president is presiding over an age of anxiety with unusually low unemployment combined with record-setting stock market. Much of the economic prosperity can be attributed to Bush's tax cuts of 2001. By reducing the tax burden on corporations, the president has lifted the entire country out of the post Sept. 11 recession and into an era of exceptional economic prosperity.

These tax cuts are great, but they do not address the broader problem of the size of government. The proper role of government has been at the forefront of political debate for centuries. It comes down to the belief that individuals should be free to make their own decisions, or that government can better decide for them.

Our Founding Fathers clearly came down to the belief that government is for the greater good. Politicians are something that is good for an individual to do, like saving for retirement, and then forced all Americans into a single, wasteful government bureaucracy to enforce it. Social Security is the backbone of the American economy as costs continue to rise and benefits continue to shrink. Now our leadership has told not to count on Social Security at all and create our own private savings accounts, in addition to the money we are forced to pay in to Social Security, if we want to survive retirement.

The same incompetence is true for many other government programs as bureaucrats continue to assume that Americans need their help to survive. Gone are the ideals of noble, self-reliant American individuals. Government has claimed more and more of the property of hardworking Americans and forced them into a redistribution of their hard-earned wealth under the altruistic banner of the greater good. We now have an income tax burden of 10 to 35 percent which, sadly, is better than most of the world and even better than we were just 10 years ago under former President Bill Clinton.

Tax cuts are a great thing and go a long way to help ordinary Americans, but we need to take the next step. We need to reform or eliminate government programs that no longer fulfill their purpose and return America to its original conception: a nation free from the oppression of tyrannical government.

That is the choice of these and every other politician elected in the United States. We need them to stop the failing policies of the early 1900s and restructure America based on our original principles of liberty, personal freedom and the pursuit of happiness.

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He maintains an open dialogue with readers about this column and all previous columns in the forum section of the Mustang Daily Web site.
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In the 1-A wins, South Dakota State had a very tough start, really picked it up by winning six straight games. I think the league has been pretty balanced."

The Great West's wins over 1-A schools from referred to are North Dakota State's 29-24 win at Bell State (3-7) on Sept. 23, and Cal Poly's 16-14 win at San Diego State (1-7) on Oct. 28. North Dakota State lost 10-9 at 1-A Minnesota (4-6) on Oct. 21 and Cal Poly lost 17-7 at 1-A San Jose State (6-3) on Sept. 23.

Entering the weekend, the Great West has three teams ranked in The Sports Network's 1-AA poll — No. 5 North Dakota State (8-1-2-0), No. 9 Cal Poly (6-3-2-1) and No. 22 South Dakota State (6-3-2-0). UC Davis (4-5-1-3) and Southern Utah (3-6-0-3) round out the Great West.

"Every team in the league can play," Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson said Oct. 19. "That's really an impressive crowd. We've gotten people's attention and we deserve to have people's attention based on the way the teams in the conference have played."

The top four teams in the Great West are all in the top 25 of NCAA.org's Gridiron Power Index, which simulates the NCAA playoff selection committee's formula used to determine which teams reach the postseason. Despite the lofty rankings, North Dakota State, South Dakota State and UC Davis are all barred from postseason play this year because each school is a provision- al 1-AA member still transitioning from Division II.

When asked how the Great West became the top-ranked conference in only its third year, Ellerson credited the commitment each school has put forth."

"The commitment they put into their programs led to this," he said. "They committed to their scholarships and recruited the right types of players."

The Great West has been the top-ranked 1-AA conference for four weeks. It ended last season No. 5 in that category.

Cal Poly likely must win its final two games of the season — at North Dakota State on Saturday and at home against Savannah State (1-8) on Nov. 18 — to reach the playoffs.

"We're anxious to see how Cal Poly ends the season, obviously," Ellerson said. "I think if you do see a win from Cal Poly this weekend, I would hope the selection committee would grant them a bid."

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total. Birmingham posted five birdies, one eagle (the par-five, 432-yard eighth hole), five bogeys and six pars, finishing the tournament with a total of 12 birdies.

