Influential women get recognition

Taylor Moore

Women's Programs and Services is accepting nominations for the 25th Annual Woman of the Year Award. The event recognizes influential women and male allies in five different categories who have made a difference on campus. The type of person that receives the award is "someone who has either touched someone's life or has done something honorable that needs to be mentioned," said Danielle Larimer, a journalism senior and event coordinator. "It really makes things quite different," said Tom Moylan, pier facility operations manager. "Now the possibilities are quite broad. The idea is that they have this constant supply of sea water where they can leave animals that they are working with. The hardest part was designing a system that was as fail safe as possible." Pumps and filters push seawater to the pier level where the water is distributed into individual tanks. This constant water supply allows students to set up tanks where they can perform feeding studies or raise fish, Moylan said. "I refer to it as a 'BYOT' facility: bring your own tank," Moylan said. "Students can bring their own tank and then just hook up their water flow and get their conditions set and they are ready to go." The facility will allow a new level of research for students and professors. New research can span over months with the ability to keep marine life alive in the tanks. Without the tanks, animals had to be released back into the ocean each day, Moylan said.

"One of the difficult aspects is when you are working in the marine environment it is hard to manipulate things," said Mark Molina, associate professor in the biological sciences department and director of the marine science program. "What this flowing sea water system does is allow students and professors to provide a controlled environment for animals that they can manipulate, study and show in a controlled environment. That leads to a number of studies you can do on the animals as well as offering a showcase to other students and faculty."
Among the marine life at the Cal Poly Pier, California Sea Lions (above), California Sea Otters and Ochre Sea Stars live in the nearby areas and provide study for students.

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The new facility along with the pier is open to designated students, professors and researchers.

UCSC Corp. donated the Cal Poly Pier in the spring of 2002.

Students and classes — including biology, engineering, architecture and physics — use the pier for research and learning purposes, Moylan said.

"On average we have about 1,200 students a year use the pier and about 500 visit per year for various projects," he said. "Our goal is to make it a campus-wide resource."

The 3,000-foot-long pier is built of concrete and steel as opposed to wood, creating a sturdy surface.

"Most of the surface is gratting so that waves can come through the pier and the pier will remain standing," Moylan said. "So the first thing that you notice is how well it is built. I describe it as an oil rig lying on its side, which is good for us because it means it will be around for a long time."

The Cal Poly Pier accommodates a conference room, laboratory and water access, said Moylan.

"We have monitoring data or instruments that are in the water 24-seven collecting data," he said. "We also have a high-end weather station on the roof of the building because a lot of marine science is tied into weather."

Moylan said the new facility allows students to test instruments in water tanks before placing them in the ocean to collect information.

Moylan said he has numerous plans for the pier, including a floating dock for convenient water access and boat launching, said Moylan.

"Down the road we would like to replace the existing 2,000 square foot building with a 10,000 square foot teaching and research facility, research labs for visiting scientists, a library, conference rooms and a dive walker for a scuba diving program."

For more information on the Cal Poly Pier, go to marine.calpoly.edu.

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"It is everyone’s responsibility to notice effort and grace and potential," Bean said. "I make nominations every year. There are hundreds of nominations every year. There are hundreds of nominations every year. There are hundreds of nominations every year."

The winners are chosen through two committees set up by the Women’s Programs and Services Office. The first, a student committee, votes on Faculty, Staff and Volunteer Women of the Year. The second committee, comprised of faculty and staff members, votes on a Student Woman of the Year and on a Male Ally.

Each committee has roughly five voting members who are recruited by the coordinator of the event. Those nominated are unable to vote.

Winners will be announced at the event. Nomination forms are available at University Union, room 217. Forms also are available by request at womenoftheyear2007@gmail.com.

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The guard struggled for "a good 10 seconds" before the handle fell off, at which point they called university police for assistance, Arata said.

