New CSDs on campus

Sara Wright
MUSTANG DAILY

Few students living on campus actually meet their CSDs, but these housing staff members actually have a huge impact on living experiences of Cal Poly residents.

This year there are more newly hired CSDs than usual. The Coordinators of Student Development (CSDs) are full-time professionals skilled in leadership, program development, advising and resource referral.

Living in the hall, they train and direct Resident/Community Advisors in their duties, oversee the desk operators, advise students on Hall Council functions and administer judicial affairs and administrative procedures.

The job is time-consuming and requires a certain level of expertise in areas such as higher education.

The returning CSDs this year are Emily Harris of Cerro Vista Apartments, Michele Le of Yosemite Hall and Kelly Cole of Sierra Madre Hall.

Six of last year’s CSDs did not return to the position at Cal Poly this year because they wished to try other avenues of the field and found new employment opportunities.

That means Cal Poly Housing had to hire six new ones.

“We annually hire a certain percentage and are very used to hiring on a regular basis,” said Suzanne Fritz, associate director of Residential Life and Education.

“We haven’t hired that percentage for a number of years. We usually hire three to five (annually), but it depends on the year.”

Jolene Duke and Tina Muller serve as Learning Community Coordinators who directly supervise the Coordinators of Student Development. Tina Muller took the position of Malik Iwualu, who also did not return this year.

Duke was responsible for coordinating the hiring process. “She did an outstanding job,” Fritz said.

Hiring CSDs means attending national conferences put on by professional student affairs associations like the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) and the American College Personnel Association (ACPA).

Cal Poly Housing is also willing to hold interviews over the phone.

The organization screens 60 to 70 candidates and selects the top choices for interviews on campus.

“We never had this kind of screening before,” Fritz said.

New CSD Dominic Alletto of Trinity Hall is grateful for the opportunity to work at Cal Poly.

“The returning CSDs and the rest of Housing has done an amazing job at welcoming us,” said Alletto.

“They were so involved; it was a lot of work.”

“The new CSDs feel very supported and appreciated of them.”

There was a large turnover in Coordinators of Student Development (CSDs) this year, with six new hires and only three returners.

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Local DMV closed until January for remodeling

Jessica Ford
MUSTANG DAILY

Don’t bother preparing for long lines at the Department of Motor Vehicles after this week because there won’t be a wait at all.

For the next 10 weeks, the San Luis Obispo office located on South Higuera Street will be closed for remodeling and repairs. The closure begins at noon on Friday and is expected to end on Monday, Jan. 7.

The remodeling will consist of new paint, carpet and the installation of new modular furniture, said Steve Haskins of the Department of Motor Vehicles communications division.

“Renovations such as these are usually in the planning stages for three to four years and are funded by DMV fees several years in advance as well,” Haskins said.

While the office is closed, most services will still be available through the mail or the Internet, including license and registration renewal.

Through the Department of Motor Vehicles Web site, appointments can be made at nearby offices if the service needed is not available with the alternative.

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Concrete ‘eyebrows’ shaved off building

Whitney Diaz
MUSTANG DAILY

The University Union had a facelift this summer as its concrete “eyebrows” were removed from the exterior of the building for safety reasons.

The nonstructural elements designed to keep the building cool were deteriorating after years of wear and tear, officials said.

“They were part of the original design of the building meant to reduce solar heat gain, like blinds on a home,” said Brian French, project manager with Cal Poly’s facility services.

The “eyebrows” are sunscreens, protruded about four feet from the walls of the building.

The packing grout around the objects experienced decay and was found to be structurally unsound. In the event of an earthquake, one of the sunscreens might have fallen and severely injured those passing by, officials said.

“We’re working on a plan to design a replacement for them,” French said.

The removal costs were about $175,000. Facility services has a budget of $200,000 for the replacements, French said.

Many staff members and students literally felt the heat after the sunscreens were taken down.

“The student government offices have been really hot since they were removed,” Union Union Advisory Board Chair Nicole Stromsness said.

She added that the replacements are necessary to keep the cost of cooling down.

The type of replacement sunscreen has not been determined yet, but French said they will probably be replaced by next summer.

The two designs currently being considered as a substitute include concrete veneers or a metal element, he said.

Every building on campus underwent evaluations by construction engineers about three years ago as part of a seismic survey. None of the buildings presently used by students and staff are deemed unsafe.

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Jill Hill
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and with a developed Living Learn­ing program.

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I’ve loved getting to know the RA
Council has 32 members!

Arthur Atkinson
Sycamore Hall — Architecture and
Environment Design
Hometown: Oklahoma City, Okla.
Education: Master’s degree in
higher education — student affairs
from Azusa Pacific University.

Why Cal Poly: “I had a really
healthy. I wanted to go somewhere I
could get around solely on bike and
could breathe air. Cal Poly’s
California is really nice.”

Dominic Allerio
Trinity Hall — Liberal Arts
Hometown: Kansas City, Kan.
Education: Master’s degree in
higher education — student affairs
from Azusa Pacific University.

Why Cal Poly: “When I was in­
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fell in love with the
it seemed like a great opportu­
ity.”

Brian Green
Santa Lucia and North Moun­
tain Halls (Dubkoff/Even-Palmar)
Education: Master’s degree in
education — student affairs from
Azusa Pacific University.