Sydney Roughton of UC Davis finished second, five strokes behind Birmingham. Roughton posted her second round of 75 for her 150 total, the team title, carding a four-person total. Herrmgham posted five second round of 75 for her 150 total, finishing second, five strokes behind State (b-2) on Sept. 23. North Dakota State lost 10-9 at 1-A San Jose State (6-3) on Sept. 23.

with UC Riverside third at 625 and Cal Poly fourth at 628. Scores were higher Tuesday and each player needed about 5 1/2 hours to complete the round due to windy and warm conditions. The best round of the day was a 73 by Arizona's Sophia Choi, who finished in a three-way tie for fourth place. Choi carded three birdies and a trio of bogeys.

One ace was recorded Tuesday as a 153 total and a lOth-place tie. Allison Wing, tied for 44th place with a back-to-back 79s for a 158 total. Elise Walker was Cal Poly's No. 2 scorer, finishing in a tie for 14th place.

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The Los Angeles Angels’ pitching coach might be a finalist for San Diego’s vacant managerial job.

Bernie Wilson

Bad Black met Tuesday with Padres owner John Moores and CEO Sandy Alderson, perhaps a front-office official.

“Across 38. Popular brand of lingerie. 46. Excellent. 53. Word that can follow the starts of 17- and 61-Across and 10- and 30-Down.”

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Kansas City Royals win the 1985 World Series.

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sophomore Cole Leavit and junior Derek Sparks. The Mustangs, an athletic, shot-blocking presence at the low post.

If Saturday’s 82-55 exhibition drubbing of Division II Notre Dame de Namur of Belmont is any indication, the Mustangs will start Big West Freshman of the Year Trae Black, who lives just mirth of San Diego, has been the Angels’ pitching coach for the last seven seasons. He played at San Diego State with Tony Guyon and pitched in the big leagues for 15 seasons, helping the Angels win the 1985 World Series.

Alderson had also dinner Monday night with Dusty Baker, who interviewed with Towers earlier in the day.

Baker formerly managed the Chicago Cubs and San Francisco Giants. His contract was not renewed last month after four years managing the Cubs.

A few days earlier Moores and Alderson met in Japan with another candidate, Trey Hillman. Hillman interviewed with Towers last week, then returned to Japan, where he manages the Nippon Ham Fighters and will lead a Japanese club in a forthcoming Asian Series. Alderson was in Japan with a major league all-star team.

Alderson said he didn’t want to label any of the candidates as finalists to replace Bruce Bochy, who managed the Padres to consecutive NL West titles for the first time in club history. Bochy had a year left on his Padres contract but accepted a three-year deal with San Diego last month.

“Aren’t sure it makes sense to talk about finalists versus also-rans at this point,” Alderson said.

If Shelton stays healthy, the Mustangs have one of the most talented starting lineups in the conference with a pair of capable backups in Vance and Lujan.

Shelton missed much of last seaon with a stress fracture in his foot, but he was healthy at the Big West tourney, where he showed Pacific and UC Santa Barbara a glimpse of his potential. Then a freshman, Shelton averaged 16 points and 7.5 rebounds in those two games. At times he looked unbreakable and he will certainly be a key to the Mustangs’ success this year.

The “X” factor could be Vance, who sat out last season after transferring from Portland. The 6-foot-8 inch forward/center had a pair of emphatic slam dunks Saturday.

This isn’t some home-cooked fantasy, folks. The Mustangs are for real, and they’re going to the NCAA Tournament, buddy.

Pacific might have topped the coaches’ preseason poll and Long Beach State might at the crest of the media poll, and Cal Poly might be picked sixth and fourth in those respective polls, but the polls are wrong.

In the words of Vince Vaughn: “Erroneous! Erroneous on both accounts!”
The Great West Football Conference is looking into expanding to at least eight teams in order to secure an automatic bid to the Division 1-AA playoffs, the Mustang Daily has learned.

In a phone interview Tuesday, Great West commissioner Ed Grom confirmed a report that his conference is looking to expand to at least eight teams. He said, however, that discussions are already underway and that an announcement on expansion could be made as early as January.

“We've had discussions with several schools, some out west,” Grom declined to name what schools the Great West has contacted about joining the football-only conference, in which Cal Poly is currently one of five 1-AA teams.

He said, however, that discussions are already underway and that an announcement on expansion could be made as early as January.

“Great West is not limited its goal because it is losing Western "from said. "We're discussing an expansion to at least eight teams.

In the midst of its third season, the Great West will not provide an automatic berth to the 16-team I-AA playoffs until it consists of at least six playoff-eligible teams aligned for at least two seasons. It currently consists of Cal Poly, UC Davis, Southern Utah, North Dakota State and South Dakota State.

