Poly reverses ‘free speech’

Tyler Wise
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Cal Poly administration has recently updated its policy concerning free expression on campus to ensure that both students and faculty have a thorough understanding of how and where various forms of free speech can be conducted on campus. The revised policy includes procedures and guidelines for the various types of activities that represent free expression — such as demonstrations, marches or displays. In addition to revisions to the policy, the administration is working with Associated Students Inc. to find better ways to inform students of this policy and their rights.

"The policy does not aim to limit free expression," executive assistant to the president Daniel Howard-Greene said. "It instead stands to enlighten students about their rights to freedom of expression and how they may exercise those rights."

According to the Campus Administrative Policy (CAP), Cal Poly considers freedom of expression "a cornerstone of a democratic society and essential to the educational process." The policy also states, "universities have a special obligation not only to tolerate but also to encourage and support the free expression of ideas, values and opinions, even where they may be unpopular or controversial." This policy applies to students, faculty and employees.

"What many students may not know is that Cal Poly and almost every university in the nation is considered a free expression zone, in its entirety," vice president of student affairs Morton said. "We consider freedom of expression as a right, not a privilege."

Specifically, the revised policy expressly outlines the limitations of time, manner and place, as well as certain restrictions. Students and faculty have the right to hold impromptu speeches, events and activities outdoors.

Lighting the way for sustainability

Angel Pacheco
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Amidst the frenzy surrounding global warming, Bulbs Across America, a local organization made up of community members and students, is approaching the problem one bulb at a time.

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Revilleza was drawn to Cal Ts as a way of helping the environment because they are a simple approach that he could do as an individual," he said.

Donaldson and Revilleza have given presentations at Cal Smith Elementary school and New Frontiers Natural School. They found that Bulbs Across America was the same task as their joint venture project, which focuses on educating businesses and the public on global warming. "CFEs are the future; there is no way our economies is going to operate without them," Donaldson said. "Wasteful bulbs are the simplest way of understanding the problem of global warming, she added."
The only real issue is more people understanding how amazing this technology is and how many different ways it can be applied to the teaching and performing of music.

—Brian Shepard

Flora L. Thornton School of Music

The Internet

teaching at the University of Oklahoma School of Music when he wanted to give students access to artists from thousands

“Many people consider the Midwest states to be ‘flyover country’ and rarely stop there to teach and perform,” Shepard said in an e-mail interview. He initially considered using satellites, but the cost and latency were prohibitive.

“If I began talking to people in Internet2, it became obvious that I could adapt various technologies and protocols to create a very high quality videoconference that allowed for full musical interaction,” Shepard said. USC later hired Shepard in 2003 to bring the technology to the music school.

Although one might expect there to be many problems in setting up such technology at a college, Shepard hasn’t experienced great problems.

“Perhaps one reason why Internet2 seems to work as well as it does is the Thornton School of Music. Although very high quality videoconference was a recent addition, it became obvious that there was a high level of interest and willingness to learn and experiment with it.”

The difference was that the Internet2 was available as a whole, whereas the Internet usually requires significant bandwidth. Therefore, it was able to be used as a teaching tool.

In essence, these limitations have been put into place to ensure that freedom of expression does not interfere with the orderly conduct of business of the university or disrupt the campus learning environment. Howard-Greene said.

According to the policy, time guidelines refer to when indoor and outdoor activities can be conducted and whether or not university scheduling protocols must be followed.

For instance, the policy states that indoor events or activities are not assigned fixed limits as to time of day or day of the week, but require scheduling with the university.

However, outdoor events and activities are allowable Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to midnight without scheduling (though it is always encouraged by administration).

In short, this means that students and faculty have the right to conduct and participate in campus events, such as outdoor arts events or activities (like a faculty dunk-tank booth, Revilleza said).

Two of the ways this has been improved is through the addition of the UW Epicenter as a place to schedule events and activities as well as a resource to learn about freedom of expression on campus (as opposed to solely the University Student Activity Center).

In addition, Morton said that there are plans this fall to make a handbook for student rights (an abridged version, most likely) that would be distributed in the dormitories or made available through the campus website.

