Mollie Helmuth

The Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) officially went into effect Sept. 21, two years and 60 public meetings after the idea was officially introduced.

The act designates 29 marine protected areas (MPAs) along the Central Coast from Santa Cruz County through San Luis Obispo County with aspirations of creating healthier, more diverse marine ecosystems in those areas.

“Our goal is to enhance recreational and scientific opportunities in sustainable marine environments,” said Chasman Andersen, an audibly ambitious representative of the MLPA Initiative.

“By 2011 we hope to have our established networks completed.”

The final desire for the MLPA Initiative is to see the entire 1,100 miles of California coastline networked through MPAs.

In light of the recently discovered blue whale deaths, the necessity of the MLPA has been more tangible.

“MPAs will provide an enriched habitat, mammals included,” Andersen said. “We are setting aside systems of safe, diverse marine environments. It will be great for migrating and spawning.”

Cal Poly has taken an integral part in this landmark step toward marine conservation through the California Collaborative Fisheries Research Program (CCFRP). They are working with the California Sea Grant Foundation, SLO-SEA and others to monitor ecological and socioeconomic effect of the MLPA.

Gra. Arnold Schwarzenegger has shown his support by forming the California Ocean Protection Council. The council has taken part in donating $2 million toward the five research teams associated with the MLPA, including the collaborative fisheries project.

Biologist professor Dean Wendt led much of the research in the collaborative fisheries project. The project joins researchers with local fishermen to more effectively monitor marine ecosystems, including the MPAs.

“I hope fishermen feel like they were able to take part and trust data that comes from our research,” Wendt said. “We’re using their knowledge within a scientifically rigorous study.”

The collaborative fisheries research team charters local boats and uses the expertise of the crew to catch, record and tag fish, most commonly the native rockfish. They also bring along several volunteer fishermen, furthering the “collaboration” aspect of the project. “We’re trying to bring in the general public,” Wendt said.

Biology senior Nick Nteshitt has been working with Wendt for four years.

A gentle breeze blew across the field and strands of classical music filled the warm air as members of the Cal Poly community gathered at the track yesterday to honor the life of Morrey Brown.

The approximate 100 attendees included Brown’s family and roommates, athletes from the track and field team, and his Week of Welcome group.

Standing in a semicircle, the group faced floral arrangements and a picture of Brown resting on an easel.

Five pairs of his running shoes were displayed to signify his passion for the sport.

Track and field director Terry Crawford said that Brown left a legacy in his brief time as a Mustang.

“We make a commitment as a track team to carry his spirit forward this season,” Crawford said.

Of the individuals that shared memories and anecdotes about Brown, all remembered him as having an upbeat attitude about life and a warm personality.

Alivia Brewer, a freshman on the track and field team, said that she loved seeing Brown at practice and around campus.

“He smiled all the time. He smiled every time he was out here,” Brewer said. “His smile would light up your whole day.”

Sara Klein, another freshman from the team, reminisced about exploring San Luis Obispo with Brown and a trip to Baldy when they first arrived, since both hailed from Washington.

Kinesiology professor Camille O’Bryant said she was privileged to meet Brown and that she had gained an even greater understanding of who he was by spending time with his parents.

“My brief encounter with Morrey was infections. We were privileged to have him as part of our family even for a short while,” O’Bryant said.

Brown planned to study kinesiology and wanted to work in sports medicine after college.

He was the top sprinter at Kentrichde High School in Renton, Wash., and was prepared for the track and field season after competing in three decathlons over the summer.

His parents, Jonathon and Cynthia Brown, were presented with track jackets by the team.

His father closed the service by reminding the group that his son loved to laugh and loved to make others laugh too.

“He had a great sense of humor. He was so funny, and kept us laughing,” Jonathon Brown said.

The memorial service was followed by a 2 p.m. memorial at San Luis Cemetery.

Brown died on Sept. 20 around 6:30 p.m. His roommates Kristoph Becker and Trevor Dantik found him at the bottom of the Klaedex Park housing development pool.

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Stopgap bill will stall voting on Bush's $189B request for Pentagon operations

Andrew Taylor

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Thursday voted to send two stopgap appropriation bills to the House, which are needed to avoid a government shutdown and extend the Treasury Department's ability to finance the budget deficit.

A stopgap spending bill is needed because Congress has not yet agreed to full budget bills, while the debt limit increase measures come as the government continues to leak red ink.