Grom, whose office is located in Elmhurst, Ill., is also the commissioner of the non-football Mid-Continent Conference. He said the Great West has not limited its goal to eight teams.

“Eight, perhaps more if the right mix of schools comes together,” Grom said. “We're discussing an announcement as early as January with a couple possible members. We'll see how those talks go.”

Despite the goal of expansion, Grom confirmed an Oct. 26 report in the Sioux Falls, S.D., Argus Leader newspaper that the Gateway Football Conference has requested information from both North Dakota State and South Dakota State. The Gateway has admitted interest in adding the two schools because it is losing Western Kentucky, whose board of regents voted 7-2 Nov. 2 to move to the F-1 A level. That would leave the Gateway, in its 22nd season, with only seven teams.

“We're quite aware that the Gateway has approached both North and South Dakota State,” Grom said. “All they're doing is asking for information from those schools. As of now, they're Great West members in good standing.”

Asked whether he is worried if North Dakota State and South Dakota State might leave the Great West, Grom said, “I don't think we can worry at this time.”

Though Grom would not specify what schools the Great West has contacted, one possibility is the University of San Diego, a private school that fits well in the non-football West Coast Conference but is an unusual component of the Pioneer Football League. In its 14th year, the Pioneer consists of San Diego, Drake, Davidson, Jacksonville, Butler, Morehead State, Dayton and Valparaiso.

San Diego, however, would have to become a program with scholarship commitments to join the Great West. San Diego head coach Jim Harbaugh has said in the past that he would like the 15th-ranked Toreros (9-0) to gain scholarships.

A phone message left Tuesday for San Diego executive director of athletics Ky Snyder was not returned.

Aside from Cal Poly, UC Davis and San Diego, the only other I-AA football program in California is Sacramento State, which is currently one of nine teams in the mighty Big Sky Conference.

Grom said he could not name the schools the Great West has contacted because they are in good standing with their respective leagues.

“We're doing what we can to expand the league and make it viable,” Grom said.

Despite not providing an automatic bid to the 1-AA playoffs, the Great West is ranked No. 1 among Today's Jeff Sagarin ratings.

That actually places it ahead of the 1-A Sun Belt Conference, which includes Middle Tennessee State (6-3), Arkansas State (5-4), Troy (4-4) and Louisiana-Lafayette (4-4).

“We're really pleased about the performance of all our (Great West) institutions,” Grom said. “We knew going into the season that all five schools were going to be competitive teams. I'm really pleased.

Great West Football commissioner Ed Grom said Tuesday that his conference is looking to expand to at least eight teams.

Poly will win Big West
Frank Sranz
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men's basketball team and I got off to a volatile start last year.

Maybe I had it coming after I made several frank assertions in my first column about "the Fire Hose." The only thing the 2004-05 team had in common with the top 25 were the numbers two and five — 22 losses and five wins.

It was the brutal truth. I received one facetious fan note, made at least a few death stares from players soon after.

In all fairness, let's face the facts. The last few seasons haven't exactly been kosher for the Mustangs. The squad has finished 10-19, 5-22 and 11-16 in its last three seasons — not quite praise-worthy.

As the season officially begins this weekend, this column will make more bold statements about the expectations of the program: Cal Poly will win the Big West Conference and qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

Some of you might suspect colossal predictions, but I have a knack for finding my way to slam dunk off any realistic expectations. I was thrown out of the almighty Big Ten and safety house in the Conference USA Football West.

Maybe my mental wellness took a brutal round of midterms. Whatever the case may be, there's no way anybody could suggest Cal Poly will win the Big West — not after glancing at its track record, right?

I've been predicting the Mustangs' ascension to the top of the Big West since March 10, 2006. That's when Cal Poly played 36 minutes of high-caliber basketball against a University of the Pacific team that nearly knocked off nationally-ranked Boston College in the NCAA Tournament. Unfortunately for the Mustangs, college games last 40 minutes and the incumbent Big West champs pulled away for a 68-57 win.

The Mustangs only lost two players from last year's squad. One of those players only logged 30 minutes in eight games. The other was Gabe Stephenson, a crafty post player who lacked explosiveness, but had a knack for finding his way to the free-throw line.

Stephenson's departure hurts, because he was a veteran and team leader. However, the tandem of