Why Cal Poly: “I had a really
good recruiting trip. It seemed like
everyone in the department had a
good head on their shoulders. Also,
I heard of its reputation from col­
leagues who worked in similar pro­
grams as I do.”

Favorite part of the job: “So far
I’ve loved getting to know the RA
staff as a whole … I know all of
them by name.”

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methods.
The closest offices to San Luis
Obispo are located in Paso Robles,
San Luis and Lompoc.

Employees of the San Luis
Obispo office are temporarily being
reassigned to the nearby locations.
This affects 15 full-time employ­
ees and seven part-time employees.
These employees handle approx­
imately 124,363 transactions each
year, Haskins said.

“…We’re just sunscreens failing over time,” said director of
facility services Mark Hunter.

“We’ve had our buildings
reviewed for seismic safety,” he
said, adding that Crandall Gym
was the only building closed for
major repairs since its opening in
1986.

“...It takes too­
long to get anything done,” said Dan
Williams, a San Luis Obispo resi­
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Oct. 15, 16:40 - Officers responded to a complaint of a male subject urinating on a women's restroom door in the Science North building. The subject was located nearby and arrested for public intoxication.

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Oct. 16, 10:10 - Officer met with a victim of vandalism, who reported unknown suspect(s) had physically damaged the passenger side mirror of her vehicle parked upon the Cerro Vista loop.

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Disney goes back to the drawing board to redo California Adventure

The Walt Disney Co. will do a major overhaul of its disappointing California Adventure theme park to draw closer ties to Walt Disney, the company announced Wednesday in a cool-weather chill that followed a weekend box-office bonanza. The move comes as the company focused its attention on its flagship property for the first time since it had to rework California Adventure a decade ago.

Disney and other executives would not disclose the cost of California Adventure, which opened in 2001. The overhaul, which will take five years, will be designed to make the park look and feel more like it was conceived by Walt Disney himself, complete with a recreation of the move theater that hosted the 1938 premiere of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." It will also add a new, 12-acre section, based on the hit Pixar animation movie "Cars." The overhaul is designed to bolster attendance that in some years has barely reached half the numbers of Disneyland despite attempts to lure visitors with discount tickets. In 2005, Disneyland drew 14.5 million visitors, an 8.5 percent increase over the previous year, while California Adventure drew only 5.8 million, a 3.6 percent increase. Figures for 2006 were not immediately available.

Disney executives acknowledged the need to rethink and expand the attractions at California Adventure to lure new visitors. But the most impressive performance could be that of the soaring downtown neighborhoods outside the Nokia. "I would speak of it as another patch in the quilt of revitalization that we're seeing," said Card Shilling, president of the Central City Association, a business advocacy group. "Central Los Angeles' recent successes range from the high-profile (the Frank Gehry-designed Walt Disney Concert Hall) to the mundane (the opening of a Ralph's grocery store in an area that had no major supermarket for decades)."

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Parents falsely claim religious exemptions to avoid vaccinating young children

Steve LeBlanc

Xenia Roberts doesn't practice any particular faith, but she had no problem signing a letter declaring that because of her deeply held religious beliefs, her 4-year-old son should be exempt from the vaccinations required to enter preschool.

Roberts is among a small but growing number of parents around the country who are claiming religious exemptions to avoid vaccinating their children when the real reason may be skepticism of the shots or concern they can cause other illnesses. Some of these parents say they are being forced to lie because of the way the vaccination laws are written in their states.

"It's misleading," Roberts admitted, but she said she fears that earlier exemptions may be taken in the form of her son, Aiden, "I find it socially desirable, but for an odd safety, I feel this is the only option we have."

An Associated Press examination of state vaccination records and data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that many states are seeing increases in the rate of religious exemptions claimed for kindergarten children.

"Do I think that religious exemptions have become the default? Absolutely," said Dr. Paul Offit, chief of infectious diseases at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and one of the hardest critics of the anti-vaccine movement. He said the resistance to vaccines is "an irrational, fear-based decision."

The number of exemptions is extremely small in percentage terms and represents just a few thousand of the 3.7 million children entering kindergarten in 2005, the most recent figure available. But public health officials say it takes only a few people to cause an outbreak that can put large numbers of lives at risk.

"When you choose not to get a vaccine, you're not just making a choice for yourself, you're making a choice for the person sitting next to you," said Dr. Lance Bock, director of the CDC's Immunization Services Division.

All states have some requirement that youngsters be immunized against such childhood diseases as measles, mumps, chickenpox, diphtheria and whooping cough.

Twenty-eight states, including Florida, Ohio, Missouri and New York, allow parents to opt out for medical or religious reasons only. Twenty other states, among them California, Pennsylvania, Texas and Ohio, also allow parents to cite personal or philosophical reasons. Mississippi and West Virginia allow exemptions for medical reasons only.

From 2000 to 2007, religious exemptions for kindergartners increased, in some cases doubled or tripled, in 20 of the 28 states that allow only medical or religious exemptions, the AP found. Religious exemptions increased in three of those states, Nebraska, Wyoming, South Carolina, and were unchanged in five others.

The rate of exemption requests is also increasing.

In Florida, 1,249 children claimed religious exemptions in 2005, almost double the 661 who did just four years earlier. That was an increase of 0.3 to 0.6 percent of the student population. Georgia, New Hampshire and Alaska saw their rates double in the past four years.

Fifteen of the 20 states that allow both religious and philosophical exemptions have seen increases in both, according to the AP findings.

