Taylor Moore  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

The Cal Poly Greek community worked together Sunday to improve the image of their organizations while cleaning up a few busy streets near the Cal Poly campus.

The Panhellenic Association, Interfraternity Council and the Cultural Greek Council came together to pick up trash and improve the image of Greek life in San Luis Obispo,” said Sara Nemani, a food science and nutrition sophomore and Alpha Chi Omega member.

Associated Students Inc. helped organize the event and hosted a barbecue for the volunteers after the cleanup was done.

“ASI presented the idea to Panhellenic, IFC and the CGC asking for us to support the cleanup,” said Jessica Munson, crop science junior and vice president of finance for the Panhellenic Association.

Students from every sorority and fraternity on campus volunteered at the event, which had a goal to complete over 400 hours of community service.

“We try to do at least one all Greek community service event per quarter to help make a positive impact in San Luis Obispo,” said Courtney Sterk, journalism junior and Alpha Chi Omega member.

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For more info: Call Mia White at (805) 756-3422.

**IRISH HILLS ALIVE WITH SOUNDS OF CONSTRUCTION**

Hayley Bramble  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

Construction has been nonstop on Los Osos Valley Road in the new Irish Hills Plaza. Circuit City, located in front of Costco, is now open and many more stores are set to follow.

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For more info: Call Michael Hoian at (805) 431-7744.

**ECONOMICS, 12**

Cassie Gaeto  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

The Orfalea College of Business’ planned 45-unit master’s degree in economics has been fully approved by Cal Poly and is awaiting chancellor approval to begin offering classes.

The program is expected to have 20 to 25 students, the majority of which will be undergraduates from Cal Poly, until the program gains awareness and attracts students from other campuses.

“Economics fills a wider role as an undergraduate requirement but it does not prepare you to be an economist,” said Steve Hamilton, economics department chair. “Undergraduates in economics do not always have the technical and quantitative skills. You need some sort of graduate training to be an economist.”

Classes for the degree are expected to open fall quarter of 2008, Hamilton said. However, if there is a large immediate interest on campus, it may start sooner.

Offering the degree at Cal Poly will put the campus on the radar for many Californians and out-of-state students because few universities offer this specialty.

“Creating this program affirms the polytechnic focus of this university. This degree can get students a higher salary with the economist title, but the reason to pursue a vocation is a passion. If you don’t like it, you are never going to be any good at it,” Hamilton said.

For more info: Call Cassie Gaeto at (805) 756-3107.

**FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES CLEAN UP AREA NEAR CAMPUS**

Sororities and fraternities from across campus spent their Sunday picking up trash near San Luis Obispo.

“Fraternity members helped pick up trash on Hathaway Avenue from California Boulevard to Foothill Boulevard on Sunday afternoon,” said Cassie Gaeto, a senior at the College of Business. “The event helps us give back to our community and improve the image of Greek life in San Luis Obispo,” said Courtney Sterk, a journalism junior and Alpha Chi Omega member.

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**Clean Up**

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Chi Omega member. "It's fun to participate. We get to socialize and have a good time while making a difference."

As part of their participation as chapters on campus, all sororities and fraternities participate in their own philanthropic events. However, the Hathaway cleanup was not affiliated with any one fraternity or sorority.

This is the first cleanup event to take place on Hathaway Avenue, which is littered with plastic cups, beer bottles and trash from student parties and heavy traffic. However, there have been similar events put on by the greek councils. At the end of Greek Week every year, all of the sororities and fraternities participate in a campus cleanup similar to Sunday's event.

The volunteering was fueled by the support of those active in the greek community that those involved in greek life care about absent members small fines.

"With the older community in the area, there is an especially bad reputation," said Logan Schaud, a civil engineering freshman and Delta Sigma Phi member.

Many students saw the cleanup as a way to prove to the community that those involved in greek life care about the community that those involved in greek life care about the community that those involved in greek life care about the community that those involved in greek life care about.

"We want the community to know that we are not just here to party," said Kris Parise, an agricultural business sophomore and Lambda Chi Alpha member.

"This helps to improve community relations and shows that college students have responsibility for their actions," Parise said.

The cleanup started at noon and, in large part to the burst of volunteers, lasted about an hour.

Many members were required to attend the event because some fraternities and sororities were charging absent members small fines.