The Senate agreed to vote on the bills Thursday night. Once they pass, they will be shipped to the House for Bush to sign by an Oct. 1 deadline. That's where the new fiscal year starts and, coincidentally, when the government will hit its borrowing limits.

Congress has never failed to raise the debt ceiling and prevent default on U.S. obligations, but the vote nonetheless illustrates the fiscal failings of Bush and Congress since the U.S. recorded four straight years of surpluses ending in 2001, Bush's first year.

The budget deficit for the current fiscal year is expected to reach $158 billion, about $15 billion less than anticipated for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The stopgap spending bill would keep the Defense, State, Commerce, Justice, popupulace running at current levels through November, extend financing for a popular health insurance program covering children from low-income families, and provide up to $70 billion in funding for Pentagon operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Passage of the stopgap funding bill was likely prompted by Democrats who put off until early next year a vote on Bush's $189 billion request for Pentagon operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. That's what Democratic leaders are signaling they will do.

Such stopgap funding bills are routine and have been needed every year since 1994. But for the first time in five years, none of the 12 annual appropriations bills have become law by the Oct. 1 deadline. Republican-led Congresses typically had made sure at least the defense and homeland security measures had passed by this time.

Bush is plainly eager for a veto showdown with Democrats over their efforts to add $33 billion for domestic programs to Bush's $933 billion request for the approximately one-third of the federal budget funded by the yearly spending bills.

Beyond Bush's objections to the additional money — which he says would compound into $35 billion over five years — Bush is looking to reclaim for Republicans the reputation with the public as the party of fiscal discipline.

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The Dawn spacecraft sitting atop a Delta II rocket as it blasts off from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

**NASA launches spacecraft on mission to asteroid belt**

Marcia Dunn  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASA took aim at the heart of the asteroid belt Thursday, launching a spacecraft on a nearly decade-long journey that will include two never-before-attempted close encounters.

"The scientific probe Dawn is on a 3 billion-mile course that will have it meeting up with an asteroid named Vesta in 2011 and a dwarf planet called Ceres in 2015. They are the biggest members of the crowded asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, and scientists hope that by studying them up close, some of the secrets of the early solar system will be revealed.

"Dawn's unorthodox liftoff was especially emotional for Christopher Rayman, the mission's lead scientist from the University of California at Los Angeles. He waited 15 years to see Dawn rise, and during that time endured two funding-related project cancellations and two years of postponements.

"Russell monitored everything from inside Launch Control and was half-expecting yet another delay. His wife, watching from outside, cried:

"This was an intense relief," Russell said, adding that he was "very, very happy at what happened today." He considered it vindicating, given all he'd been through.

"Dawn's mission is the world's first attempt to journey to a celestial body and orbit it, then travel to another and circle it as well. Ion-propulsion engines, once confined to science fiction, are making it possible.

"To me, this feels like the first real interplanetary spaceship," said Matt Rayman, chief engineer. "This is the first time we've really had the capability to go someplace, stop, take a detailed look, spend our time there and then leave.''

Scientists chose Vesta and Ceres not only because of their size but because they are so different from one another. Asteroid Vesta, about the length of Arizona with a huge crater at its south pole, is dry and rocky and appears to have a surface of frozen lava. It's where many of the meteorites found on Earth came from. Texas-sized Ceres, upgraded from asteroid to dwarf planet just last year, is nearly spherical, icy and may have frost-covered poles. Both formed around the same time some 4.5 billion years ago.

"Science has flown by asteroids before — albeit much smaller — and even orbited and landed on them, and more asteroid missions are on the horizon. But none has attempted to orbit two on the same mission.

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**Briefs**

**State**

BAKERSFIELD (AP) — A bad to make English the official language of this San Joaquin Valley city fell after much debate.

The city council also shot down on Wednesday another proposal that would have made clear that Bakersfield is not a sanctuary for illegal immigrants, but it approved a resolution calling on the federal government to enact immigration reform.

"After the meeting, opponents of the English-only and the sanctuary resolutions praised the council for making the "morally correct" decision.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Federal agents said Thursday they shut down a food factory that made marijuana-laced barbecue sauce, chocolate-covered pretzels and vanilla and chocolate-flavored snacks.

The Drug Enforcement Agency said it arrested three people on Wednesday and is looking for a fourth who operated the Oakland-based Tainted Love.