Some parents say they are not convinced vaccinations help.Others fear the vaccinations themselves may make their children sick and even cause autism.

Even though government-funded schools found no link between vaccines and autism, loosely organized groups of parents and even popular cultural figures such as radio host Don Imus have voiced concerns. Most of the furor on Internet message boards and Web sites has been about a mercury-based preservative once used in vaccines that some believe contributes to autism.
Bomings strike Baghdad and north Iraq

Kim Gamel

An explosives-laden sewage truck blew up near a police station and a car bomb struck an Iraqi army checkpoint Tuesday — attacks that bore the hallmarks of al-Qaida and showed extremists can still hit hard in some areas, but it "obviously remains a problem," authorities said.

despite recent gains by U.S.-led forces, the terror network is on the run in southern Iraq. A U.S. military spokesman said police said.

The bombings and a series of shootings mainly targeted Iraqi security forces and tribal leaders facing an influx of militants who fled the Baghdad security crackdown.

Officials have cited a drop in suicide bombings, from more than 60 in January to some 30 a month since July, along with a decrease in the flow of foreign fighters across the borders. But they acknowledge they have got an enemy that's got a lot of fight left in him.

A German military spokesman in Baghdad, Rear Adm. Greg Smith, said the fighting's "time other than that we have done significant damage to AQI and it is on the run in many areas," said Col. Steven Boylan, a spokesman for the top U.S. commander, Gen. David Petraeus.

The US commanders have said the increase in troops ordered by President Bush in January, and the increased operations that followed, have left al-Qaida fractured and leaders, facilitators, financiers," he said. "We have certainly taken a great deal of the network down, a lot of leaders, facilitators, financiers," he said. "But it's clear out here we've got an enemy that's got a lot of fight left in him.

Bombaings and suicide attacks usually blamed on al-Qaida in Iraq, which is blamed on al-Qaida in Iraq, which is believed to be the core of the insurgency and a major threat to U.S. forces. But they are also being used by local groups to target civilian populations.

A soldier secures the area in front of a damaged car at the scene where a car bomb exploded. Baghdad. At least two Iraqi civilians died in the blast and two others were wounded, according to police.

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EWB makes an impact on cities and citizens

Jesse Rond, David Navarez, Gregg Fiegel, and Matthew Goebe place a control system inside water tanks in Nueva Vida.

Team leader and mechanical engineering senior Nevaraz said the project was so successful that the team plans on going back to the same community to find more projects to work on.

With their minds and hands they build houses, lay pipes, setup water pumps and dig trenches. But it’s with their hearts that Engineers Without Borders builds communities.

A student chapter of the national organization, Engineers Without Borders Cal Poly partners with developing communities worldwide to implement sustainable engineering projects. Although the chapter is only four years old, EWB Cal Poly has successfully implemented projects in three countries, and has set the stage to continue building actively involved in the sustainable development of those communities for the next 5 to 10 years.

“We as a club, our first goal is to build better communities in the countries we’re working in. Our second goal is to build better engineers here at Cal Poly,” said club president and mechanical engineering senior Jesse Rond.

“The countries we work with need basic, simple engineering tasks that as students we can adequately provide,” he said. EWB Cal Poly is working on team projects in Thailand, Nicaragua and Indonesia.

The Thailand project, which started three years ago in the chapter’s first project, focuses on water purification and sanitation improvements in their selected rural community. The local community’s name, Mae Nan Kuhn, translates roughly to “muddy river” and serves as a fitting description of the engineering project that the Thailand team had to tackle.

Mae Nan Kuhn’s contaminated water source was resulting in widespread sickness in the community, so after two initial assessment trips in 2005, the EWB Cal Poly team spent six months planning and designing a slow sand filtration system to provide clean water to the region’s primary school.

In 2006, the team traveled back to assess the newly installed filter’s performance, and found that the project had been a huge success. David Markman, civil engineering senior and the Thailand team manager said that the project resulted in a 96-percent removal of coliforms (bacterial indicators of possible fecal contamination in water) and that after project completion, the local health center reported that half as many children were being admitted for gastrointestinal sicknesses.

“We don’t want to come in and try to sell a community what they need,” Markman said. “We just want to be able to provide them with our engineering skills.”

EWB Cal Poly will also be hosting a workshop for the region to learn how to build and maintain its own slow sand filtration systems.”

“Our goal is to try and transfer the technical knowledge from us to them,” Markman explained.

Team manager Markman said that the EWB club and his pursuit of a civil engineering degree are helping him fulfill his desire to better the world.

“I want to be helpful and civil engineering provided me with the most direct way to benefit people,” he said.

“The things I get out of Engineers Without Borders, like becoming a better skilled engineer, that’s coincidental to the satisfaction of using my natural talents to the betterment of others,” he said.

EWB Cal Poly’s Nicaragua project works within the community of Nueva Vida, which, despite its hopeful name, is a community of about 12,000 refugees from 1995’s deadly Hurricane Mitch. The hurricane left huge parts of the country flooded and uninhabitable and resulted in more than half a million internally displaced people throughout Nicaragua.

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The unshakable municipal infrastructure in Nueva Vida results in frequent power outages that also leave the community without water for days at a time.

With such a desperate situation, EWB Cal Poly had to decide how best to channel their resources and skills to have the greatest impact, and finally decided on a local health clinic that was in need of a proper water storage system.