"We hope the cleanup will send the message that students across the campus community can come together for events outside of partying," said Shawn Stevens of the Interfraternity Council.

**Economics**

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Hamilton and the economics department have been in the process of building this program since fall of 2005.

"People on campus majoring in business and minor in economics might find out that they want to pursue economics farther, and now students will have a means to do it," said Poly," said Kari Stumack, business junior and economics major.

To coordinate and support the degree, Cal Poly will be hiring a large number of new professors. The economics department is looking for more research-active faculty to get the program started and lead the first group of students through the course.

"Bringing a master's program and more experienced faculty will only give the college and our degree a higher reputation," Stumack said.

The economics master's degree differs from the undergraduate degree in that it demands a much higher level of math and analytical skills that will ultimately allow students to determine what is driving consumer choices.

Once the program is open and has momentum, undergraduate students finishing up their senior year will be able to start taking coursework for the master's degree.

"Economists are one of the fastest growing occupations in California. There are so many companies out there just collecting data and they need people who are capable of figuring out what the models are telling us," Hamilton said.

Other graduate programs offered by the Orfale College of Business include business administration, industrial and technical studies and science in accounting-taxation.

**Hills**

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"The building for the PetSmart store is all bar finished," said Cleo M. Pearce, project developer for the shopping center. He said they are currentlystocking the shelves and putting the finishing touches inside the pet supply store.

The large chain stores will provide a composition similar to Madrona Plaza.

"We're trying not to go head to head in competition with downtown. It's not boutique shopping like downtown offices," said Pearce, who has worked with Madison Enterprises in the local construction industry since graduating from Cal Poly in 1991 with an agricultural business degree.

A new coffee shop called It's a Grind will also join the major retailers in the center.

"It's a unique, small coffee chain based out of Southern California," Pearce said. The coffee house will offer live music, mostly jazz, on some evenings.

There were some questions raised about the center's similarity to the Madrona Plaza. The neighboring shopping center already has an electronics store, a bath and bedding store, an office supply store, a pet supply store, and a coffee house.

"There is some duplication, but from a consumer standpoint, it drives prices down," Pearce said.

"Our intention was to build a regional shopping center that would be available to people in the area, as well as service the local market."

Animal science freshman Kristin Wall said she had mixed feelings about the new shopping center.

"They could be putting in things that we need instead of things that we already have," she said.

Philosophy senior Maria Cueva said she was glad to have the new shopping center in town and would definitely use it when it was completed. Cueva, who lives in Santa Maria, said she currently has to drive to Ventura if she wants to go to an Old Navy.

"Of the new center's resemblance to the Madrona Plaza, she said, "I think it's bad for the businesses, but it's always a better thing for us consumers."

With all the new stores going in, an increase in traffic can be expected on Los Osos Valley Road.

"In conjunction with all the work and the Costco project, there will be a new traffic signal," Pearce said.

The traffic signal will be near the Arco gas station at the freeway exit on Los Osos Valley Road. Pearce said they were also making efforts to improve the road near the shopping center, but they wouldn't be widening the road.

For as extending the shopping center toward the freeway in the future, Pearce said, "We don't have any immediate plans for that. There's a fair amount of the meadow that we want to preserve."

**Lasers**

Owner pleads guilty

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — The owner of a San Luis Obispo laser center and spa who allegedly burned and injured several patients has pleaded guilty to practicing medicine without a license and grand theft.

Jeffrey Lemoine was sentenced to 60 days in jail and three years probation. He was also ordered to pay restitution to his victims, $10,000 toward payment to those burned and injured several

In court Thursday, Lemoine admitted he was not registered to practice medicine without a license during skin treatments, where during skin treatments, he said they were also making efforts to improve the road near the shopping center, but they wouldn't be widening the road.

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Briefs

National

HARBOR SPRINGS, Mich. (AP) — Wearing neither coat nor shoes, a fugitive suspected of killing and dismembering his wife was found hiding under a fallen tree Sunday in a snow-bound state park after a bitterly cold night on the run, authorities said.

Police tracked down Stephen Grant about 225 miles north of the suburban Detroit community where bodies part believed to be those of his wife were discovered. He was in stable condition and was being treated for frostbite and hypothermia under police guard at a hospital.

Grant was wearing only slacks, a shirt and socks when he was captured nearly 10 hours after he abandoned a truck and set out on foot in Wilderness State Park near the tip of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, Emmet County Sheriff Pete Wills said.