**National**

JENA, La. (AP) — Reporters of a black teenager once charged with the attempted murder of a white classmate waited outside a courthouse for his release Thursday after a prosecutor confirmed he would not try him as an adult.

Bond was set at $45,000 for Mychal Bell, one of the group known as the Jena Six, according to a spokesman for a local bail bonding service.

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A pet store has bought conjoined turtle twins from a collector and plans to keep it on display, the store manager said.

The 2-month-old turtles, known as a red-eyed slider, fit on a silver dollar. It has two heads sticking off opposite ends of its shell, along with a pair of front feet on each side. But there is just one set of back feet and one tail.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A laboratory technician was fired after the parents of a 3-year-old boy claimed the baby had his shoulder during a blood test, a hospital spokesman said.

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"Women drinking wine because they think it is healthier than beer are wrong," he said. "It's about the amount of alcohol consumed, not the type." Prevalence studies have shown a link between alcohol consumption and breast cancer, but there have been conflicting messages about whether different kinds of alcohol were more dangerous than others.

**International**

MOSCOW (AP) — A small Russian city just got a really big addition: a 7-pound, 1 ounce baby whose mother had already delivered 11 other children.

Tatiana Khutina, 42, delivered the girl by Cesarean section at a maternity clinic in Aleisk, a town of 30,000 people in the Altai region in southern Siberia, a nurse at the clinic said Thursday.

Nurse Natalia Glileya also said the Sept. 17 birth went smoothly, and mother and the child were fine.

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — All types of wine, beer, lager — add equally to the risk of developing breast cancer in women, American researchers said Thursday.

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**Texting: new security tools after Virginia Tech**

**Verena Dobnik & Ryan J. Foley**

When a masked freshman came to campus at St. John's University with a gun lashed to his chest, the school had to trade
fi shing stick out of a bag, the school
alerted students via cellphone text
messages within 18 minutes.

And when a suicidal gunman was
reported to be on the loose at the
University of Wisconsin, the school
sent out mass e-mail and took out an
ad on Facebook to warn stu-

dents.

As the school year starts, colleges
around the country are applying the
lessons of Virginia Tech and using
high technology to get the word out
faster in a crisis.

This was certainly a surprise. No
one thought that we would be texting
this latest technology this quickly
for an emergency," said James Pel-
lof, executive vice president of St.
John's.

Nearly every major college and
university in the country is ei-
ther in the process of implementing
a text-messaging system or seriously
considering doing so," it said.

**Many college students face trials of long-distance relationships**

**Brittany Benjamin**

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You know it is the beginning of the year when countless freshmen carry pictures flamed with photos of their sweethearts up to their empty dorm rooms. Many of these sweet-

hearts live hundreds, if not thousands, of miles away. This begs the question: "What's it like to be in a long-distance relationship?"

With an estimated 4.4 million col-
lege students involved in long-distance relationships, this is an issue that flamed in high school last year against the daunt-

ing enemy known as the long-distance relationship.

Sophomore Charyl Taguma knows that maintaining a long-distance rela-
tionship can be an issue. Taguma's boyfriend, initially from Hawaii, has now moved to Arizona and the couple agreed to maintain their relationship through text messaging.

"You lose the visual aspects of that trust. You miss the cues and the non-verbal signs. Trust becomes a lot harder to do," she said.

Initially Taguma used her cell phone and Facebook to stay in contact with her boyfriend, calling for at least an hour per day. Skype is a computer program that allows users all the same capabilities as an instant messenger. Additionally, microphone and camera hookups allows users to phone or video conferences through their computer.

Freshman Carolyn Sage has noticed an increase in her phone bill as well. Sage, whose boyfriend at-
tends Arizona State University, says she uses the phone and Facebook to stay in touch with her boyfriend. Sage foresees becoming the biggest is-

sue.

"It's hard to know how much time to put in. You have to do your own thing and meet new people without spending all the time on the phone," Sage said. Sage says she talks to her boyfriend at least once a day on aver-

gage.

Confronted with the same issue in her freshman year, sophomore Aly Erickson-Wyman broke up with her boyfriend from Seattle when she

found that calling became an obliga-
tion.

"I talked to him on a daily basis. I would be doing things all the time and I wouldn't want to call him. It felt like I was obligated to call, whereas it should have been something I wanted to do," Erickson-Wyman said.