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This past summer, the team did exactly that; when they successfully installed two new underground water tanks with an electrical and manual pump, allowing water to be available even throughout power outages.

Team leader and mechanical engineering senior Nevaraz said the project was so successful that the team plans on going back to the same community to find more projects to work on.

EWB’s third project, in Banda Aceh, Indonesia, came after the devastating Indian Ocean tsunami in 2004. The tsunami left more than 130,000 people dead and more than 500,000 displaced in Indonesia alone.

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The EWB team that formed in 2006 in response to the post-tsunami rise began working with faculty, engineering professionals and Cal Poly architecture students to develop earthquake-safe home designs that could be easily mass produced. EWB came up with three designs to be built from locally available compressed earth bricks. These designs were sent over to Banda Aceh and are currently being implemented for 40 new homes.

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**Singin’ in the Rain’ once again**

Michelle Norgan  
MUSTANG DAILY

A round of cheers and applause accompanied the opening credits of “Singin’ in the Rain” at the Fremont Theatre Tuesday night. As the lights dimmed, the atmosphere was one of an old-fashioned movie premiere with the anticipation running high as the audience waited for the classic of the screen to unfold.

The film was shown as part of the classic movie series “Hollywood’s Great Musicals and Spectacles” and was met with great success among the audience. There was a wide range of people present, from those old enough to have seen the film’s original release in 1952 to young children with their parents.

The evening kicked off with a brief round of trivia put together by the staff of the Fremont. It was a film and effective way to draw the crowd into the movie and gave the audience a chance to win prizes like a free dinner at a local restaurant. As each question was asked, dozens of hands went into the air, showing that the majority of the audience members were long-time fans of the film.

This comedic musical (directed by Stanley Donen and Gene Kelly) tells the story of several actors working in Hollywood during the transition from silent to talking films. Tinseltown heartthrob and silent film star Don Lockwood (Gene Kelly) meets the lovely aspiring actress Kathy Selden (Debbie Reynolds) and falls in love with her. The pair, along with Lockwood’s best friend Cosmo Brown (Donald O’Connor), work together to use their studio Monumental Pictures as a stage to make the transition into “talkies” and fall miserably. The trio is pitted against Lockwood’s rival Tom Brown (Jean Hagen), who is interested only in personal gain.

The film features a dozen different songs, all beautifully sung and choreographed. The songs do an excellent job of showcasing the many talents of the actors while advancing the plot of the film.

The song “Make ’Em Laugh” for example, not only helps the audience understand the attitudes of Lockwood and Brown about their careers in Hollywood but also features an amazing fan of acrobatics by actor Donald O’Connor. In the finale of the number, O’Connor even summersaults off the walls while he sings. Fans of the film might be interested to know that after completing the number, O’Connor spent a week in the hospital for exhaustion. This kind of complete commitment the actors have to the film has contributed in making this musical stand out from its competition.

The audience at the Fremont was excited and very enthusiastic about the film, clapping and cheering after the particularly well-done musical numbers. When Lockwood and Selden shared a tender moment, there was even a chorus of sighs.

It was a fantastic evening that recreated the atmosphere and excitement that probably surrounded the film’s premiere in 1952 and an enjoyable experience for all. Seeing the film on a big screen, as it was meant to be seen, was an event the audience will not soon forget.

The “Hollywood’s Great Musicals and Spectacles” series will be continuing through May with a different film every month. The next film will be “The Sound of Music,” which will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 13. The film starts at 7:30 p.m., but trivia and games will be held at 7 p.m.

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**Voegele: This singer’s fooling no one**

Cassandra J. Carlson  
MUSTANG DAILY

A 20-year-old singer who has already toured with the Dave Matthews Band, the Wreckers, Howie Day and John Mellencamp will perform at 11 a.m. today in the University Union Plaza.

Pop artist Kate Voegele will be singing songs off her new album, “Don’t Look Away,” including “Only Fooling Myself,” which was the winner of the USA Songwriting Contest. Her music is sure to entice students to listen while walking through the Union.

This edge up-and-coming artist writes “her own songs and plays guitar and piano. Her talent is combined through her music and performance; it even caused the producers at MySpace to sign her to their record label in 2006.”

Voegele has also been labeled “the commercial Patty Griffin” due to her deep lyrics and emotionally strong singing voice.

Her song “Taxes Up” and “It’s Only Life” have been featured on MTV’s “The Hills” and “Newport Beach.” “Only Fooling Myself” also appeared on the seventh finale of “The Ghost Whisperer” list spring on CBS.

The singer-songwriter is on her way to something bigger with her talent and music. Voegele will be touring with Ben Lee and the Cary Brothers starting in New York City as late November.

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**Musical debauchery: Tales from CJM**

Check in with KCPR stacks director Graham Calvinson while hearing the latest at the College Music Journal Conference overdosing on music and all the debauchery that comes with it.

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**Holy Fuck — “Holy Fuck” (Young Turk)**

The fucking champs meet some fucking intensive movie-fight montage jams.

**Flying Lotus — “Reset” (Warp Records)**

It’s electronic and hip-hop, dark and light.

**Efterklang — “Parades” (The Leaf Label)**

Slow rumbling, skipped beats and choral orchestrations.

**Beirut — “The Flying Club Cup” (Ba Da Bing! Records)**

Not the drinking game. And if you think it is the drinking game, this album is not for you.