INCLINE VILLAGE, Nev. (AP) — Improvements will continue this year at the most popular ski spot in Lake Tahoe-Nevisada State Park on the lake's east shore: Sand Harbor.

The most visible change will be the presence of the $5 fee that Sand Harbor visitors' center, which has been under construction since 2006.

"For the first time" we'll have a place in the park where visitors can purchase pretty much anything they need for a day on the beach," said parks supervisor Jay Howard.

Officials also plan to continue renovating pathways around Sand Point, the scenic, rocky point that juts into the lake.

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — Adrian Grenier says he's not having to work hard playing Vince Chase, on the HBO hit series "Entourage." "This show is about friendship and having the time of your life," Grenier said during an appearance for the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival. "Every week we do a new episode, we're in a new, exciting location. All we have to do is have fun all day long.

In Aspen to speak on a panel for the festival last Saturday, three of the show's leads and its executive producer dined at the hot spot Mamusha and partied at the private Cariboo Club.

International

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — Just an hour's drive outside this traffic-choked metropolis where President Bush kicked off a Latin American tour Thursday, sugar cane fields stretch for hundreds of miles, among the lush green that fuels eight out of every 10 New Brazilian cars.

In just a few years, Brazil has turned itself into the planet's undisputed renewable energy leader and the Bush administration's visit is expected to be a new green "alliance" he will forge with Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

The deal is still being negotiated, but the two leaders are expected to sign an accord Friday to develop standard for helping turn ethanol into an internationally traded commodity, and to promote sugar-based ethanol production in Central America and the Caribbean to meet rising international demand.

BARIKAW, Afghanistan (AP) — An explosion killed U.S. Citizens and civilians on Sunday...

Meanwhile, a man who participated in a marathon-affiliated bike tour died during the ride, fire officials said. He was listed as...
ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Officially, the state of Alaska has not decided whether to back a federal proposal to list polar bears as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

But speaking at a federal hearing, Gov. Sarah Palin’s point person on polar bears stopped just short of saying it was a lousy idea.

Tina Cummings, a biologist and a special assistant to the commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game, questioned whether polar bears really need sea ice to survive. She said polar bears are adaptable to using land for hunting, and though their preferred food, ice seals, may be declining, bears are adapting to alternative food sources.

She also testified that a listing in the United States ultimately could harm bears in Canada because Inuit villagers would no longer have an incentive to preserve them for American hunters. An ESA listing would bar importation of polar bear trophy hides.

“We are concerned that a listing of polar bears under ESA in the United States may actually be harmful for the conservation of polar bear populations internationally,” she said.

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Cummings said Friday her department has the same goals as federal authorities — doing what’s best for the wildlife. She said the state is in the preliminary stage of reviewing the science that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service used to make its initial determination, and that she based her testimony on the services’ own petition post-ed Jan. 9 in the Federal Register.

But the idea that polar bears can adapt to living on land or can thrive on a diet of something other than seals flies in the face of most of the report, as well as the opinion of most polar bear researchers.

Andrew Derocher, a University of Alberta polar bear researcher quoted extensively in the report and chairman of the Polar Bear Specialist Group for the World Conservation Union, called it “absolutely fanciful.”

“There’s not a credible polar bear biologist in the world who would make that statement,” he said Friday.

Cummings’ testimony followed the lead of Palin, who two weeks after taking office in December, Alaska’s new governor voiced the state’s economic health in a letter to the Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne.

“Listing polar bears under the Endangered Species Act has the potential to damage Alaska’s and the nation’s economy without any benefit to polar bear numbers or their habitat,” Palin wrote.

The driving force in the concern over polar bears, she said, is the decline in sea ice. Listing bears as threatened, she said, would not cause sea water to freeze.

“When a species’ habitat, in this case, sea ice, is declining due to climate change, but there are no discrete human activities that can be regulated or modified to effect change, what do you do?” she wrote.

She urged the formation of a team of scientists to prepare a conservation plan for polar bears rather than listing, which could result in “unintended effects.”

“It is highly probable that among them will be third-party lawsuits from litigants with a variety of motivations, to list large populations of Alaska’s North Slope as critical habitat or to limit the emission of greenhouse gases throughout the United States,” she warned.