Ross has been breaking into the Student Media Offices for years, said Mike O’Connor, operations manager for the UCLA Student Media Center.

O’Connor said Ross would hide in the Student Media Office for entire weekends, downloading high volumes of movies and files off the Internet on certain IP addresses. Arata said university police confronted Ross about the downloading during the arrest.

"They were talking to him about fraud, saying, ‘What did you download on these computers?’ and ‘We told you never to come back here again’,” Arata said.

Arata also said he and Ross recognized each other because they used to play rugby together a few years ago.

Faith Christiansen, who graduated from UCLA in 2006, knew Ross through Bruins Republicans three years ago.

"He wasn’t a Republican,” she said. “I thought he just liked to argue and debate and be a part of something.”

She said she once stood in line with Ross to see a campus events movie, which requires students to show their BruinCards upon entry.

Christiansen said Ross was able to get into the movie, so she assumed he must have had a BruinCard.

But she added she did not know if Ross was ever actually enrolled at UCLA.

“I mean he used to say things like, ‘I went to Berkeley; I’m getting my Ph.D. in math; I’m playing rugby.’ When someone talks like that, and has a facebook profile … you sort of assume they go here,” she said.

Arata said he did not know anything about Ross’ prior convictions when he helped arrest him.

“I thought he was a smart-guy grad student,” Arata said, “and he was basically a con-man.”

Christiansen said Ross was quirky, but that she never had any reason to suspect him of anything. She added that Ross had what she described as a “fake British accent” that he said he acquired from Pacifica, Calif., which is listed as his hometown on his Facebook profile.

Arata also said he never found any reason to be suspicious of Ross.

“I thought he was a good guy — that was the extent of my experience,” Arata said.

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Bush talks about fiscal responsibility at company accused of price-fixing

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MANASSAS, Va. — President Bush preached the virtues of fiscal responsibility Tuesday at a company that recently settled a class-action lawsuit alleging it had engaged in price-fixing and violated antitrust laws.

Bush went to computer chipmaker Micron Technology Inc. to talk about the $2.9 million budget he unveiled a day earlier. His spending plan gives the Pentagon a record $500 billion budget hike but squeezes programs cherished by Democrats, including health research and heating subsidies for the poor.

Bush said his plan would lead to a balanced budget in five years after soaring deficits.

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Nearly 60 nations sign treaty to ban forced disappearances, U.S. doesn't

Jamey Keaten

WASHINGTON — On grand jury audiotapes played at his trial on Tuesday, Vice President Dick Cheney forgot it, then learned it again from NBC News reporter Tim Russert a month later. The complicated history of Libby's recollections is at the heart of his perjury and obstruction trial in exposing the identity of Valerie Plame, a CIA employee. She is married to war critic and former Ambassador Joseph Wilson.

Libby's 2004 grand jury testimony — a total of eight hours — conflicts with testimony at his trial by a former White House press secretary, a recent vice presidential spokeswoman, a former CIA official, a former State Department undersecretary and reporters from The New York Times and Time magazine.

All testified that Libby discussed Plame with them. Libby told the grand jury he did not remember Plame coming up in any of those conversations. Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald has told juries for weeks that Libby lied. The audiotapes will allow juries to decide for themselves.

Meanwhile, the long-anticipated testimony by Cheney as well as Libby himself may not materialize. Libby's lawyers — who two months ago declared they were "calling the vice president" to testify — indicated this week only that Cheney was "potential" a witness and that Libby might decide against taking the witness stand.

By not testifying during his trial, Libby would avoid cross-examination from Fitzgerald.

In audio tapes from Libby's grand jury testimony, Fitzgerald can be heard walking Libby through the Bush administration's response to Wilson's suggestion in 2003 that the government had twisted prewar intelligence about Iraq.

Libby told the grand jury he was "disturbed ... upset ... a fair word I guess" by Wilson's July 6, 2003, attack on the administration in an op-ed piece in The New York Times.