**Radiohead — “In Rainbows” (n/a)**

It’s free! Plus it got a 9.3 on Pitchfork Media.

Paul Cambron and Brian Callaway are music directors at KCPR, San Luis Obispo, 91.3 FM. These are their favorite new albums of the week.
Russell Kostelak

Who has time for television anymore? With the pressure of midterms looming and the workload increasing as the semester goes on, finding time to watch an hour-long show set to the strict network schedule is a hard task. The creators of "Coastal Dreams," a new drama from NBC, seem to have this dilemma in mind.

"Coastal Dreams" is a soap opera that premiered not on NBC, but NBC.com. This online-only television series is about an hour long, divided into 24 episodes each last year, and the workload increases as the semester goes on, finding time to watch an hour-long show set to the strict network schedule is a hard task. The creators of "Coastal Dreams," a new drama from NBC, seem to have this dilemma in mind.

"Coastal Dreams," according to the show's executive producer Robert Angelo, has a few more very important questions. Mainly, are we a nation, doomed to make policy decisions based on whether the money trail ends? Will we always choose to fight terrorism instead of world hunger because the latter decreases our GDP and fighting terrorism somehow increases funds in the national bank? I remain thoroughly and painfully disturbed.

In this mentality, this cornerstone of American socio-cultural expression, that keeps us forever suck-
Who ya gonna call?

Mollie Helmuth

The 2007-08 Cal Poly Wheelchair Foundation is getting an early start with fundraising this year, starting this evening with a "Halloween Movie Night." The classic '80s hit "Ghostbusters" will be showing tonight at the Fremont Theatre.

The Wheelchair Foundation is an international nonprofit organization that aims to create solutions for people who are immobile because they cannot afford a wheelchair. The organization raises money to buy wheelchairs and promotes public awareness of the need for wheelchairs in developing countries.

The Halloween Movie Night event will kick off the Cal Poly chapter's fundraising season and is geared toward students at only $5 per ticket.

"We thought ('Ghostbusters') would be a fun throwback our generation remembers growing up with," said journalism senior and team member Jackie Pugh.

Cal Poly's Wheelchair Foundation is the first collegiate chapter, and the 25 students involved plan to raise $200,000 toward providing wheelchairs in Malawi, Africa. They will also travel to Malawi and participate in service projects within the community.

About 1 percent of Malawi's 13 million people are physically disabled, and malnutrition as well as HIV and AIDS are rampant in the area. Supported largely by local rotary clubs, this year's team will focus on financing education for Malawian children, buying wheelchairs and improving water wells in the community.

To clarify, the educational endowments are $100 donations that support a child's education for a year. The same amount of money can also buy a child a year's worth of food.

"Malawi is one of the most undeveloped countries in the world," Pugh said. "It's estimated that of the 13 million Malawians, one million of them are orphans under 18."

The team has more student-friendly fundraisers in the works, including a photography exhibition in the PAC, a benefit concert in February and the seventh annual "Gift of Mobility Gala" in April. They hope to achieve corporate sponsorship so that a large amount of proceeds can go toward helping Malawi.

If you are interested in helping the Wheelchair Foundation through donations or if you have questions, send e-mails to club president Josh Burroughs at jburroug@calpoly.edu. Any donation is appreciated, and $75 buys one wheelchair. Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. show are being sold by team members and will be available at the door.

"Ghostbusters," the 1984 classic is showing at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Fremont Theatre. Proceeds from the $5 tickets will benefit the Wheelchair Foundation's Malawi Project.
**Letters to the Editor**

**In response to Taylor Scott's column**

**Taylor**

Taylor, I couldn't agree with you more! What happened to this country? Democracy and our pro-pugamida are trying to take responsibility for our planet and future generations. They want a world of energy independence and a stable economy where we harness natural energy resources like water, wind and sun. What happened to the good old days when we could wonder earth's natural resources with no repercussions? And you know the worst part about it: even conservatives (including our President) are jumping on this whole climate change bandwagon. Democrats and Republicans are supposed to disagree on everything, none of this reaching across the aisle to tackle a global crisis holistically. But seriously, Taylor, it's not like Gore discovered climate change last summer. Much of the industrial world began addressing this issue decades ago and are well on their way to a clean, energy-independent future. Let's be honest, there will never be 190 percent consensus among scientists on any issue ever. The question you need to ask yourself is it's worth rolling the dice today for your children's tomorrow.

**Chad Worth**

**Industrial engineering senior**

**Clearing up the “peer-reviewed sources”**

**Dear Editor,**

The High Court of England is a bunch of big stupid dummies. xoxo Ryan

**PS.**

Taylor Scott is still a bigger stupid dumber.

**HPS.**

When I said “peer-reviewed sources,” I meant peers within the scientific community, not a bunch of old, white dudes in suits.

**Ryan Moriarty**

**Physics major**

**Dear Ms. Chiappe,**

Let me tell you that I agree that some of the legislation your article discussed off the beaten track, but that is where agreement ends between us. Your "traditional values" are down right offensive to anyone, alone let alone the subjects you discuss.

Did you ever stop to consider the feelings of someone with gender identity issues? Their chromosome sex is male, but their mind screams female or vice versa. Which bathroom do they use? In either one they could use the facilities without really disturbing anyone. After all, that's what bathroom wars are for.