Critics of an ESA listing say polar bears already are closely managed under international agreements. The Fish and Wildlife Service agreed, with one exception: There is no effective regulatory mechanism in place to address the recession of sea ice, the service concluded in its proposed listing.

Polar bears are classified as marine mammals because of their close relationship with sea ice. They use sea ice to hunt their main prey, ringed seals, the only ice seals that maintain breathing holes in thick Arctic Ocean ice. Polar bears capture other kinds of ice seals at the edges of leads, or cracks, in sea ice.

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The Fish and Wildlife Service has two dates for theESA listing decision, May 18 in Anchorage, Alaska, and Dec. 16 in Washington, D.C. The decision will have broad-base flexibility to effect a viable population in the long term,” Derocher said.

Even if more southerly seals, such as harbor seals, expand their territories north as warming continues, polar bears still need ice platforms to hunt them, he said.

“We see very little indication that they would have broad-base flexibility to leave their seal diet all together,” he said.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has two more public hearing scheduled, Monday in Washington and Wednesday in Barrow, Alaska. The agency is soliciting public testimony until April 9. Its decision on listing polar bears is due next January.
Democratic presidential candidates Barack Obama, D-Ill., far left (in a white shirt) and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-New York, along with former President Bill Clinton, take part in the traditional walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge to commemorate the 42 anniversary of the 1965 Selma to Montgomery March, Sunday March 4, 2007 in Selma, Ala. Clinton said the 2008 campaign "is the site of my conception. I am the fruits of your labor. I am the offspring of the movement. When people ask me whether I've been to Selma before, I tell them I'm coming home." But the former president stole the show from the two candidates. The audience cheered loudest for him when the two took the stage at the end of the march and the crowd mobbed him as he tried to make it to his limousine, delaying his departure.

Speaking at his induction, Clinton said the 2008 campaign features "a rainbow coalition running for president." "If it hadn't been for the Voting Rights Act, the South would have never recovered and two white southerners — Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton — never could have become president," Clinton said.

Other Democratic candidates are not leaving the black vote to Obama and Clinton. John Edwards, the 2004 vice presidential nominee, was speaking about Selma and his white ancestors on his civil rights at the University of California, Berkeley. "The fight for civil rights and equal rights and economic and social justice is more than just going to celebrations, even as won-
Have you ever stopped to think about what you put in your body? With the rise of heart disease and cancer at surprisingly scary levels in the past decade, is it any wonder that, with all the shakes and bacon-wrapped steak topped with butter, we might be underplaying the benefits of fresh fruits and vegetables?

I was so impressed that I started research on why an organic wine is called organic. I found one thing right off the bat: Most organic wines are not able to be called this because they use sulfites to bottle the wines. So even if a wine is 99.9 percent organic, it can only say it's wine is made out of "Organically Grown Grapes."

What's more confusing is that you might assume a wine that's labelled, a winery must have all organic grapes and use no sulfur. Then there is the confusion of several more labels. If you pick up a bottle that states it is "transitioning" from a conventional growing requires that the previous farming to a higher power. "Bio-Dynamically Grown" means that the grower used a method of incorporating the grapes with the moon and sun in order to connect the grapes to a higher power.

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Putting the ‘oh’ in organics

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Brother and sister duo compete to win over the girl of their dreams

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DAILY BRITON (UCLA)

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The romantic comedy "Gray Matters," starring Heather Graham and Tom Cavanagh as a 30-something sister and brother duo (Gray and Sam, respectively) a little too attached at the hip, the film revolves around the pair's search for love and a lifetime of happiness.

Unfortunately, when the hunt materializes for both in the form of "the girl of their dreams" Charlie, played by Bridget Moynahan, all bets are off and the siblings must fight to finally learn to stand on
Hollywood actor visits Poly English class, shares poetry

Janelle Eastridge

"Communion is important to me. I find it with my wife, the son/ my family, in writing poetry/ acting, reading poetry, watching/ movies & with a few creative people ... communication requires depth/ mystery, respect, a listening ear/ another's point of view. "

Northup — a genuine man with bright, blue eyes that crinkle when he laughs, and a warm, gentle smile — approached the establishment process in general.