"As for Cheney, "I'm sure he was upset," Libby added.

To rebut Wilson's claims, Libby said Cheney told him to leak portions of an intelligence report saying Iraq had "vigorously" tried to acquire uranium from the African nation of Niger. Libby said Cheney assured him that President Bush had authorized the release of the information, which had been classified.

"The vice president instructed me to go talk to Judith Miller to lay things out for her," Libby said.

Cheney had already told Libby at that point that Wilson's wife worked for the CIA, a fact that Fitzgerald says Libby relayed to Miller. Libby says he forgot all about Plame until days later, when Russert told him about it.

"I do not believe I discussed Mr. Wilson's — Ambassador Wilson's — wife in this conversation," Libby testified. "This was a couple of days before I talked to Tim Russert and I recall being surprised by what Tim Russert told me."

Russert is expected to testify Wednesday and will be a key witness because his recollection of that conversation is at odds with Libby's.

Libby said he called Russert to complain about NBC colleague Chris Matthews and, at the end of the conversation, Russert brought up Plame. "Did you know that Ambassador Wilson's wife worked at the CIA?" Libby recalled Russert asking.

"No, I don't know that," Libby replied.

"Yes, all the reporters know it," Russert responded, according to Libby's testimony.

Russer said Plame never came up in the conversation. Fitzgerald believes Libby concocted the Russert conversation because Libby feared he may have improperly passed along secret government information.

"I was not only repeating the information he heard from Russert," Fitzgerald, who sounded casual in his early questioning, sounded incredulous at times in the inter-

"You have a special recollection of remembering that you had forgotten that you knew Ambassador Wilson's wife worked at the CIA," Fitzgerald asked.

Libby said he did not remember discussing Plame with White House spokesman Ari Fleischer, Cheney spokeswoman Carice Martin, CIA official Robert Grenier or State Department Undersecretary Marc Grossman.

“I tend to get between 100 and 200 pages of material a day that I suppose to read in a day," Libby said as he ended his first grand jury appearance. "So a lot of information comes through to me and I can't possibly recall all the stuff I think is important, let alone other stuff that I don't think is as important."
Girls are stupid. It’s true. We wait for phone calls that never happen, overlook the obvious, and spend countless hours with guys who don’t (and never will) feel the same way about us as we do about them—all in an endless quest for love and acceptance.

When “He’s Just Not That Into You” (written by “Sex and the City” contributors Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo) hit bookshelves in 2004, I remember thinking it was an asinine message. Obviously he’s just not that into you. Who wouldn’t be able to discern that for herself? I thought it was a book for those clingy women who don’t use common sense. Any “normal” woman would be able to tell if a guy wasn’t that “into her,” right? Not according to Behrendt and Tuccillo, who have compiled a book of all the warning signs.

The book has an easy-to-read, conversational tone. Each chapter covers a different topic, including dating, sex, marriage and break-ups. These chapters follow a pattern: fake “please help” letters illustrating various scenarios, followed by Behrendt’s advice and Tuccillo’s explanation of why women may have a difficult time accepting this advice. Although Tuccillo pokes in here and there to give her 2 cents, the voice of the book is primarily Behrendt’s. His tone is casual and humorous, but often soured by his smart-aleck manner.

Behrendt’s philosophy is that women want so badly to believe in the goodness of their boyfriend, fiancé or husband, that they often make excuses for inappropriate behavior and give men more chances than they deserve. In many ways, the simple answer “he’s just not that into you” is more of a revelation than it should be.

Behrendt’s intentions are good: He doesn’t want smart and attractive women wasting their time and energy (as he likes to remind the reader, “don’t waste the pretty”) on someone who doesn’t return their love. However, the trouble is that Behrendt rarely factors emotional content into the equation. Maybe in the long run it’s for the best, but seems unrealistic, it may be difficult to dump a guy simply for not calling when he says he will (especially if it’s someone you love). Relationships are messy. It would be nice if they were as cut-and-dried as Behrendt portrays, but a strict set of rules for every scenario seems unrealistic.