I would also like to know why we can't include historical figures who were homosexuals, because that is transsexual in our textbooks, but the point that they were historical figures was to do some great house service! Then what's the problem if they are of an alternate sexuality? If your column was written in the 1940s, you might have put down legislation denying black people the right to get a fair chance at education or voting. So there's really something wrong with teaching our children that all men of people can accomplish anything!

There are more problems in this world than our students can imagine, but it is not the space. So I would like to drive this final point home: when you deny a group of people their rights, you have denied every other group their rights as well.

**Diana D. Williams**

**Journalism junior**

**Missed the point**

It's obvious now that Taylor Scott pointed the other side of the letter (yes, there were more than one) from the physics department about his previous column. In his column today (Wednesday, Oct. 17), he cites the High Court of the United Kingdom as well as a very disturbing story in Nature. But seriously, Taylor, it's not like Gore discovered climate change last summer. Much of the industrial world began addressing this issue decades ago and are well on their way to a clean, energy-independent future. Let's be honest, there will never be 190 percent consensus among scientists on any issue ever. The question you need to ask yourself is it's worth rolling the dice today for your children's tomorrow.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Leet! How Sean! You look terrible!**

**Sean:**

Ahh, don't you? I have a headache that's pounding me harder than Ron Jeremy. I've slept for three days. I did meth for the first time in my life on Monday night and I haven't been able to go to bed since. I've made a vow never to do that again.

**Lee:**

You that have that bad of a reaction? I do that stuff all the time. Sometimes it actually helps me get to sleep.

**Sean:**

Wow man, you're in deep. How do you keep such an unblemished complexion doing large amounts of meth?

**Lee:**

Well, usually it does it indoors. That keeps me from getting sunburned. Although a lot of the other guys know who do have pretty bad addictions.

**Sean:**

So you've established yourself in a community of users? How do you even maintain a friendship with your deteriorated brain?

**Lee:**

Serious, meth is probably the worst thing you can do for your body.

**Sean:**

Lee, it is pretty demanding. I do so much I rarely find time to go to the gym. But really, my brain has only gotten stronger from a Cal Poly e-mail account. Do not send letters as an attachment. Please write the text in the body of the e-mail.

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**Lee:**

Send your letter, in 250 words or less, to mustangdailyopinions@gmail.com. Or submit it at mustangdaily.com
It's become a familiar scene: I'm at a party—a gathering, if you will—sitting on the couch chatting with a fellow couch-sitter. Both of us are trying to be intriguing, when he pops the question. No, not THE question, I'm not that good of a flirt.

So what is this humesque question? It is most often stimulated, however, a ringtone, usually lesser-known or "underground" and almost never one that I have heard of. Once my fellow couch-sitter recognizes the song, I know our pleasant conversation has a good chance of ending.

Face afright with thrill at my musical knowledge, he will quite literally erupt with all the arbitrary information he knows about the band.

"No, like, what kind of music are you into?" There it is. The question to end all questions. It's loaded with repressed judgment and threatens to automatically give one couch-store it away with the phone number of my ex-boyfriend, the editorial staff that he replaced specific sourcing profound thought. The only contention that you our pleasant conversation has a good chance of ending.

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It comes down to the reason the couch-sitter asks the question. It's true, when you do happen upon that rare other person who likes the exact same music as you do, it's a magical moment. However, if the music buff simply jumped on an opportunity to throttle my taste and knowledge of music, he should be trampled by stampeding elephants (or roaming anteaters, because all I want to do is cringe to think of the naive years I spent answering that question) and would happily spend hours swapping music trivia with your fellow couch-sitter. I just wonder, who does it seem that whomever can name the most obscure artists wins the prize? Is this just me?

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Kobe expected to play in exhibition against Seattle

John Nadel

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — Kobe Bryant returned to practice after sitting out the previous three days, and coach Phil Jackson said he expects the disgruntled Los Angeles Lakers star to play in an exhibition game Thursday night.

"Yeah, we'll probably play him, get him out there," Jackson said after practice Wednesday. "He seemed all right, sure did." The Lakers face Seattle in Remont on Thursday night in the first of two exhibition games in nine days.

This lost their first two exhibition games to Golden State last week in Honolulu.

Bryant hadn't practiced since Saturday because of a sore knee. He didn't speak with reporters Wednesday, but made his feelings clear a day earlier in his only formal interview since Lakers owner Jerry Buss said "there should certainly be a trade.""

"One thing I said at training camp was that I didn't want this to be a distraction," Bryant said Tuesday. "It's our understanding not to bring up the situation and not talk about it. We just wanted to keep things quiet and go about our business. It kind of caught me off guard a little bit." Bryant asked to be traded more than four months ago, then avoided speaking about the Lakers until the beginning of training camp Oct. 1 when he talked more positively, saying he was looking forward to the season.

It seemed the parties had put negative feelings behind them before Buss made his comments to three beat writers last week.

Jackson said it was essentially business as usual Wednesday, although Bryant wasn't involved in scrimmaging at the end of practice.

"He was extremely helpful with young players today, helping them with the offense," the coach said. "It was good — he was out there smiling and looking good, helping guys," teammate Kwame Brown said. "He was out there working, hopefully that means he's going to play. We want him to play, we need him to play." Brown said the Lakers haven't been distracted by the fact that Bryant missed practice the previous three days and his apparent differences with management.

"We didn't know what was going on. We thought it was his knee," Brown said. "Hopefully, they can handle that upsets."