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‘Cities’ caps Anberlin’s edgy sound

Amber Holabue

Debuting at 19 on the Billboard 200, Anberlin’s third full-length album “Cities” is still climbing strong. With one of the most brilliant, exhilarating ensembles to date, lead singer Stephen Christian, guitarist and backup vocalist Joseph Milligan, bassist Deon Reuxrot, drummer Nate Young and the band’s recent addition, guitarist Christian McAlhaney (formerly of Acceptance), leave listeners in awe.

This alternative rock-punk-pop Florida band — signed with Tooth and Nail records — is touring the nation, picking up hundreds of fans and dream girl Charlie swap vows after six whole days of dating, but it is the story of his not-so-together sister that really matters. As Gray struggles with coming out as a truly independent and strong adult, as well as coming out as the lesbian she had no idea she was, the story’s deeper message remains.

Moyanan is respectable but far from extraordinary, while Cavanaugh is winning and Graham surprisingly refreshing. The two create a strong familial chemistry in a relationship that could have easily fallen on the wrong note; Sam and Gray are prompted to search for their own two feet.

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“Try this sometime...we’ll get together with some poets, and people start talking about this big poet or that big poet or some big thing or this or that. And all these big ideas just floating around, and finally, I’ll go like this, ‘What did you do today?’ And all of a sudden we are just in the moment, in the present,” he said.

“You can just feel the relief, everyone coming back to normal... You always want to have these big ideas to write a poem. But sometimes I’ll sit and write about what my cats did — the real. It always kind of centers me in the present, the here and now,” Northup said.

“I’m not lying to you, that I’m not trying to be that something I’m not... It heals my soul. And it gives me order in the midst of chaos,” Northup said.

He does this by “writing about what (he) actually sees” and experiences, and not focusing merely on big, abstract themes.

“You try this sometime...’Well, I’ve got a whole group of poets, and people start talking about all these big ideas — poetry, and not this or that. And there’s all these big ideas just floating around, and it’s not like that big poet or some big thing or this or that. And all these big ideas just floating around, and finally, I’ll go like this, ‘What did you do today?’ And all of a sudden we are just in the moment, in the present,” he said.

“Two hundred years from now, (I) don’t know what my cats did — the real. It always kind of centers me in the here and now,” Northup said.

For the time being, Northup will continue to constantly capture his experiences — whether they concern familial chemistry in a relationship, or this or that. And there’s all these big ideas just floating around, and it’s not like that big poet or some big thing or this or that. And all these big ideas just floating around, and finally, I’ll go like this, ‘What did you do today?’ And all of a sudden we are just in the moment, in the present,” he said.

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Moynahan is respectable but far from extraordinary, while Cavanaugh is winning and Graham surprisingly refreshing. The two create a strong familial chemistry in a relationship that could have easily fallen on the wrong note; Sam and Gray are prompted to search for their own two feet.

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Taking Cronyism to New Heights

There is no question that the Bush administration has taken the concept of the corrupt, ineffective presidency to new heights. Anyone familiar with this column can tell you as much.

One of the trademarks of Bush's inability to operate in a government in which there are elected or appointed officials with any relevant experience or qualifications — and the removal of those who refuse to toe the political line he demands. There are enough stories of the Bush administration's demands for political purities in government office to fill 10 columns. Take Earl Nunn for example. Mr. Nunn, left a comfortable position as a lobbyist in mining industry when Bush appointed her to the position of the secretary of the interior. For those not familiar with the position, the secretary of the interior is responsible for the regulation of land use and implementing and enforcing environmental protection regulations. What did she do during her time in office? She also wrote about some industries 'right to pollute' and even more sales of fish and wildlife refuges to private holders. Nunn left office in 2006, a departure that was applauded by environmental groups all over the country.

Another example of the Bush administration's love affair with its political supporters, one which impact on the country and the United States was frighteningly clear, was that of Michael Brown. Brown was chosen to lead the Federal Emergency Management Agency by Bush in 2003, an appointment that was met with little fanfare among the press or the American public.

It wasn't until the disastrous response of the federal government in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina that Brown's predecessor.tif of qualifications for the job fully came to light. Brown's only leadership position before his appointment at FEMA was his position as head of judges and stewards at the Arabian Horse Show Circuit. The only relevant qualification Brown had was his longtime support for the Republican party.

As viewers all across the country saw the utterly irresponsible response from FEMA on television. President Bush famously told his FEMA head, 'You're doing a heck of a job, Brownie.' A heck of a job indeed. Brown would resign just days later in face of widespread allegations of his incompetent handling of the recovery effort.