For more information about the updated freedom of expression policy, visit the campus administrative policy website at policy.acp.edu/cap/100/cap140.html.
 Holocaust historian shares battle against racism, violence

Daniel Seguin

Teacher and award recipient, historian and documentarian. Journalist, actor and humanist. All of these words have been used to describe Lani Silver. However, there is one word that can be used as a modifier or just stand on its own that effectively completes the picture. Dedicated.

Lani Silver has seen and done many amazing things in her lifetime. On Tuesday night, Silver related some of those experiences to a standing-room-only crowd in building 52. Silver weaved a blend of rhetoric, anecdote and experience into a coherent tapestry that mirrored the lives of all who have a story to tell.

Silver spoke about topics that included her work with obtaining oral accounts from the Holocaust, genocide accounts worldwide, social injustices involving ethnicity and class and racism across the globe.

Silver said her life was forever changed during a trip she took with her family to South Africa. She explained that she thought of herself at just any other teenager. They had taken a brief tour in a neighborhood of South Africa that had around 10 homes on the block, one of which belonged to Winnie Mandela, Nelson Mandela’s wife.

“We entered in one gate and drove down the street past the houses,” Silver said. “They showed me the Mandela house and I thought ‘Well, this isn’t so bad and then we drove out the other gate.’”

Later, Silver said they returned to the place where her family was staying and she was given a dose of true reality. She said that they took her on that drive and showed her everything real.

“They (grown) children came to me and told me they were going to show me the other side, the whole side, of that city,” Silver said.

They took her out and Silver said she was stunned at what she witnessed.

“I saw corrugated steel roofs and naked children in the streets,” Silver said. “There was trash and dirt roads and other things things that opened my eyes.”

After returning to her parents, Silver said she shared with them her decision to make that instant change in her actions and thoughts.

“Both my mom and dad were there,” Silver said. “I turned to them and said what I had to say. Today I was a conservative, tonight I am a liberal.”

Silver’s life had taken a dramatic turn — and she went willingly along for the ride.

Between 1972 and 1966, while at San Francisco State University, Silver became the co-founder of the Department for Women’s Studies. In addition to becoming the department co-founder, she also taught courses that focused on violence against women.

Silver was responsible for founding the Bay Area Holocaust Oral History Project, which came into existence in 1981. She served as the Executive Director of the Holocaust Project from 1981 until 1997.

Silver gathered and recorded the oral accounts of Holocaust survivors, second generation survivors and witnesses throughout the entire Bay Area. She gathered more than 1,700 accounts from 1,400 individuals associated with Holocaust devastation.

Silver has also been responsible for bringing public awareness to the deeds of a true World War II hero, Chaine Sugihara.

Sugihara was responsible, with the help of his wife, Yukiko, for helping several thousand Jews escape Europe during the war. Due to his unselfish acts of compassion, Sugihara was given the affectionate nickname of the “Japanese Schindler.”

Silver was approached by director Steven Spielberg around 1994 to teach interviewers the most effective way of conducting interviews with Holocaust subjects for his project, The Shoah Foundation for Visual History.

In conjunction with Silver’s assistance, the Shoah Foundation managed to conduct interviews, both audio as well as visual, with 54,000 plus Holocaust survivors.

Silver said that she has been able to track her life according to various divided segments. The first part was co-founding the Women’s Studies Department in San Francisco and teaching against violence of women. The second part was the Holocaust project. And the third is the “non-ending battle over racism.”

Cal Poly Professor Daniel Krieger and Director of the Newman Center, Father John Ulrich, were responsible for bringing Silver to speak at Cal Poly.

Silver possesses two masters degrees in Political Science, the first from the University of Chicago and the second from the University of Colorado.

She has also won numerous awards. In 2003, Silver became one of five “Woman of the War” award recipients from KOED radio in San Francisco.

“They called me up and I thought they were going to tell me that I lost.” Upon receiving the award, Silver said that she was put into a humbled state of emotion.

“Activists is hard work and it felt wonderful to be appreciated,” she said. “It was the most meaningful award in the world.”

In 2004, Silver was presented with the coveted “Ally Civil Rights Achievement Award” from the Center for Healing Racism in Houston.

Silver continues to remain active in the fight against racism. Her most current undertaking revolves around the brutal 1998 murder of James Byrd, Jr in Jasper, Texas.