Communication is the largest problem in freshman Trevor Brown's relationship with his girlfriend, a se-

nior in high school in Aspen, Colo.

Brown says he used to talk to his girl-
friend two or three times a day, but

the past couple of weeks he has barely talked to her on the phone.

I know was going to be hard. But I'm having second, third, and fourth doubts," he said. "Our commun-
ication isn't going well. She hangs up on me a lot. She gets mad at me all the time and I feel like I've done nothing wrong."

Ellington notes that it's hard for

some couples to remain close through text messaging because they re-

volve around talk only. There isn't the
closeness through activity or physical geography. This infers that face-to-

face visits are important to any long-distance relationship.

Both Angela and Sage have made

plans for their boyfriends to visit
within the next few weeks. However,

Erickson-Wyman admits that the one time her boyfriend came to visit

didn't remedy her relationship.

"I wouldn't even call it a trip. I had a headache the entire time. It wasn't a magical reunion. I wasn't like two people coming together," Erickson-

W yman said.

Ranging anywhere from a startling increase of 25 percent for a round-trip plane ticket, the issue of rising airfares is in all-

ways an expense that sits tantalizingly in the back of every college student's mind. Is the cost worth it?
Bears defense will attempt to adapt to Poly's triple option

Peter Rossi
THE MIRROR (U. NORTHERN COLORADO)

The University of Northern Colorado football team is looking to notch their first win of the season this Saturday at Cal Poly University.

The Bears were defeated Saturday 34-14 against Big Sky foe Northern Arizona. They lost by 20 points in a physical battle to the Lumberjacks.

UNC coach Scott Downing was disappointed not to come away with the victory, but he knew NAU was a tough team.

"They see NAU coming in a team that's 1-2, but they've only lost to a Pac-10 team and a team that’s No. 1 in the nation and they had every opportunity to beat Appalachian State," Downing said.

The NAU losses were to their cross-town rival, the Pac-10 Conference’s University of Arizona and Appalachian State, the top ranked team in the Division I Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA).

Appalachian State defeated Michigan in Ann Arbor during week one of the college football season.

The Bears demonstrated they could compete against a team with superb talent.

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The Bears will need to continue to fly to the ball against Cal Poly, as the Mustangs will certainly run the ball on the majority of their offensive possessions.

Christian Sarmento, who led the team in tackles with 13 against NAU, has been studying film on the Mustangs with the rest of his teammates.

"We’ve centered our defensive game plan around stopping the option," Sarmento said.

The offensive side of the ball has shown maturation, putting up two touchdowns against NAU. Junior wide receiver Cory Fauser, who tallied three catches for 41 yards Saturday, is noticing improvements on the Bears’ offense.

“I definitely think we’re coming together as a unit," Fauser said. "After a hard week of practice, I feel confident we’ll go into this week’s game better than we did against NAU.”

Fauser also appreciated the play of the defense and credited their performance against NAU.

"The defense played exceptionally well last week," he said. "The whole team was flying around making gang tackles around the field.”

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— Cory Fauser
former Cal Poly guard

The Bears defense will attempt to adapt to Poly’s triple option.
MUSTANG DAILY
GAME DAY

2 Minutes

Dally may have
Mole, Noble in triple
option Saturday

Cal Poly's Ryan Mole-James Noble duo is 'available' for Saturday's game against NCU.

Josh Ayers
MUSTANG DAILY

On paper, it looks like Cal Poly should have no problem with Northern Colorado Saturday at Alex G. Spanos Stadium, but never underestimate a hungry 0-4 team.

Lettermen returning: 26
Lettermen lost: N/A
Starters returning: 13
Starters lost: 6

We have a great respect for Northern Colorado. They're playing better every week.

—Rich Ellerson
Cal Poly head coach

Great West Football
Conference Standings

Team (overall, conference record)
1. North Dakota State (3-0, 0-0)
2. UC Davis (2-2, 0-0)
3. Cal Poly (2-2, 0-0)
4. South Dakota State (1-3, 0-0)
5. Southern Utah (0-4, 0-0)

Defensively, Cal Poly has been working through injuries but has been able to adjust to the absence of players with more contributions from defenders like Marty Mohammed and Xavier Gardner, according to Ellerson.

Mark Restelli, who earned Great West Defensive Player of the Week honors following the Western Oregon game, returning the ball over twice on four fumbles.