The Bush administration's value of political loyalty over actual job experience and performance does not apply solely to new hires. Eight U.S. attorneys have been removed from their positions around the country since December, an exceedingly rare occurrence for a prestigious post that normally requires approval from the United States Senate. Five of these attorneys were involved in high-profile corruption cases. Many have alleged political retribution from the Bush administration, which was unhappy with the efforts of these attorneys to carry out its policies.

David C. Iglesias, one of the terminated attorneys, has stated that he was fired after he refused to comply with the request of two members of the New Mexico congressional delegation to speed up a probe of two Democrats before the primary election. While the Justice Department has refuted that these attorneys' job performance was not satisfactory, six of the eight attorneys had received positive performance evaluations in the past three years.

Since the passage of the Patriot Act in 2003, the Justice Department has had the ability to appoint interim U.S. attorneys without Senate confirmation, and these interim appointees can serve indefinitely. These things may be part of a deliberate effort by the Bush administration and its Justice Department to appoint attorneys who would never get past a Senate confirmation hearing, attorneys that lack an impartial, but do hold a strong allegiance to the Bush administration and its policies.

The case of the eight fired U.S. attorneys comes, unfortunately, as no surprise when you consider Bush's emphasis on political allegiance over competence and ability. This episode sums up the Bush administration's attempt to corrupt group of political appointees that owe more allegiance to their political benefactor than to the people of the United States. Let's check our calendar, friends, there's less than two years to go.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hate speech is not protected

Xenophobia, as defined by The American Heritage Dictionary, is "a person unhealthily fearful of and contemptuous of that which is foreign." Over the past several years, our nation has become victim to this sentiment; but until recently, our campus has been exempt. We can thank members of the "Warriors of Truth and Freedom," for shattering that despotic barrier. For those of you who don't know what I'm talking about, let me recap on what's been going on.

Last week, posters entitled "Islam — Religion of Peace" were put around campus with quotes from the Qur'an, which seem to speak about subjugation of nonbelievers and women (some of which were taken out of context). A deliberate attempt to defame the religion of Islam, these inappropriate posters came down for doing nothing but lead to abhorrence of Muslims.

For one to profess to Islam is not synonymous with professing to violence and hatred. Believe it or not, not all terrorists are Muslims. Now, I know the defense of these vile actors will include the cliché argument of "freedom of speech." I agree, by all means, freedom of speech is a valued piece of our nation and our institution but we must not confuse what is our right to express and what is leading to flat out hatred. There is a fine line between the two, and it does not take much to realize when they've crossed it.

It would be the same if I went around campus posting a Neo-Nazi poster denigrating Jews. Not only would it act like that be immoral, but would also be protected by our right to free speech. For those participating members of "Warriors of Truth and Freedom," hate speech is NOT a protected form of speech.

Baker's pay raise could be better spent on faculty

I wanted to say thanks to Warren Baker for another salary increase. He does such hard work raising funds for our school, I always thought he deserved more money.

It's no wonder he received awards from Far West Region of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. My mom always told me, "The longer the name of something is, the more important it is to people who don't know what it is." By the way, Baker, have you ever thought about show biz? It seems like you could be a shoe-in for the next host on "The Price Is Right." There are two reasons why he deserves a raise. One: When there's a surplus, the best thing to do is give it to the few. I mean, why give a $20,000 raise rather than 200 people a $1000 raise? Two: We students get a pretty good education for what we pay, especially with those old, three-time- retiree teachers. Never mind all the fee increases. We brought those on ourselves during the last student fees election. That's why Johnson I would be more inclined to watch the State of the Union Address, rather than Attorney Alley, if there were some kind of interactive process. Maybe if I could test in to vote for my favorite end-of-speech presidential joke about national security.

Chuck Schatz
Architectural engineering major
Poly women's tennis team falls at Long Beach State, 6-1

The Mustangs lost for the first time since a 5-2 defeat at the hands of UC Irvine on Feb. 17. 

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

LONG BEACH — The Cal Poly women's tennis team had its three-match winning streak come to an end when it suffered a 6-1 loss Saturday at Long Beach State.

The loss put Cal Poly's overall record at 5-7 on the season and 2-2 in the Big West Conference.