Aptly titled The James Byrd Jr. Racism Oral History Project, Silver brought the dilemma of global racism issues, and seeks to find a solution to this never ending problem.

Silver works tirelessly to solve worldwide problems, while simultaneously attempting to bring knowledge and awareness at grassroots levels.

Peter Bjorklund, an agriculture senior, said that Silver’s lecture really had an impact on him. He said that he has experienced the dilemma of racism firsthand — not towards him, but rather he was the one dispensing the negative sentiments.

“I was talking to my mom and she pointed out that I was making a racist comment,” Bjorklund said. “I didn’t even really realize that I was doing it at the time.”

Bjorklund said that people can easily change the negative ways they think and act. He said the key to change comes first from realization.

“It’s hard at first to make that change,” Bjorklund said. “First you say that thing that’s wrong, you say it and you know you have to change it, and you do change it... Changing the wrong is the key.”
State

OAKLAND (AP) — The University of California has reached a settlement on wage increases for some of its lowest-paid workers.

The agreement announced Tuesday affects about 14,300 service and patient care employees earning less than $40,000 and will cost the university about $8.9 million.

The agreement was reached with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. It includes $4.3 million in raises for nearly 3,000 UC workers.

Earlier in the day, a relief convoy came under fire when a cease-fire abruptly shattered as U.N. workers tried to deliver food and water to residents. A U.N. official said some of the convoy seeking supplies were wounded or killed, but he did not have exact figures.

BEVERLY HILLS (AP) — It's been nearly seven years since Al Gore lost the presidency, and now the former vice president is set to promote his new book lambasting the Bush administration.

Gore was to launch his national book tour with an event Tuesday night at the Wilshire Theatre in Beverly Hills. Gore was scheduled to share the stage with actor-satirist Harry Shearer before signing copies of "The Assault on Reason."

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Calif. stem cell research program clears final legal hurdle

Timothy Joo

The California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, the state's stem cell research body that was established with the passage of Prop. 71 in 2004, had been prohibited from allocating the money because of a legal challenge filed by abortion opponents and taxpayer advocacy groups who questioned the constitutionality of the program.

But after two and a half years of legal action, state leaders hailed last week's court action as a victory for the state's stem cell program and for patients seeking possible cures from the research.

"The voters' mandate will be fulfilled and the promise of stem cell research will be lifted to new heights with California's billions in funding focused on helping millions of children, husbands and wives, grandparent and friends in their struggle against chronic disease and injury," said Robert Klein, chairperson of the CIRM citizens' oversight board and author of Prop. 71, in a statement.

Other elected officials said they were pleased with the result of the litigation and criticized the plaintiffs for keeping the voter-approved proposition from moving forward.

"After losing at the polls, the opponents tried to thwart the people's will in the courts," state treasurer Bill Lockyer said in a statement. "Fortunately, they have failed. Now that the legal battle is over, we can at long last move forward to solidify California's place in the vanguard of this crucial scientific and public health movement."

Dana Cody, who represents the anti-abortion plaintiff group Legal Life Defense Foundation, called the court's move "the end of the road for her clients," and questioned whether the justices made the correct decision by refusing to hear the plaintiffs' challenge.

"There has to be accountability to the taxpayers," she said. "If anyone has the money to put a proposition on the ballot, it's almost like anything goes, and for the taxpayers, that's pretty scary."

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Imigration bill survives attempt to scrap temporary worker program

Julie Hirschfeld Davis

WASHINGTON — The Senate turned back an early attack on the broad immigration overhaul Tuesday, keeping alive a temporary proposal offered by Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., and supported by some labor unions to delete the Tuesday, keeping alive a temporary proposal offered by Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., and supported by some labor unions to delete the measure and is struggling to keep the fragile deal from unraveling under pressure from across the political spectrum.

The bill now faces myriad persuaders, including further Democratic attempts to limit or alter the temporary worker program, which would bring in foreign employees on two-year visas.

The bill also needs tough border security, give quick legal status to the estimated 12 million immigrants in the country unlawfully and create a new workplace verification system to bar undocumented workers from getting jobs.

