Students run to promote sexual assault awareness

Sara Wright

Get ready to run for sexual assault awareness and prevention. The sixth annual Run to Remember race is today at 6 p.m.

The five-kilometer evening race is a fundraiser for Remember Week, which is meant to raise awareness of sexual assault and violence against women.

Run to Remember is organized by the Sexual Assault Free Environment Resource, or SAFER, which is Cal Poly's sexual assault resource and prevention program.

SAFER is a joint program between Student Life & Leadership and the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention (SARP) center, which provides 24-hour crisis line, counseling, advocacy and accompaniment services to survivors of sexual assault.

SAFER program coordinator Mariana Lightman said the run was moved from spring quarter to fall quarter two years ago because they wanted to include the run in their First 30 Days program.

Statistically, a woman is most likely to be sexually assaulted in the first 30 days of her college career. Therefore, SAFER wants to highlight the importance of safety and awareness early in the school year with events like those of Remember Week.

"It's a good way to raise sexual awareness," Lightman said. "We've been having programs in the dorms like self-defense classes for the First 30 Days campaign."

People can register online at www.studentlife.calpoly.edu/safety/run.asp or at the SAFER office in the dorms like self-defense classes for the First 30 Days campaign.

Runners are encouraged to race to save the buildings.

Senators gird up for Bush's future veto

Andrew Taylor

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats on Tuesday reversed President Bush's veto to education, health research and grants to local communities as they geared up for Bush's first-ever veto of a regular appropriations bill.

By a 79-18 vote, the Senate gave bipartisan approval to a huge health and education spending bill that will likely be the first of the fiscal 2008 spending bills. Democrats hope it will ship to the White House to start a veto battle involving the budget for almost every domestic agency.

It promises to be a protracted battle and Bush has a decided advantage, but Democrats have seized on the massive health and education measure as the best measure with which to challenge Bush and his GOP allies in Congress.

The measure totals over $600 billion and reverses a raft of cuts sought by Bush to health research, special education and funding for grants to community groups that help the poor, among others.

The confrontation with Bush over domestic programs — many of which are also popular with Republicans, as demonstrated by the margin of passage — will come on the heels of the bruising veto battle over a children's health insurance bill.

Firefighters all but concede defeat to raging California wildfires; flames too big, too fast

Gillian Flaccus

SAN DIEGO — Faced with relentless winds whipping wildfires into a frenzy across Southern California, firefighters all but conceded defeat Tuesday to an unstoppable force that has chased an estimated one million people away.

Unless the shrieking Santa Ana winds subside, which is not expected for at least another day, fire crews say they can do little more than try to wait it out and react, tumbling up spot fires and chasing ribbons of airborne embers to keep new fires from flaring.

"If it's this big and blowing as much wind as it's got, it'll go all the way to the ocean before it stops," said San Diego Fire Capt. Kirk Humphries.

"We can save some stuff but we can't stop it."

Tentacles of unpredictable, shifting flame have burned across nearly 600 square miles, killing one person, destroying more than 1,300 homes and prompting one of the biggest evacuations in California history, from north of Los Angeles through San Diego to the Mexican border.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said the flames were threatening 68,000 more homes.

"We have had an unfortunate situation that we've had three things come together: very dry areas, very hot weather and then a lot of wind," Schwarzenegger said. "And so this makes the perfect storm for a fire."

In Rancho Santa Fe, a suburb north of San Diego, houses burned just yards from where fire crews fought to contain flames engulfing other properties. In the mountain community of Lake Arrowhead, cabins and vacation homes went up in flames with no fire crews in sight.

These winds are so strong, we're not trying to fight this fire," said firefighter Jim Gelnard, an engineer from Vista, Calif. "We're just trying to save the buildings."

More than a dozen wildfires burning across Southern California since Sunday have also injured more than 40 people, including 16 firefighters.

The U.S. Forest Service earlier reported a fire death in Los Angeles County's Santa Clarita area, but officials said Tuesday that information was erroneous.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger flies over Lake Arrowhead, Calif., in a National Guard helicopter.

The fires also forced the evacuation of more than 350,000 homes, most of them in San Diego County. With the area's average household size of 2.6 people, that means the evacuation could encompass nearly 910,000 people.

"It's basically a mass migration here in San Diego County. The numbers we're seeing are staggering," said Luis Montenegro, a spokesman for the county's emergency effort.

President Bush, who planned to visit the region Thursday, declared
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Firefighters faced a federal emergency for seven counties, a more that will speed disaster-relief efforts.

The sweeping devastation was reminiscent of blazes that tore through Southern California four years ago, killing 22 and destroying 3,649 homes.

The ferocity of the Santa Ana winds in 2003 forced crews to discard their traditional strategy and focus on keeping up with the fire and putting out spot blazes near the perimeter of blazes that torched thousands of acres.

"It's a lot more important than a house," Capt. Martin Holm, of the Los Angeles County Fire Department, said.

Any flame longer than 8 feet is considered unstoppable and even water and fire retardant will evaporate before they reach the ground, said Gordon Schmidt, a retired U.S. Forest Service deputy director of fire management.

"In these situations, the strategy generally is to fall back," he said.

You pick and choose your priorities in terms of what you can protect. Instead of trying to stop the fire, you try to prevent it from burning resources."

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with a buddy to signify the need for safety of women running at night and that women are not alone in doing so.

The course starts on the Health Center lawn and continues around the Cal Poly campus, as far as the baseball fields and back to the lawn.

Adam Serafin, a Cal Poly graduate, and current Student Life & Leadership Employee, has been a participant in the race all five years he has attended Cal Poly.

"It's a great opportunity to support the SAFER program and go out and visibly show your support," Serafin said.