Cal Poly recorded one win in singles and one doubles victory.

At the No. 4 position, freshman Diane Filip recorded a win for the Mustangs over LBSU's Emmanuelle Tabatruong, 7-5, 6-4. Filip's record improved to 9-10 on the season and 6-6 in dual matches.

The Mustang doubles team of Maria Macek and Shannon Brady picked up a win over Sandra Roza and Rachel Porra of Long Beach State, 8-5.

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Cal Poly (3-6) opened the scoring in the second as a two-run single from catcher Jackie Gehtle-Jones, second baseman Stephanie Tam and center fielder Lisa Modglin loaded the bases. The next hitter, Lee, grounded a ball off of Texas Tech center fielder Lisa Modglin loaded the bases. The next hitter, Lee, grounded a ball of Texas Tech center fielder Lisa Modglin loaded the bases.

An inning later, Texas Tech second baseman Jennifer Borders tripled to right center field to plate first baseman Elizabeth Eiman for a 2-1 Red Raider lead.

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Reed into the gap in left-center field, wiping out a 4-3 deficit.

Loudy Marymount, which had entered the series with just one win in its last 13 games, including a tie, improved to 7-11-1 with Sunday's victory. Cal Poly, which had won 15 of its last 12 games after an 0-5 start, slipped to 10-30.

The Lions scored single runs in the first three innings for a 3-1 lead. Cather Sean Dool ended to driver an eighth-inning double against the right-side hole before stealing second. Then he scored on catcher Logan Smith's sacrifice fly to left field.

The Mustangs missed a chance to score in the eighth, putting runners at first and third. Freshman catcher Max Gehrke-Jones hit a sacrifice fly home catcher Steve Ruffolo.

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But they just haven't been tough all year.

Cal Poly is tough to beat when it hits its free throws, as evidenced by Saturday's game. The Mustangs shot 17 of 19 from the free-throw line, a big contrast from their clip of .623 entering the game — last in the Big West.

"It's big," Thompson said of the final shooting. "We were in the gym after the last game shooting free throws.

The Mustangs' starters average at least 8.8 points per game, but none more than 14.5 (Steckler).

"That's great for our team confidence," McGinn said. "But that's not one person is the deciding factor. It's a good feeling."

The feeling in the locker room after the game was joyous.

"We just jumped up and down and danced a little bit," Bromley said. "They laughed because I said, 'OK, we're not practicing until Thursday."

See you Thursday, and walked out. They thought that was great." In all seriousness, Cal Poly will return practice today, keeping in normal schedule, Thompson said. Bromley said the Mustangs will then head to Anaheim on Thursday.

"We're not practicing until Thursday. We'll practice here, go down Thursday, see who's gonna go down play do something worthwhile and be ready to go Friday."

Cal Poly staggered an eight-game losing streak to Pacific, which it had not beaten since Feb 15, 2003.

"We still are playing the same we've played the last few weeks at home," Stockler said. "I don't think it really has to do with Pacific or anything. We're just playing good basketball right now. I don't matter who we play.

Stockler said playing in Mott Gym for the final time was something he pondered beforehand.

"The last couple weeks, I kind of hit it — these are the last college games I'm gonna play. So if I'm gonna have to say something about it, I'm gonna try to put my hands on it.

That he did, and now here the Mustangs are — two wins away from reaching the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history.

"Two more and we're there," Stockler said. "It's crazy to think about. We're in the semis already of the conference tournament. That's awesome."
Poly earns DI school record 18th win, trip to Big West semis

The Mustangs will play one of the teams seeded Nos. 3-7 in the Big West Conference Tournament semifinals at 9 p.m. Friday on ESPNU.

Tristan Aird

Derek Stockalper lowered his head, raced downcourt past two Pacific defenders and kept toward the basket with the ball extended in his right hand before throwing down a one-handed slam dunk.

And he did all that with a gauze in his mouth after one of his teeth had gone through his lower lip earlier in the second half. The gauzy performance helped the Cal Poly men’s basketball team to an 82-70 Big West Conference win over visiting Pacific on Saturday in a Senior Day regular-season finale in front of a sold-out crowd of 3,032 in Mott Court.

“It feels like a bomb just blew up in my mouth,” Stockalper joked in the locker room after the game before leaving to get stitches.