Restelli also recorded a blocked field goal.

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Football

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Offensively, the Mustangs have found a double threat in wide receiver Jono Grayson.

Grayson played in eight games last season caught three passes for 37 yards. On the ground he only gained 2 yards on two carries.

This season Grayson, who has seen action as a result of the numerous injuries to the Mustang rush, has emerged as one of Cal Poly’s top ground threats.

Grayson has chosen this season to “pull his redshirt” and in two games has carried the ball 12 times and harvested 11.8 yards. At receiver, he has two catches for two touchdowns.

“He’s one of those guys in the group that’s got some magic,” Ellerson said. “We’re not surprised he’s playing so well.”

Another standout so far this season has been John Hall.

Hall, who did time last season at tight end and halfback, has adjusted well to full back with 188 yards on 40 carries and currently leads the team in rushing yards.

Ellerson touched on the possibility of James Noble and Ryan Mole seeing some action in the Saturday game.

“They’re available,” Ellerson said. He also said that putting them in while not fully recovered places the players “in danger” of re-injury.

Mole said in a telephone interview that he was “out and running around” in Tuesday’s practice and then practiced plays on Wednesday and Thursday.

“It felt good,” Mole said. Mole said that he’s been keeping up with film during his injury and has been making sure to keep mentally prepared for his return.

On returning, Mole said that his initial challenge will be to “get a feel for the game speed.”

Northern Colorado lacks diversity in the ground game. David Woods has been the only significant threat.

The Bears have been out-scored 177-33, already giving up 24 touchdowns to opponents. They have been showing improvement.

The team has a 20.5 kick return average but has given up 209 yards on 6 kicks to opponents.

Players like Mark Restelli and Jason Relyea have stepped into leadership roles with their performances.

The potential return of Ryan Mole, along with the already-producing ground game, should look impressive.

The Bears use two quarterbacks who have only combined for a total of 693 yards in four games.

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**Special teams**

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**Football**

Mark Restelli (32) led the Mustangs in tackles last week with 11. Restelli also blocked a field goal and had two passes defended.
Larry Lage

DETROIT — An 18-wheeler designed to transport cars pulled up to Comerica Park just before 2 a.m. Wednesday.

"Where is the driver lost," the driver asked.

"Just down the street," a reporter replied.

No, the Detroit Tigers will not need their luxury rides in the Motor City this October.

The defending champion Cardinals don't need their cars in St. Louis, either.

"St. Louis and Detroit will be relegated to watching the playoffs, marking the season appearance didn't earn a chance to defend their pennants.

The Chicago White Sox swept Houston for the title in 2005, then both failed to make the playoffs the following season.

"It just tells you there is good parity in baseball," Tigers first baseman Sean Casey said. "It also shows that to get to the playoffs, you have to be a great team and you have to have a lot of things go your way."

The Cardinals and Tigers had to deal with setbacks in spring training, and the hits kept coming the rest of the season.

St. Louis manager Tony La Russa was arrested in March for suspicion of drunken driving and reliever Josh Hancock died in a drunk-driving crash the next month.

On the field, ace Chris Carpenter's elbow required season-ending surgery after pitching on opening day to hurt a franchise that failed to adequately replace free-agent pitchers Jeff Weaver, Jason Marquis and Jeff Suppan.

Several position players, such as first baseman Albert Pujols and third baseman Scott Rolen, were slowed by injuries.

"We just ran into a lot of bad luck this year," said utilityman Scott Spiezio, who underwent treatment for substance abuse in August.

"I know that's an excuse, but in this case, you lose your best pitcher and then you lose a tragic death. There's just been some weird stuff that's happened this year.

"We had a little bit of a season like we did last year as far as injuries, I think we could have taken this again this year."

The Tigers were saying the same thing in their clubhouse.

Starting pitcher Kenny Rogers found out he had a blood clot in his left shoulder during spring training, keeping him off the mound until late June. Then, Rogers missed all of August with an elbow injury.

Hard-throwing relievers Joel Zumaya and Fernando Rodney were slowed by injuries for much of the year. The lineup suffered when designated hitter Gary Sheffield was in and out of the lineup with a banged-up shoulder.

"No smooth sailing," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "But I like what I found out about this team."

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—Sean Casey
Tigers first baseman

Detroit (87-72) mathematically stated in contention for the playoffs until the New York Yankees won Wednesday night — about 20 hours after the transporter arrived to ship the Tigers' cars away.