It would create a point system for future immigration applicants that would place less emphasis on family connections and more on education and skills.

Republicans were considered efforts to strengthen the bill's security measures and make it more difficult for illegal immigrants to get on the path to citizenship. Democrats were eying changes that would keep the bill intact while giving Democratic and Republicans who harbor grave concerns about its opportunities to make revisions.

Coalition members meet each day to decide which proposed changes are deal-breakers to what they call their "grand bargain." Dorgan was considered one such poison pill.

The temporary worker plan has come under attack from several fronts. It would allow most of the workers — largely unskilled, non­ agricultural workers in areas such as construction, landscaping and meatpacking — to stay for up to three two-year stints, provided they left the United States for a year between each stay.

Many labor unions say that would depress wages and create a class of workers with no job rights. Business groups call the leave­and­return element unworkable.

Hispanic advocacy organizations and religious groups say it unfairly denies workers the chance to stay in the United States permanently.

Dorgan's was just one of a host of modifications senators are seeking to make to the broad immigration plan, a measure that evokes strong emotions among the public.

The first birth-control pill to eliminate women's periods wins FDA approval

Andrew Bridges

WASHINGTON — The first birth-control pill meant to put a stop to women's monthly periods indefinitely with federal approval Tuesday.

Called Lybrel, it's the first such pill to receive Food and Drug Administration approval for continuous use. When taken daily, the pill can halt women's menstrual periods indefinitely and prevent pregnancies.

Lybrel is the latest approved oral contraceptive to depart from the 21­day, placebo­free cycle that had been standard since birth­control pill sales began in the 1960s. The pill, manufactured by Ayerst, is the first designed to put off periods altogether when taken without break.

The pill isn't for everyone, an FDA official said. About half the women enrolled in studies of Lybrel dropped out, said Dr. Daniel Shames, a deputy director in the FDA's drugs office. Many did so because of the irregular and un­scheduled bleeding and spotting that can replace scheduled menstruation.

"If you think you don't want to go down this road, this is not for you," Shames told reporters.

Women planning to start Lybrel sales in July, the Madison, N.J., company said it hasn't yet determined a price for the 28­pill packs. The pill contains a low dose of two hormones already widely used in birth­control pills, ethinyl estradiol and lev­onorgestrel.

A study showed Lybrel was just as effective in preventing pregnancy as a traditional pill, Ayerst, also made by Ayerst. However, since Lybrel users will eliminate their regular periods, it may be difficult for them to recognize if they have become preg­nant, Shames said.

Most of the roughly 12 million American women who take birth­control pills do so to prevent preg­nancy. Others rely on hormonal contraceptives to curb acne or regulate their monthly periods.

Some nontraditional pills such as Yaz and Loestrin 24 shorten month­ly periods to three days or less. Seasonale, an updated version of Seasonale, reduces them to four times a year. With Lybrel, in one test, 59 percent of the women who took Lybrel for a year had no bleeding or spotting during the last month of the study. However, because of dropouts, that translates into only about one­third of all the women originally enrolled in the study, Shames said.

"Women who use Lybrel would not have a scheduled menstrual period, but would most likely have unplanned, un­scheduled bleeding or spotting," Shames said. The bleeding can last four to five days and may persist for a year, he later added. Women who take other low­dose pills have reported similar issues.

Still, a women's health expert said Lybrel would be a welcome addition for the woman who seeks relief from the headaches, tender breasts, cramps and nausea that can accompany monthly periods. Whether Lybrel relieves those symptoms was not directly studied.

"Over time she will experience markedly less bleeding episodes or no bleeding episodes," said Dr. Vanessa Cullins, vice president for medical affairs at Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc. "That is very beneficial for some women — and is wanted by some women.

University of New Hampshire sociologist Jean Elson pointed to another advantage for what she characterized as a small number of women who suffer extraordinarily during menstruation, but overall she said the pill left her with mixed feelings.

"For women in that situation, I certainly understand the benefits of taking these kinds of medic­ations, but for most women menstruation is a normal life event — not a medical condition," said Elson, who researches the sociology of gender and medical sociolo­gy. "Why medicate away a normal life event if we're not sure of the long­term effects?"