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As a reader, I also disliked how Behrendt doesn’t give any guy the benefit of the doubt or a second chance, and warns women to do likewise. Miss a date? Forget to call? It means he’s just not that into you, and he’s out—no ifs, ands, or buts. After all, the subtitle is “The No-Excuses Truth to Understanding Guys.” Behrendt comes across as an internecine, but well-intentioned friend, who will confiscate your phone rather than take the chance of you using it to call your ex.

“He’s Just Not That Into You” is worth perusing even if the reader doesn’t agree whole heartedly with its message. As with any other issue, it serves as a buffet from which you can take what you like and leave the rest. Whether it is helpful or not, Behrendt urges women to view relationships as they really are, not as they wish them to be.

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Invasion of the lesser Idols — an American tradition

Allison Baker

As you may know, either firsthand or from its ubiquitous audition clips, "American Idol" has begun its annu­al plunder of the hearts and souls of millions of Americans. Although the judges eventually weed out the clinically insane and extremely misin­formed of the semi-finalists, we are still stuck with the "it seems wrong but feels so good" mockery we like to call the audition episodes. Watching Simon, Randy and Paula dash people's hopes and dreams sure does number on rat­ings, though. According to Nielsen ratings, "American Idol" ranked No. 1 and No. 2 on the TV listing rank­ings for its Wednesday and Tuesday airings, respectively.

Just be patient, America, soon you will be the ones responsible for the broken hearts and future lawsuits filed on the behalf of top 24 contestants on season six. Though, as much as we will love them all, there can only be one "American Idol."

So which talented losers of "Idol" will soon be introduced. It is another one of the show's "talented losers" who hopes to find success post-"Idol." Former "American Idol" contestant Stevie Scott (above) is one of hundreds of talented and terrible singers alike getting turned away in droves.

"I turned to my friend next to me and said, 'We're not going anywhere today,'" Scott said.

But even though she had a momentary lapse of confidence in her talent, the others around her, some who were "chosen for the novelty of their talent, or look, or lack thereof," seemed to appear oddly, unfalteringly confident. Sweden, I was there for comic relief... I had to take a moment to reassure myself, and go on from there," Scott said.

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her impressive range and model looks.

For a girl unfamiliar with celebrity parties, red-carpet events, and free swag, being on "American Idol" was a thrilling experience. "The great thing about the show is that you watch the show," she said. From the start, she admits to enjoying the instant fame from the show, from getting sapphire necklaces from strangers, to getting to meet superstars like Carrie Underwood and Michael Buble. All contestants were even given a bodyguard, who made sure that none of the show's assets left the premises without some form of disguise.

However, the journey wasn't all butterflies and rainbows for the 23 who are inevitably voted off the show. Contestants face constant rebuke from the judges: Randy Jackson, Simon Cowell and Paula Abdul. "One minute you're in the spotlight, and the next you're being escorted offstage and they're doing a photo shoot with the next group," she said.

But they don't leave ousted performers completely high and dry; they send them off to a therapy session in the hopes of the open doors and opportunities offered to them by the show. Although Scott has recently taken up residence in West Hollywood to do just that, she said, "It is hard to make a living because I can't just take up a waitressing job. People would say, 'Hey, aren't you that girl from "American Idol"?' I'm bringing them their hash browns." Regardless of her abstainment from fame, sometimes fame must be cruel to be kind. People have to say," she said.

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"American Idol" contestants' future singing careers depend on the show's infamous judges: Randy Jackson, Simon Cowell and Paula Abdul.

To some of the hundreds of talented rejects, such fame has forced them to face a conundrum: Do I go back to my day job, or continue in my attempt to get back on the metaphorical "music industry" horse? Many former contestants find it difficult to go back to their lives post-"Idol," and often fail to take advantage of the open doors and opportunities offered to them by the show.