Deeck Fisher, who returned to Los Angeles this season after nine years in Golden State and one in Utah, said he wasn't sure how Bryant felt at this point and where the team stood.

Fisher and Bryant began their careers with the Lakers in 1996. "I don't know if I'd call it a distraction," Fisher said. "All we can really focus on is the games we have right now, including him. Everyone's aware of his presence, what he brings to the team. He's such a presence.

Regarding Thursday night's game, Fisher said: "Physically if he's capable of it, I expect him to play."

Fisher said he hasn't talked with Bryant about his situation with the Lakers, saying he was reluctant to ask certain questions because of the answers he might hear.

"I'm sure for him it's tough. Everybody's aware of his presence. It's now your chance to ask certain questions because of the answers he might hear." Fisher said he wasn't sure how Bryant was going to play with him for the rest of his career. Hopefully, whatever happens, it's for the best for everyone involved."

Gerch

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Gerch said that there is a huge difference between his work with professional athletes as compared to his work with college athletes.

The Ravens had more malicious workouts and Gerch was responsible for keeping the athletes free of injury.

At the college level, Gerch is able to use more coaching techniques.

"I plan to help the athletes progress and have great college careers," Gerch said. His responsibilities at Cal Poly include preparing teams for games, organizing the weight room, and delegating his assistant coaches to work with teams as needed.

Although Gerch's primary station is in the weight room he will occasionally attend football practice and was asked to prepare conditioning workouts for the softball team.

Gerch graduated with a bachelor's degree in exercise science from Appalachian State in 2000, and earned his master's degree in physical education from Western Carolina University in 2002.

Johnny

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By no means am I a soccer guy. I actually border on the line of not calling it a sport, but I have to give the Cal Poly men's soccer team some credit.

My praise will start and end with their leader, coach, and program representative, Paul Holocher.

From the moment he walked on campus I began hearing things about this guy.

This was my type of guys. He reminded me of Bobby Knight, with his intensity, what he demanded out of his players, bringing his winning attitude from day one.

Players complained he was too hard, yet he never stopped demanding what was thought of as impossible, and worked them until they couldn't get out of bed in the morning.

Players quit because they couldn't handle the new coach, they were accustomed to losing soccer games, and winning wasn't expected. Not any longer.

He inherited a soccer program that could best be described by one word: mediocrity. He didn't accept this while changing the mindset and turning them into a winner.

Now, I wrote this column before the UCSC game. The score in that game is irrelevant to the message I am trying to relay here. At 8-1-1, the men's soccer team is a contender again, and not a team that students laugh at. And he's done it in less than two-and-a-half years.

I know this coach is the real deal, and after this game maybe the same can be said about this team.

So regardless of the outcome against the defending national champions, here's to a coach with a vision and an attitude that things can change, and that losing should never be tolerated.
Soccer

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minute after he was awarded his second yellow card for a hard tackle. Midfielder Chris Ponius also received a yellow card. After the incident, the Poly crowd began to chant "inerted!"

Poly knew going into the game that it would be physical. Holsher urged his team not to fall into the trap of playing the game's game:

"The best defense is a good offense. We had them on their heels and we did," Grill said.

Goalkeeper Eric Brangen-Franco saved a shot attempt with one minute left and sent his squad up the field to finish the match.

Of the record-setting crowd, Holsher said, "I looked behind me and I looked in front of me and there wasn't an empty seat and they were the reason we could pull some­thing out of the hat here.

The Mustangs will try to keep their winning streak alive as they pack up their bags for a trip to UC Irvine on Oct. 22.

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In response to how the team will adjust to being on the road after their homestand, Zamora said, "We re going to try to play like we're at home."

When asked about the possibil­ity of losing for the first time this season, athletic director Callahan did not specifically comment on the former Husker coach.

"I've got tremendous respect for whoever's at the helm," Callahan said. "Whoever that may be, they've got our respect."

"Our team has been incredible," Callahan's senior linebacker Bo Ruud, a Lincoln native whose older brother, father, two uncles and great-grand­father played for the Huskers, said. Osborne would be a good choice for the vacancy.

"Anything that Coach Osborne is involved with, you know it's always going to be successful," Raud said. "He's an unbelievable person and an unbelievable leader."

While Osborne said he would give equal attention to all sports as interim athletic director, he admitted that he still has a passion for football. He said he watches around six foot­ball games every Sunday. So what's Osborne's assessment of the Huskers (4-3), who have lost their last two games by a combined score of 86- 21?

"Happens," Osborne said."If you see it week after week after week, it really becomes a concern. It's just a couple games that it may not be that big of a deal, but it hurts to see that happen."

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Harvey Perlman said that even though Osborne is tagged as an interim title, he will have full au­thority to make personnel decisions within the Athletic Department.

Perlman said Osborne's experience as a coach, teacher and US Olympian should prepare him for his new role, but the chancellor cau­tioned against expecting too much too soon:

"This football team, particularly now that it's in a-down year, little bit more needed, he's going to have a big fans," Perlman said. "Tom will need the support of Husker fans so that we can turn around. It's not a quick fix."

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Poly edges Gauchos 2-1

Mustangs rally from 1-1 tie at the half to upset No. 15 UC Santa Barbara and move alone into first place in the Big West.