In recent years, as the hormone content of birth­control pills has dipped, failure rates have climbed. The FDA is considering whether to establish an acceptable failure rate for the pills. In January, a panel of agency advisers said less­effective birth­control pills merit federal approval if they promise other benefits, including reducing risk of certain cancers.

Generally, lower­dose birth­control pills can reduce the risk of seri­ous and sometimes deadly side effects, including blood clots and stroke, associated with their use.

The injectable hormonal contra­ceptive Depo­Provera also can eliminate monthly periods.
S ome smart-aleck said that the perfect words for any great novel are all in the dictionary; the secret is just putting them in the right order. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Michael Chabon proves his superior ability to sort out the nouns, adjectives and verbs in the national bestseller “The Final Solution.”

This mystery novella pays homage to his childhood love of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s Sherlock Holmes stories.

An infamous detective known in the book simply as “the old man” would be quite happy to live the few remaining years of his life alone, reading and bee-keeping. He doesn’t account for the arrival of Linus Steinman, a mute Jewish boy, and his beloved German-speaking African gray parrot who have escaped the turmoil of World War II Germany for the English countryside.

When a murder involving the disappearance of the boy’s parrot occurs, the old man is tempted out of retirement for one last investigation. Plenty of questions arise: who is Linus Steinman? What is the significance of the strings of numbers the parrot recites? Chabon packs the pages with memorable characters and, like any decent mystery, plenty of twists and turns.

The book is short enough for even the most reluctant reader, but will keep avid bookworms entertained as well. The biggest disappointment is that the story does not last longer, and upon reaching the conclusion, it requires an immediate second reading.

Chabon is at his best when he is describing action. Many authors alternate between action and description, but Chabon does a fantastic job with flowing prose that doesn’t separate the two. He has a great propensity for depicting how people move or look that not only immediately brings an image to the reader’s mind, but sets each character apart. With so many characters in so few pages, the author needs, and applies, effective methods for differentiating each person.

The most memorable scenes involve the boy, Linus Steinman. Even without the use of dialogue, Chabon creates a child who is deeply disturbed, yet poignantly sweet and compassionate. The author characterizes Linus’s actions so precisely that the mysterious boy holds his own among the more prominent characters in the novella, including the old man.

Chabon never lets his audience forget the detective’s decrepit age, with every cracking joint and far-sighted squint. His inner monologue is both humorous and acerbic, and decidedly establishes the old man as a realistic figure. Each chapter takes place from the point-of-view of a different character (including the parrot), a device that is, at the least, semi-distracting. Although the reader gets a peak inside the head of a variety of people, the narrative is best suited to retaining the old man’s viewpoint throughout.

Chabon, like the old man with his magnifying glass, takes in the minute details of character and setting. His wording is precise and clear, but retains a certain timeless quality.

Of the old man’s mental process, he writes, “The delicate, inexorable lattice of inferences began to assemble themselves, like a crystal, in the old man’s mind, shivering, catching the light in glints and sur­mises.”

As the plot unfolds, the reader arrives at the conclusion that things are not always as they appear.

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Chabon’s new thriller ‘The Final Solution’ not just for the birds
The anticipation of breathless existence swept close. Beneath the rock ceil­ ing, thick globules of old mud dripped from taut planks and down­ tattered vag of Darwin. “Hold on Darwin! Keep your head up! Don’t let go!” moaned the echoed voices of Sam and Kieran. The two feebly sang in unison desperately attempting to resuscitate a fellow novice. All that could be heard now was the gro­ gled plea of resistance to tone his bit cheek and the hand of a fallen com­ panion began to slip.

Dust pillows erupted as Kieran sluffed his worn canvas sneakers down a gravel path. The trail snaked down into a canyon following a river where Kieran had spent many summers trying to beat the heat of dry July. Summer had drawn near to a close this year and autumn would soon be breaking on the horizon.

Casting light from a golden sun suspending low in the river canyon, Kieran descended further down and he could feel a chill in the air as he turned. Looking up, he could see that the sun was about to rest for the day. Off in the distance where the trail opened up he could barely sketch out two figures blurred against the pines dotted canyon barriers.