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LOS ANGELES — It's the most startling news to hit the heavy metal circuit since Ozzy Osbourne bit the head off a bat. The wizard of the Ozfest is going back on the road this summer, only this time the tickets to his 25-city tour will be free.

"It's our 12th year and we wanted to make it even better than the last. We want to give everyone a chance to feel the rush of the rockers' loyal fans," the band's promoter told The Associated Press on Tuesday. Ticket prices for Ozfest, which have ranged from $35 to $150, were beginning to rise beyond the reach of the rocker's loyal fans, the band said, and they didn't want that to happen.

"It's not saying that I'm now Mother Teresa or that Ozzy is a saint, but you know what? He's been doing this a long time and his audience has been really good to him," Sharon Osbourne said. "So if he goes out one summer of his life and he doesn't get paid, big deal."

Ozzy Osbourne has been wooing corporate sponsors to cover the cost of the tour. So far, his wife said, six have signed up. The tour kicks off July 7 in Los Angeles, with stops planned in San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Denver, Dallas, New York, St. Louis and several other cities. A final list of dates and stops is still in the works. Organizers haven't revealed yet who will be joining Osbourne on stage, but her husband said he hopes it will include numerous special guests who will drop in for one or two shows.

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Liberal bias does exist at Cal Poly

T here is a liberal bias at Cal Poly, and it permeates into the classroom and onto our campus. It wraps itself in the authoritative voice of our teachers and administrators, who proclaim that they want to "educate" us. However, this liberal bias does not educate, but rather, stifles relevant debate and undermines the fundamentals of an open and "liberal" education, one that should freely support multiple points of view.

While there is a definite liberal bias present at Cal Poly, proving it exists and to what extent, is difficult to do. However, in an attempt to quantify the liberal bias at our school, several Cal Poly College Republicans used a list of the names of professors and documents open to the public at the campus clerk's office to compile a list of the party affiliation of the professors, who are registered to vote in San Luis Obispo County.

By college (excluding those professors who put their political party affiliation on their college cards, third parties, or those not registered in San Luis Obispo), Liberal Arts Democrat or Liberal Arts Democrat to 11 Republicans; Science and Math, 29 Democrats to 19 Republicans; Economics, 18 Democrats to 25 Republicans; Architecture, 23 Democrats to 1 Republican; Education, 8 Democrats to 9 Republicans; Business, 15 Democrats to 12 Republicans; Agriculture, 31 Democrats to 39 Republicans (go Aggies!).

While the numbers suggest a liberal bias, especially in the Liberal Arts College, it's debatable whether professors act on their party affiliation. For instance, being a registered Democrat does not necessarily mean the professor injects a liberal bias within the classroom.

Likewise, many would argue that having a liberal bias isn't even a bad thing. Liberal bias or any other campus bias is actually tolerable, to an extent. I will admit, some of my professors actually have really good Bush jokes. Likewise, I will admit, some of my professors don't necessarily affect my grade, when one of my professors laughed at one in class for believing in the "free market."

Personally, I think opinionated professors spice up the classroom a bit. However, it is unfortunate that there are professors who will nudge a paper down a few grades if a person takes a position contrary to their own belief (this really happens). Many professors give extra-credit or free leaves of absence to attend certain propaganda-filled events, speaking engagements, other liberal professors distort content or choose lecture material and books that pro­mote a liberal agenda and speak negatively of conservatives.

For instance, while browsing the web on the class web page of Professor Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" as required reading for a course, I found a recent Al Gore article, "The Skeptical Environmentalist" (a must read) or any similar book. In other cases, some professors who will nudge a paper down a few grades if a person takes a position contrary to their own belief (this really happens). Many professors give extra-credit or free leaves of absence to attend certain propaganda-filled events, speaking engagements, other liberal professors distort content or choose lecture material and books that promote a liberal agenda and speak negatively of conservatives.