A wild celebratory scene ensued after the game in which players stood opposite the scorer’s table high-fiving fans and adoring a raucous contingent of Mustang Maniacs, who also surrounded head coach Kevin Bromley after storming the court.

“They’ll remember it for the rest of their life,” Bromley said of seniors Stockalper, Tyler McGinn and Joe Henry. “It’s like having children—you go to proud of them.”

McGinn had five points, two boards and a steal.

“It’s definitely the best game I’ve been a part of,” McGinn said.

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“Going out with a win on Senior Night, 18-10, the (Division I) record Cal Poly’s ever gotten, No. 2 seed, it all came together tonight,” Stockalper said. “Chaz had a giant game for us.”

Indeed, sophomore point guard Chaz Thomas came off the bench to contribute 19 points, two assists and team-high of six rebounds and four steals in 22 minutes.

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Cal Poly never trailed in the game, which has won its best Big West winning percentage ever and are assured of their best overall record since going 19-9 at the Division II level in 1991-92.

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With the win, the Mustangs (18-10, 9-5 Big West) secured the No. 2 seed in the Big West tourney—which runs Wednesday through Saturday at the Anaheim Convention Center — and earned an automatic trip to Thursday’s semifinal round.

Cal Poly, which has won seven straight and 12 of its last 14 games, extended its record of wins in a season since moving to the Division I level for the 1994-95 season. The Mustangs also clinched their best Big West regular-season record since the 1970-71 season.

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Cal Poly led scorers with 25 points on 9-for-12 shooting, including a 4-for-7 mark from 3-point range. Dawsen Whitner added 16 points for the Mustangs, who shot 70.8 percent from the floor in the second half and 51.9 percent for the game.

The Mustangs will play one of the teams seeded Nos. 5-8 in the quarterfinals of the Big West Conference Tournament at noon Thursday.

STOCKTON — Sophomore forward Megan Barber came off the bench to score 15 points as Cal Poly clinched the third seed in next week’s Big West Conference women’s basketball tournament with a 72-58 victory over Pacific on Saturday at Alex G. Spanos Center.

Senior forward Jessica Eggleston added 11 points and 10 rebounds, her seventh double-double of the season, as the Mustangs improved to 14-13 on the year and 9-5 in the Big West. Cal Poly finished tied for third place with Cal State Northridge, but will be seeded third in the conference tournament because of its split of two games against fifth-place Cal State Fullerton.

The Mustangs earned a first-round bye in the conference tournament and will play Thursday at noon against the lowest remaining seed from Wednesday’s pair of first-round games between the Nos. 5-8 seeds.

No. 5 Cal State Fullerton faces No. 8 Pacific at noon and No. 6 Long Beach State takes on No. 7 UC Irvine at 2:30 p.m. UC Riverside is seeded first and UC Santa Barbara is No. 2. Both will play Friday.

Pacifc, which fell to 8-21 and 2-12 with Saturday’s loss to the Mustangs, was led in scoring by Jake Kelly with 17 points. Whitney Price added 11 points and both Emma Head and Karen Dawkins scored 10 points.

Cal Poly out-rebounded Pacific 49-37, led by Eggleston’s 10 boards. Price grabbed 11 for the Mustangs.

Both teams turned the ball over 24 times.

Cal Poly made 42 percent of its floor shots and Pacific was held to 33 percent.

Cal Poly never trailed in the game, scoring the first five points on two layups by Bri Fields and a free throw by Jess McBride. The Mustangs led by as many as 10 points in the first half, settled for a 30-23 lead at the break and their biggest lead in the second half was the final margin.

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Poly softball team edges Texas Tech 4-2 to continue best start since ’97

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The Mustangs trailed 2-1 entering the seventh when sophomore third baseman Cristen Lee led off the inning with a double. The next hitter, junior designated player Sarah Iwata, walked ahead of Puraa, who after fouling off several pitches, swatted her sixth homer of the season to straight-away center field.

Cal Poly starting pitcher Robyn Kontra, who scattered five hits, didn’t walk a batter and threw 71 percent of her 92 pitches for strikes, improved to a team-best 5-0.

For a 5-4 victory over Cal Poly on Sunday before 1,235 in Baggett Stadium, completing a three-game series sweep.

The Lions were down to their final strike when Mullins laced a 2-2 pitch from Mustang closer Evan Price into left field for a game-winning, walk-off single.

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