"I don't care what anybody else says, I think this club has done a helluva job under the circumstances," Leyland said.

The Tigers, who drew 3.5 million fans for the first time, did not disappoint their fans because their favorite team had a quality 500 mark in each season from 1994-2005 and lost an AL-record 119 games just three years ago.

St. Louis, meanwhile, is used to being in the playoffs.

The Cardinals earned a postseason bid the previous three years, six of seven and seven times since La Russa became their manager in 1996.

Despite the lackluster season, St. Louis still had a shot earlier this month when being one game over .500 was good enough in the NL Central to be only one game back.

Rick Ankiel, hindered twice and had a career-high seven RBIs to lift the Cardinals to a 16-4 win over Pittsburgh on Sept. 6. Then, the former pitcher's feel-good story and his team's season turned when a report surfaced about him taking human growth hormone in 2004.

St. Louis responded to the latest blow by losing nine straight — its longest skid since the first month of the season.

"It's a lot easier to play the last month when you're in contention," Leyland said.

Of little consolation to both teams, some individuals put together good years.

St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa stands on the field before a game against the New York Mets Thursday in New York.

Detroit's Magglio Ordonez has a shot to be the franchise's first batting champion since 1961; Curtis Granderson joined Willie Mays in baseball history with at least 20-stolen bases, home runs, triples and doubles; Justin Verlander threw a no-hitter, a year after being the AL Rookie of the Year.

Albert Pujols had at least 100 RBIs, a milestone he has reached in each of his seven seasons with the Cardinals.

"I've been consistent every year," Pujols said.

"But I wish I could trade that and be in the postseason, playing next month."

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No playoffs this year for Redbirds, Tigers
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Learning conditions are substandard on campus

Why should students at the “crown jewel” of the CSU system not be subjected to the unbearable Third World learning conditions and environmental conditions? When we pay lots of money to come to Cal Poly, we are entitled to learn in a safe, clean and comfortable environment, our minds should not be directly outside the classroom conditions in the Engineering West building. Right now we are distracted by loud noises coming from the room next door that has been transformed into a construction site with hammers, power drills and other noise making equipment. There are also no windows in our classroom or proper air conditioning. When we are forced to close the door because of outside noises, our classroom becomes an environment the teacher needs. The teacher in a classroom with a maximum capacity of 24 people that has no air flowage becomes very uncomfortable.

Then comes the bathroom situation: There are currently no bathrooms in the building and this is a health risk for anyone with a bladder problem or irritable bowel syndrome. We need bathrooms and a quiet, comfortable place to study. We can’t wait any longer to have a solution. We will be forced to leave the building if anything that can be done about this problem, until you realize you’re like a fish out of water, every time there is no ventilation in the room. Nor is there a window where we can watch little birds flutter around trees or perch on branches.

Why should these students have to endure conditions similar to those of a Third World country’s learning system? For the amount of money paid to the school every year by students, parents and alumni through tuition, housing, books, food, donations, sporting and social events, the school should be able to provide better learning conditions for all students.

Amidst the scpating, drilling, hammering, pounding and shouting of the workers, it is difficult for anyone to concentrate. The noises are so loud because the rooms are directly outside the affected classroom. Since there are no windows in the classroom for ventilation, the door must remain open, essentially causing the room to be transformed into a construction site. It is terribly hot in the room, which makes it uncomfortable and hard to concentrate.

There are also no restrooms in the entire building, which forces students and faculty to travel to a neighboring building just to use the facilities. This can be time-consuming and takes away from time spent learning. If there is anything that can be done about these issues, it would be greatly appreciated.

Lizzie Souza
Sociology freshman

ENGL 102 student demands change from university

Students at the well known “crown jewel” of the CSU system should not be subjected to the unbearable Third World learning conditions. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. my classmates and I are stuck in a room that’s like a sauna because it has no air conditioning or windows. There is also a group of construction workers drilling, hammering and shouting very loudly in our hallway as well as no bathrooms in the entire Engineering West building 21. In order to stay cool we must drink lots of water, but we then have to hold our noses shut in order to be able to attend class. It cost around $15,000 per year to attend Cal Poly, when signing up for this course, I doubt it said English 102 will be taught under extreme conditions. “We expect to be relieved in the classroom and not to be distracted every 30 seconds because of some screeching, racketing or banging noise next door.” How does this school expect their students to work when the teacher in the classroom has a problem staying in the classroom? We hope these circumstanc- es will change immediately. We are under the impression that this school will support the students needs. Fixing this problem will allow us to reach our full potential.