While I have experienced liberal bias in the classroom and by our administration, I have learned, like many others, to tolerate and adapt. In the current climate of campus politics, it is important to be aware of the bias that exists and to celebrate,"diversity" at all costs has hypocritically and blantly ignored ideological diversity and mainstream conservative thought that much of America holds.

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Oden leads No. 3 OSU to rout of Michigan

The Buckeyes' freshman center had 15 points, eight rebounds and five blocked shots.

Rusty Miller
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Just like their high school days, when Greg Oden wasn't on the floor then Mike Conley Jr. took over.

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Cone's outstanding," Michigan coach Tommy Amaker said. "He scores when it's there, he takes care

As it is back and watched and did my part. He can do a lot. He's a great player."

Conley was a constant for the Buckeyes (21-3, 9-1 Big Ten) as Oden battled foul trouble and sat out 8 1/2 minutes of the second half.

The freshman point guard hit 9- of-12 shots from the field, including two 3-pointers, and made all three of his foul shots. He also had six assists, one steal and just one turnover in 38 minutes.

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Clippers held to 11 in 3rd, fall 102-90 at New York

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Brian Mahoney
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Stephon Marbury scored 12 of his 15 points in an early second-half run that over­
whelmed the Clippers and turned the game around, sending the New
York Knicks to a 102-90 victory over Los Angeles on Thursday night.

 Jamal Crawford and Eddy Curry each scored 23 points to lead New
York, which was down by almost 20 and poorly and defend­
ed worse in the first two quarters before controlling the second half of its second consecutive victory.

New York never led in the first half but trailed by as much as 12. But the Knicks stormed out of halftime with a 24-4 spurt, taking a 30-23 lead in the third quarter and putting the Clippers away with 9:12 left in the period.

Jamal Crawford had 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Clippers, who lost for the third time in 10 games and fell to 1-2 on their seven-game Eastern trip. Reserve Tim Thomas also had 22 points.

Down 53-43 at halftime, New York scored the first 10 points of the second half, tying it after the second

Clippers started 2-4-15 with three turnovers after shooting 54 percent in the first half. They were only 4-8-19 (41 percent) in the third quarter, getting outscored 27-11 as New York took a 70-64 lead into the fourth.

Los Angeles briefly got within three in the fourth, but New York regained control behind Crawford, who scored 10 points in the period. David Lee added 16 points and 10 rebounds, and Quentin Richardson scored 15 points for the Knicks.

The Knicks rebounded from a horrid first start to tie the game at 17 with 2:36 remaining in the last quarter but Los Angeles outscored New York 11-2 in the remainder of the period, with two dunks from reserve Thomas, to lead 28-19.

Thomas hit a 3-pointer to open the second quarter and push the lead to 12. The lead never got below six in the period, and the Clippers took 53-43 advantage into halftime. New York shot 38 percent in the half.

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**BASEBALL**

**Mustangs edge Bulldogs, 5-3**

A preview of the Cal Poly men's basketball team's crucial Big West Conference game against visiting Long Beach State at 7 p.m. Thursday.

**COMING THURSDAY**

**UCLA gives football coach Dorrell extension**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — UCLA coach Karl Dorrell, whose Bruins finished the season 7-6 but beat Southern California on the last play of a shootout, and lost a co-championship in the Pacific 10 Conference, has agreed to a contract extension.

Dorrell, 43, will now be under contract through the 2011 season. He has a salary and incentives up to another $850,000 in July that included an $850,000 bonus for winning the conference title.

"We are looking forward to an exciting and successful season in the Pac-10," Dorrell said in a statement. "With our program's history, our experienced team returning and a terrific home schedule, we are optimistic that we can once again be playing in the stadium, so they are in the mix."

So, that is really exciting. He's also recruiting some great people to come in.