Wondering to himself who the other person may be, Kieran continued to follow the path into the clearing. “It’s about time. We’re low­ ing daylight,” shouted one of the figures. As Kieran drew closer, he could see the look of excitement and urgency on the face of his childhood friend Darwin.

“Hey, man, I’m sorry I got a little hung up at Crane’s yard. That old man makes damn sure he gets his seven bucks an hour outta me,” bumbled Darwin.

“Yeah, I dunno, Darwin. How are we even supposed to squeeze through there?” Like frigid air blasting from a freezer box, the entrance to the cave exuded a chilling draft.

“Give me the flashlight and follow me. I thought you all wanted an adventure! Well here it is dammit,” mumbled Darwin.

Listening with the glint of second thoughts, Kieran also began to ques­ tion the tactics. “I dunno, Darwin. How are we even supposed to squeeze through there?” Like frigid air blasting from a freezer box, the entrance to the cave exuded a chilling draft.

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“Hey, man, I’m sorry I got a little hung up at Crane’s yard. That old man makes damn sure he gets his seven bucks an hour outta me,” bumbled Darwin.

“Well, let’s get a move on.”

Looking over, Kieran saw that Sam was awaiting acknowledge­ ment. He shouted, “Hey Pits, I didn’t know you were coming along!”

Sam reluctantly responded, “I told you to quit calling me that.”

Most of his adolescent life in the small foothill town of Arrowhead, Sam had a little preparation dilem­ ma. Thus, he acquired the nickname “Pits” on account of the sweat circled that soaked through his tight cotton shirt.

“Well ... whatever then Pits, I mean Sam: I’m excited, let’s get going,” chuckled Kieran.

The turn and looked back up the trail where they had come down. Nothing was said and they continued forward through the clearing.

The matter of daylight was no longer an issue. All knew that this expedition required an artificial means of light and all came pre­ pared, although some more than others. Expressing his knowledge of the area, Darwin led the pack to the opening of the cavern.

“Through here!” screeched Sam with a tooth chattering resistance.

“Yeah, through here, what did you expect?” snarped back Darwin.
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The river was not exactly

waterfall but a raging river cutting

at Darwin, Kieran spoke through his

tongue. "Well ... yeah he didn’t say

gritted teeth, “Let me take a wild

anything about a river.”

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Glancing back around, Sam

About to give up on the under­

ground journey, Kieran glanced over

at Sam who was best over in the

shadows fiddling with something on

the ground. “What have you there,

Sam?” questioned Kieran.

Glancing back around, Sam

motioned for Kieran to come over.

"Since when did a river ever stop us

from anything, Kieran?” said Sam

with a smirk plas­

tered across his face.

Coiled down

in the dirt reach­
ing high to the

ceiling of the

tunnel was a ragged

piece of rope

with a nice sized

knot at the end.

It was not clear

where the rope

was tied off nor

where it had

come from or

who had hung it

there, but at this

point, no one

cared.

Pulling down

on the rough

rope with all the

strength he could

Kieran

shook his head

optimistic. “I actually think that this

may work, Sam!”

It didn’t take long before the first

crusader of the group took hold of

the rope and stepped back with a

running start. As if he were Tarzan,

Darwin made the giant leap of faith

over the river making good use of

the rope swing. Darwin landed safely on the

other end of the river and was quickly

followed by Kieran who let out a

calling out. "You can do it. Pits!"

Pulling across. "You can do it. Pits!

Almost like the last soldier

screamed the boys on the other end.

"Sam! Are you OK!”

The boys shouted running up to

him hoping that he could still

scream out. Without any hesitation

Sam pointed out past the other end

of the lake before he could be

helped up.

“I think we found your water

fall,” coughed up Sam.

Looking out to where he was

pointing Darwin and Kieran could

see the crystal like waterfall pouring

down into the still waters of the

lake. Smiling down at Sam, Darwin

grasped his hands, and brought him

closer.

“Let’s go get a rinse off, why don’t we?” said Darwin with a sense of

accomplishment.

In a matter of no time, the boys

were trudging across the oddly shal­

low waters of the lake. The floor of

the lake was like walking on cake

batter as they struggled to lift one

foot up after another.

"Ugh! I have never seen mud like this before,” said Kieran with a dis­

gusted look on his face.