Carlos Fernandez
English freshman

ENGL 102 students subjected to chaos around building

As we sit in the Engineering West building, 1st of all we can begin to say “is ridiculous.” Should students at the “crown jewel” of the Cal Poly system be subjected to a Third World learning environment? Why should students have to deal with caustic tape in the halls, workers carving into the walls like in Halloween, and not one bathroom in sight for at least another three buildings over. We shouldn’t be subjected to this chaos! Is our remedial class supposed to include this noise and torture? Our parents, and even some students are paying for college tuition at this “crown jewel” of the CSU system. Instead of learning, our ears are plugged, we are not even listening. Instead of learning, our ears are plugged, we are not even listening. Instead of learning, our ears are plugged, we are not even listening. Instead of learning, our ears are plugged, we are not even listening. Instead of learning, our ears are plugged, we are not even listening. Instead of learning, our ears are plugged, we are not even listening. Instead of learning, our ears are plugged, we are not even listening. Instead of learning, our ears are plugged, we are not even listening. Instead of learning, our ears are plugged, we are not even listening. Instead of learning, our ears are plugged, we are not even listening.
Cros: you look ridiculous

Lloyd H. Cargo
MICHIGAN DAILY (ANN ARBOR)

You know what offends the shit out of me? The terrible fucking music in grocery stores, bony for the cutest kids, but I don’t want my rage to be mistaken for joy. Muzak makes me want to— It’s sm out of me? The terrible tuck-and Mozart make babies smarter. Studies have also shown that Bach neither should you. I want my rage to be mistaken for — for a while?

Instead we get to hear Kenny G or some other sockmon with a line in soul and a potential fan base that has no soul. Some people call it smooth — a word that could also be used to describe your boxed movements. Almost as bad is some random orchestra playing their cheesy rendition of a song that was popular 50 years ago.

There’s no way any music with the prefix “Nu” ought to be taken seriously, and there’s no way anything labeled “adult contemporary” or, God forbid, “easy listening” ought to be played anywhere, at any time, for any reason (other than maybe yoga or whatever stoa* teenagers shop at). I’ve never seen a Croc shoe or shoe Web site that says the shoes “were intended as a boating outdoor shoe.”

Outdoor activities and boating are legitimate occasions for wearing such footwear. The garden would also be the perfect place to wear Crocs. I remember my aunt, years ago, crouching in schmaltzy peace you so bare bastard. Before you get all “studies show...” I really don’t get how a music increase’s efficiency blah blah...

For R.il though, I don’t think anyone would want to wear Crocs as a casual shoe? Besides, it’s not like his other two CDs, but fans of Sam Beam’s (who takes the prefix “Nu” ought to be taken seriously, and there’s no way anything labeled “adult contemporary” or, God forbid, “easy listening” ought to be played anywhere, at any time, for any reason (other than maybe yoga or whatever stoa* teenagers shop at). I’ve never seen a Croc shoe or shoe Web site that says the shoes “were intended as a boating outdoor shoe.”

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Ben’s mum. It’s easy to criticize an artist for chang­
ing his or her sound and trying something new, but when the result is as strikingly original and impor­tant as Ben’s, we should be more cautious. He knows what he’s doing.

It’s not easy to choose a standout track on this album (which might be one of its flaws), but the catchy “The Dead Never Sleep” is probably the cleverest example of Ben’s new sound. The foot-stomping rhythm and black piano plunk drive the track, and the sing-along chorus is reminiscent of Yes. Other than this track and the beautiful final track, “Frightened Bird, American Mouth,” the rest seem to run together, and the album fails to produce any memorable song — but that’s not to say that the entire album won’t be memorable as a whole. We’ll be hearing a lot more from Ben in the years to come, and we can’t wait to listen again next year when Berns takes his next big step forward.

As different as this album may sound upon first listen, Ben’s soundbath of unexpected energy and lamb­
table, nostalgic tone is the same as it always has been. This time, it’s just presented in a revitalized, augmented form. Still present on the album are the folk-y under­tones, slide guitars, Southern Gothic stories and melodic hooks, but some critics may say that the raw quality of his music is lost to his new, more complex arrangements and instrumentation.