Rachel Gellman
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly men’s soccer team (9-1-1, 4-0-1 Big West Conference) defeated defending national champion No. 15 UC Santa Barbara (9-2-4, 1-1-1 BWC) for the first time since Nov. 7, 2000 in a 2-1 victory Wednesday night as they pushed their winning streak to eight games.

Both teams were fighting to maintain their undefeated first-place conference standings in the Big West.

The Mustangs had momentum coming into the match after blanking UC Davis 3-0 Oct. 14, upping their winning streak to seven. The Gauchos were coming off a 2-2 tie to UC Davis on Oct. 12. They lost their 2-1 lead with less than six minutes left in the match.

Big West Player of the Week freshman David Zamora had two early shots on goal in the first half to no avail. Fellow freshman Kyle Montgomery also had a failed shot attempt in the ninth minute of the match. Although the three shots were unsuccessful, they all happened before UCSB had one attempt.

The record-setting crowd of 1,743 erupted in the 16th minute of play when an untimely Zamora scored his fifth goal of the season on a free kick from the top of the box straight into the top-right side of the net to put the Mustangs up 1-0. "I (kept) hitting the post and this time it went in," said Zamora.

The previous record for a crowd was 2,694 on Nov. 7, 1986 against UC Davis.

The Gauchos upped their intensity level near the end of the half as they scored in the 49th minute Grillo sliced the ball past Poly defenders into the left frame of the net. "We played great for 44 minutes and 30 seconds. ... it was just that one lapse on that cross," said junior Anthony Grillo.

Both squads ended the half with five shot attempts.

The Mustangs opened up the second half strong as they scored in the 49th minute Grillo sliced the ball past the Gauchos defense into the left side of the net, putting Poly up 2-1. He was assisted by fellow freshman Tim White.

Grillo, who usually plays defense for Poly, was put into the game as a right midfielder with eight minutes left in the first half. Head coach Paul Holohan, who was testing Grillo out in different parts of the field due to the injury of forward Daniel Cuningham, said, "I couldn’t be happier that Grillo scored the game-winning goal." Holohan also said that Grillo has a great character and work ethic at practice and has improved tremendously.

In the 61st minute, O’Brien sent a scare through the 7,143 onlookers as he kicked a laser past Poly defenders only to watch the ball bounce off the right goal post and out of play.

FRESHMAN GAUCHO DEFENDER MI­chael Benell was awarded a yellow card in the 89th minute of play for his high level of physicality. The entire game was physical with a total of 45 fouls among both teams.

Boullal left the match in the 89th see Soccer, page 15

(Gerch) Freshman David Zamora heads a ball toward the UC Santa Barbara goal in the first half. (Below) Cal Poly teammates celebrate following Zamora’s goal in the first half. The win puts Cal Poly at 9-1-1 overall.

Poly teams respectable in football

Well, I must say, my memo last week must have had a little something to do with that 63-28 drubbing of UC Davis. Man, what a win. Way to embarrass your rival; kick them when they’re down. It still feels sweet more than a week later. There’s nothing like winning a game by 35 points on enemy soil, and I’m 1,800 miles away.

Beating your rival is always sweet; it means something extra. It’s not really describable in words, but beating Davis isn’t just another win.

Let me hit you with a little statistic. UC Davis hasn’t had a losing season in 37 years, the longest such streak in any division of NCAA football. Cal Poly not only ensured that UC Davis (2-5) probably won’t continue that amazing streak, but enforced the trend. When Davis looks back, this will be the first game they forget.

Kudos to Cal Poly football for dominating this team as they opened their new stadium full of alumni (like my dad), and holding that horseshoe for another year.

Well, if you look back at my first article, it would be easy to call it a grenade. If you remem­ber, I talked about a receiver who was pretty darn good. I told everyone to just watch and he wouldn’t disappoint. Those were my exact words.

But I’m not here to talk about how right I was, and how I knew talent when I see it. No, I’ll start by saying how much this team surprised me. I knew we had a solid offense, but nev­er knew it was 63-points solid. Poly has outscored its opponents 119-49 the past two games, but that’s in the past. Now it’s re­demption time.

The best part about college football is that every game means so much. Every week is life-or-death. Like it or not, that 0-2 start may come back to haunt this team. South Dakota State devastated our playoff chances last year. Key word here: "DEV­ASTATED" our playoff hopes.

With a 28-6 lead heading into the fourth quarter, the defense held off the Americans as they ran out the clock. The final score read 29-28, leaving a shell-shocked team wondering what went wrong...or what went right. (Weird, I know.)

The best part about 2007 is it’s a new season — paycheck time. Our playoff hopes rest in every game that is played from see Johnny, page 14

It’s fun to work with different personalities, many of which are entertaining or amusing.

-Brett Gerch
Cal Poly strength and conditioning coach

He also assisted the football program’s strength, speed and conditioning.

Gerbich said his greatest challenge at Cal Poly will be the added responsibility of working with 20 teams as opposed to the seven he worked with at Delaware. He plans to deal with this by staying organized and communicating with coaches about scheduling.

Athletics director Alison Cone said that Gerch’s emphasis on speed in his coaching will benefit athletes.

“I think he’s going to do a wonderful job because of his experience, speed work and enthusiasm,” Cone said.

Before his work at Delaware, Gerch worked for two years as assistant strength coach for the NFL’s Baltimore Ravens and simultaneously worked at the head sports performance coach with Velocity Sports Performance in Balti­ see Gerch, page 14