Eventually, after mucking through

the shallow waters, the boys had

launched into a huge blossom; they splashed around in the

Muddy lake for an hour forgetting all that

did occur.

"Wow, we’ve been down here for

a long time. I think we should make

our way back up,” pleaded Sam, com­

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Scratching his chin, Kieran sec­

onded the motion and lead the

group back across the shallow waters.

Like the last soldiers

remaining from a bluegreened battle,

the three trekked in single file through the lake with Darwin

bringing up the rear. It didn’t take

long before trouble found them

again in an unbelievable fashion.

While Sam and Kieran recalled

the river incident, Darwin was heard

bellowing “wah hoo!” as he

swung across.

Anxiously awaiting his turn, Sam

also let out a bellowing “wah hoo!” as he

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"Sam! Are you OK!”

The boys shouted running up to

him hoping that he could still

scream out. Without any hesitation

Sam pointed out past the other end

of the lake before he could be

helped up.

“I think we found your water

fall,” coughed up Sam.

Looking out to where he was

pointing Darwin and Kieran could

see the crystal like waterfall pouring

down into the still waters of the

lake. Smiling down at Sam, Darwin

grasped his hands, and brought him

closer.

“Let’s go get a rinse off, why don’t we?” said Darwin with a sense of

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In a matter of no time, the boys

were trudging across the oddly shal­

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the lake was like walking on cake

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Jimmy Carter ranked worse than Bush

Former President Jimmy Carter has gone to new levels of disrespect and outrageous behavior lately. In an interview with the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, he not only criticized President Bush’s foreign and domestic policies, but went so far as to call the Bush administration “one of the worst in history.” Understandably, the Bush administration is not very popular at the moment, and according to the most recent Fox News/New York Times Daily Poll, his job approval rating sits at around 34 percent. However, to put this in perspective, Congress’s approval rating is actually lower and sits at 32 percent. While these numbers are certainly low, at the end of Carter’s presidency, his approval rating actually hit 21 percent, the lowest in polling history. Similarly, the Wall Street Journal, in an ideological balanced survey of presidential scholars the year in 2005, found Carter ranked 34th out of 40 presidents, hardly beating our John Tyler, Millard Fillmore, Andrew Johnson, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan (William Henry), Warren Harding and James Garfield were more than a bit more rated only once). In the same survey President Bush was ranked 16th. Traditionally, presidents who retire from office refrain from attacking presidents and undermining the credibility of the United States, but not Jimmy Carter. In 2005, in a speech at American University in Washington, D.C., he was still sour over the 2000 election, claiming that “the country faked abroad in the presidential election process.” Likewise, he dogged the election results of 2004, and when asked about the recounts in Ohio, said “I don’t know about that” and proceeded to call the secretary of state “highly partisan.” While, Carter may disapprove of the election results, questioning the credibility of the results, which he did without evidence, undermines the entire democratic process.

Carter was a poor president and is now simply a bitter man who has nothing to do with reality. While most presidents happily retire and take up philanthropic activities, Carter still thinks he’s too important for that. Perhaps, his most controversial move was to write “Palestine Peace Not Apartheid.” The book drew very negative reactions from people all over the world, particularly from Nancy Pelosi and Howard Dean.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wall meant to inform, create discussion

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What we want to do is to briefly state a few words on our display on Dexter Lawn last Wednesday. Our wall of exhibits was not an attempt to attack any one person or group. All of the facts on the wall were from the Israeli Committee Against I. Anyone who wishes to learn more, please visit the website of Committee Homemissions and Jewish Voice for Peace (their website is cihad.org and jewvoiceforpeace.org you could learn more).

What we wanted from our display was to present follow up a issue that is very seldom heard of the wall between Palestine and Israel. A majority of the people we speak to never even know that it existed and I myself gained even more knowledge from my conversations with other students.

Our goal was to create discussion and encourage everyone, no matter with reality. While most presidents happily retire and take up philanthropic activities, Carter still thinks he’s too important for that. Perhaps, his most controversial move was to write “Palestine Peace Not Apartheid.” The book drew very negative reactions from people all over the world, particularly from Nancy Pelosi and Howard Dean.