This album isn’t perfect, but it represents an ex­
tremely talented musician’s attempt at progress, and that makes it as raw as ever.

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"Kingdom' come

'The Kingdom' explores complicated U.S. relationship with Middle East

Michelle Norgan
HONOLULU DAILY

Making a movie that is essentially about FBI agents retreating for the bombing of U.S. citizens into a commentary on the delicate and often ambiguous relations between America and the Middle East is no small task. Yet director Peter Berg’s "The Kingdom" does exactly that, showing not only the cycle of misguided violence between the two cultures, but also the humanity of those we most want to call our enemies.

Four passionate FBI agents are called in to investigate the bombing of a U.S. occupied compound in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. When it becomes clear that the Saudis want to conduct the investigation on their own, the team, led by the incredibly perceptive and single-minded FBI Special Agent Ronald Fleury (Jamie Foxx), arrange to go anyway. Once in Saudi Arabia, they are haltled from investigating by local officials who fear the loss of more American lives on their soil.

With only five days to solve the crime before they must leave the country, they employ every method at their disposal to get the information they need. Fleury enlists the help of Col. Fans Al (Ashraf Barhom) of the Saudi police to help them gain access to the people who can help them identify the terrorists. As the team digs deeper into the incident, they find themselves becoming the targets of the very terrorists they are hunting; and their lives are in danger.

"The Kingdom" is a combination of crime scene investigation, military action and cultural education that weaves just the right amount of each together to keep the audience engaged throughout, just when the story is most intense, a touch of innocent humor or commonplace events break the tension. The movie keeps you on the edge of your seat, but it gives you a moment occasionally to catch your breath too.

The opening credits of the movie are meshed well with a short history lesson that helps the audience get into the story. Not only does it give critical background details on the relationship between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia, it also creates a tense atmosphere that helps to drive the audience immediately. It also provided one of the most visually suggestive messages of the movie. Whereas the rest of the film violence is overt, the introduction makes references to Sept. 11, 2001 much more indirectly. The audience sees an animation of a plane heading straight for the World Trade Center, and then the screen goes black for a few seconds, giving the audience time to remember their own images from that day.

"The Kingdom" does an excellent job of showing both sides of America’s relationship with Middle Eastern nations. Although the story deals with terrorism, it also highlights the peaceful nature of a large portion of the Muslim population. The host of Saudi characters is divided into both fervent and foe, and show that our relationships with Middle Eastern countries are anything but simple. The most prominent evidence of this is the friendship of Saudi police officer Colonel Fans Al with main character Ronald Fleury. The two are unlikely allies, but begin to respect one another as they realize a common goal of finding the people responsible for the bombing and bringing justice.

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"The Kingdom" does an excellent job of showing both sides of America’s relationship with Middle Eastern nations. Although the story deals with terrorism, it also highlights the peaceful nature of a large portion of the Muslim population. The host of Saudi characters is divided into both fervent and foe, and show that our relationships with Middle Eastern countries are anything but simple. The most prominent evidence of this is the friendship of Saudi police officer Colonel Fans Al with main character Ronald Fleury. The two are unlikely allies, but begin to respect one another as they realize a common goal of finding the people responsible for the bombing and bringing justice.

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The symposium was created to show their fight for preservation against technological and economic demands in relation to the rest of the world. "Humans can live more successfully and honor the environmental and human rights we’ve been given. We can preserve a way of living and stop killing ourselves off,” said Wolff. "Awakening the Dreamer will be held at the San Luis Obispo Library; 995 Palm Street, Sept. 29 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is a $15 donation, $10 for students with ID.

Looking for something to do this weekend? Check out these events:

Midsummer’s "Frankenstein’s Bride or The Girl of My Dreams"
A horror-musical based on the classic novel followed by a vaudeville review of the Great American Melodramas in Oceans. Ticket prices range from $16 to $19.

Heart Castle Garden Tour
Special tour of Hearst Castle gardens, available through October only. Includes Neptune Pool Dressing Rooms and Wine Cellar in Casa Grande.

The Expendables at Downtown Brew
See The Expendables perform with B-Generation and Dirty Heath at Downtown Brew for an $8+ cover.

Art on the Beach
Over 20 artists display their work and paint on Avila Beach (weather permitting) from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.