"So, students that are in the program now are having the success that they have wanted to have, and he is continuing to bring in some talented students. So, I see that program being very successful."

**State of athletic department strong, Cone says in Q&A**

Brittany Ridley

**MUSTANG DAILY**

Iron Cone began to serve as Cal Poly's interim athletic director in February 2004 before becoming full-fledged athletics director in January 2005. She sits down with the Mustang Daily on Jan. 30 for a question-and-answer session.

Q: Tell me about your day-to-day activities in the athletics department.

A: You know, the fun thing about athletics is that every day is different. Some days you are spending a lot of time with coaches and trying to help them with whatever it is they need. It might be dealing with (a) facility issue, it might be a financial issue or it might be recruiting.

Q: Other days you are dealing primarily with external folks, some of your supporters and boosters or alumni. Other days, you are dealing with student-athletes on issues that come up. So, it really varies.

Q: Can you tell me a little bit about how Cal Poly's teams have been doing throughout the fall and winter quarters?

A: Sure! We started out the fall very successfully. We had two champions in women's volleyball and men's cross country, which is exceptional. Both of those teams finished nationally ranked. Men's cross country I think finished 13th in the country, which is really high.

Men and women's soccer competed well. They had some great conf. They didn't advance to postseaon play, although many of them had very strong seasons. I think the men's soccer team was in the final game in the Big West Tournament. The winner is normally advanced to the NCAA tournament. So they came close, and the men's team had great improvement over the previous year. So, the fall teams really had good success.

Our football team was nationally ranked all year. They just missed the playoffs, so they had a really good year. We had a player named the Back Bachman Award winner. So, they have really established themselves. Additionally, in academic pieces we all measure. Cal Poly measured very well in those too. So, those are all good things for winter sports — men's/women's basketball, wrestling, men's/women's swimming, and tennis are competing really well and have had a great, competitive year. The basketball team is doing some things and losing some. Both teams appear to be kind of in the conference hunt. Not sure quite how they will finish but they're certainly competitive.

In men's/women's swimming we have a new coach named Tom Milich, who is really a quality coach and the team has set some school records already, and head-to-head competition has been tough, but they're going to proceed nicely.

Q: How are things going with Milich? What have you seen from his so far and what do you think you are going to see from him in the future?

A: That program is very exciting. He works constantly and he's training the current athletes well.

Q: Are there any goals that Milich has set for himself this year, or that the athletic department has for him?

A: His goals are probably so far ahead of where mine are. He is a real competitive guy and I think he will ramp up his goals. We want him and the student-athletes to have some success and have a great experience and excel academically.

We also want them to be competitive, but you know all that is interrelated. I think his goals probably will have him get competitive a little quicker than I would, but he'll get there.

Q: Are there any other coaches that have started this school year?

A: Jonas Stevenson in volleyball. That program did so well. Mark Condi in men's cross country program. Those programs just really had tremendous years. The football program in every way that you can measure has shown success. Of course, it has an exciting group of coaches. We have a new men's tennis coach named Justin McGrath and I think he is going to do exciting things. We just have a really good quality group of coaches.

Q: Construction at Alex G. Spanos Stadium is about wrapped up. What kind of changes will we see?

A: I think it will affect more than just the football team, interestingly enough. I think we think the football team in that stadium in that you can show them where they play now and we'll have pictures on our Web site and every time anyone is interested in Cal Poly they will see it and that makes a big difference. It's impressive.

But really, I think, will help all of our programs because we're a team within Cal Poly and we are only as good as our teammates, and so all of our programs will benefit as they show their recruits our stadium, because it says who we are as an athletic department. It says we are as an athletic department that we are as (a) university — that we have kind of a showpiece.

In terms of how generally we will go through commencement often at the stadium. I think we will have opportunities for visitors to become a big part of campus.

Both of our soccer programs will be playing in the stadium, so they are immediately affected by it, but I think see Cone, page 10