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What former presidents do after they leave office has been a concern since the beginning of our nation. For instance, in Federalist Paper No. 72 Alexander Hamilton asked, “would it promote the peace of the community, or the stability of the government, if the political men who had credit enough to be raised to the seat of the supreme magistracy, should be allowed to possess?”

Former President Cleveland when asked about what to do with former presidents said, “Take them out and shoot them.” Another former president, William Howard Taft, suggested administrating a dose of chloroform once a president left office. While I don’t suggest either of these options for Carter, I do suggest that he take a vacation and be as the very least learn to control himself.

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Spurs take 2-0 series lead

Jaime Aron
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SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan and Tony Parker are mak­
ing the Western Conference finals look way too easy.
Duncan had 26 points and 14 rebounds, and Parker lived up to his
pledge of giving the Utah Jazz "no hope" by sinking all six of his free-
ball shots, helping the San Antonio Spurs build a big halftime lead
that turned into a 105-96 victory in

Game 2 of the series Tuesday night.
Parker finished with 17 points and 14 assists, his most ever in a
playoff game. Manu Ginobili added 17 points as the Spurs took a 2-0
lead, moving halfway to reaching the NBA finals for the third time in
five years.

They got this close by outplaying the Phoenix Suns in a tense second-
round series many considered the toughest conference playoff series
not of the NBA finals — and, so far, Utah has done little to dismiss that theory.

other's nerves. It's a really special feel­
ing to come in and make this pro­
gram better than it was before." "I'm just excited to get a chance to
do one-on-one against (offensive)
tackles instead of (getting) double teams all the time," White said. "It's
the field's bigger, so I've been run­
ing a little more. It's going to be a
different experience. I'm excited to
got up there and start playing. I'm just
excited to try something new. Out of
high school, I was really excited to
get away from what I had known and
get a little uncomfortable. That's the
same way with Canada."

White did not redshirt at Cal Poly
and will graduate in four years with a
degree in business. He started all 35
games over the last three years for the
Mustangs and was part of a 16-player
senior class that won more games
than any other in the program's
91-year history.

"Even now I get a little hometown
year," White said. "I didn't redshirt to
immediately feel part of the family. The
Mustangs were such a cohesive family.

"I knew that (the CFL) had talked
Rivera was selected Big West (Co-IMiiner of
Year and will graduate in four years with a

national title.

7. Darrell Vasquez earns All-
American honors

It was a disappointing season for the
Mustangs as a team, but Vasquez
still carried the Cal Poly banner deep
into the NCAA Championships. He
placed fifth in the 133-pound weight
class.

8. Kyle Shortwell makes it three
in a row

First there was Beck. Then there
was Gocong. Now there's Shortwell,
forming Cal Poly's third straight or
Buck Buchanan Award winners.

Back on the football team to re.ach the big show.

Chris Carlson
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Anaheim Ducks center Rob Niedermayer, right, celebrates after scoring on an assist from center Samuel Pahlsson and a goal by Steve Bernier on NHL Western Conference final Tuesday night at the Honda Center in
Anaheim, The Ducks beat the Detroit Red Wings 4-3 in Game 6 to clinch the series 4-2 and reach their first Stanley Cup Finals appearance since 2002-03, when they lost the series 4-3 to the New Jersey Devils.

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Schaefer called it "kind of a big deal," and that it was.

Cal Poly won its first series against the
Tittans in 34 years. Over that span, the
Tittans have won four Division I
national titles.

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Poly junior fulfills goal of winning Big West decathlon title

Cassie Gaeto

Four races, three jumps and three throwing events over two full days make up Cal Poly junior James Nunno’s area of track and field expertise — the decathlon.

On May 6, Nunno won the Big West Conference decathlon title with 6,772 points. Nunno began the final day in second place, but led the competition when he scored 904 points in the pole vault by clearing 15 feet, 3 inches.

"That was a big goal of mine," Nunno said. "It feels amazing. My next big goal is breaking the school record for the decathlon."

Nunno’s decathlon record is held by Jon Takahashi, who scored 7,307 points in 2004.

Nunno, a well-rounded decathlete, says his success is a result of specialization and hard work.

"I started in the pole vault, but since then I became a decathlete," Nunno said. "I’m excited to see what I can do in the future."