"Sexual assault and prevention is an issue that needs to be addressed."

Serafin emphasized the need for men to do their part in working against sexual assault.

"Men especially need to step up. It's not just a woman's issue but involves men as well," he said.

Grand prizes such as certificates are awarded to the first three male and female runners.

The first 200 will receive a T-shirt. Runners also get SLO Passports, snacks and a water bottle and flashlights provided by the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

This year's sponsors include many businesses — Boston Bagel, Mandos, Steamer Glen, Trader Joe's, the Kennedy Fitness Club — and Cal Poly President Warren Baker's office, which funded a lot of the event.

Ewoks always got cast as Munchkins in Wookie productions of The Wizard of Oz.
John Hartzell

Sales of cranberries increase overseas

An appetite is emerging overseas for cranberries, a staple in American diets since long before the Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth Rock.

The craving is so strong that Cheryl Urban of Wisconsin Rapids, a cranberry grower who also processes the crops of six other growers, said 30 percent of her business' sales will go to foreign markets this year. In 2001, she had no overseas sales.

"It was just a matter of getting the message out about cranberries," Urban said. "It's become a staple for them just as it is for us."

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Iraq death tallies for October decline

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October is on course to record the second consecutive decline in U.S. military and Iraqi civilian deaths and Americans commanders say they know why: the U.S. troop increase and an Iraqi groundswell against al-Qaida and Shiite militia extremists.

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch points to what the military calls "Concerned Citizens," both Shiites and Sunnis who have joined the American fight. He says he's signed up 20,000 of them in the past four months.

"I've never been more optimistic than I am right now with the progress we've made in Iraq. The only people who are going to win this counterinsurgency project are the people of Iraq. We've said that all along. And now they're coming forward in masses," Lynch said in a recent interview at a U.S. base deep in hostile territory south of Baghdad. Outgoing artillery thundered as he spoke.

Lynch, who commands the 3rd Infantry Division and once served as the military spokesman in Baghdad, is a tireless cheerleader of the American effort in Iraq. But the death toll over the past two months appears to reinforce his optimism. The question, of course, will it last?

As of Tuesday, the Pentagon reported 28 U.S. military deaths in October. That's an average of about 1.2 deaths a day. The toll on U.S. troops hasn't been this low since March 2006, when 31 soldiers died, an average of one death a day.

In September, 65 U.S. soldiers died in Iraq.

Part of the trend can be seen in a volatile and violent band of bush工艺 land on Baghdad's southern border.

The commander of the battle zone, Lt. Col. Val Keaveny, 3rd Battalion, 50th Infantry (Airborne), said his unit has lost only one soldier in the past four months despite intensified operations against both Shiite and Sunni extremists, including powerful al-Qaida in Iraq cells.

Keaveny attributes the startling decline to a decrease in attacks by militants who are being rounded up in big numbers on information provided by the citizen force, which has literally doubled the number of eyes and ears available to the military.

The efforts to recruit local partners began taking shape earlier this year in the western province of Anbar, which had become the virtual heartland for Sunni insurgents and al-Qaida bands. The early successes in Anbar, coming alongside a boost of 30,000 U.S. forces into the Baghdad area, led to similar alliances in other parts of Iraq.

"People are fed up with fear, intimidation and being brutalized. Once they hit that tipping point, they're fed up; they come to realize we truly do provide them better hope for the future. What we're seeing now is the beginning of a snowball," said Keaveny, whose forces operate out of Forward Operating Base Kabul about 35 miles south of Baghdad.

While U.S. death figures appear to be in sharp decline, the number of Iraqi civilians and security forces show a less dramatic drop.

And any significant attack by insurgents or civilians caught in the crossfire could quickly wipe out the downturn trend.

The current pace of civilian deaths would put October at less than 900. The figure last month was 1,023 and for August, 1,956, according to figures compiled by The Associated Press.

The AP tally is compiled from hospital, police and military officials as well as accounts from reporters and photographers. Insurgent deaths are not included. Other counts differ and some have given higher civilian death tallies.

While the decline in deaths is notable, it is only one of many measures of potential progress in Iraq, said Anthony Cordesman, a former Pentagon analyst now with the private Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

Cordesman said a more balanced picture needs to include factors such as wounded civilians and soldiers and the number of people fleeing their homes. The U.N. refugee agency said Tuesday that between 1,000 and 2,000 Iraqis still leave their homes each day for safer havens in the country or in neighboring nations. "It's just been going up slowly," said U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees spokesman Astrid van Dereren Stort in Geneva.

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"When it's completely dark with no lights around," said Adam Hawkins, English senior.

"I don't usually go out by myself anywhere. There was once time walking back from a movie late at night where I felt uncomfortable," said Lauren Yenofcheck, English junior.

"I don't really feel threatened," said Dmitri Jarocki, general engineering senior.

"The other day walking along Otos because not many stores are open downtown at 9 p.m. and there is not a lot of lighting," said Andrea Apodaca, animal science junior.
A few store tips to help your hunt for the perfect Halloween costume

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MUSTANG DAILY

As the spookiest of nights gets closer, people are scrambling to find the perfect costume — or maybe just a last-minute one. There are more costume shops than usual to choose from in San Luis Obispo this year, and each one has its pros and cons.

The big box Spirit Halloween store, located at 870 Foothill Blvd., is the biggest and has the most merchandise, but a lot of it is children’s costumes and decorations. While there are a lot of adult costumes, wigs, masks, random props and decorations, there is less variety than some of the other stores.

It has more in terms of pure volume, but has rows of the same theme (like pirates, priests and pimps) instead of different things. It has costumes for every price range, and a few well-placed accessories from here would do in a financial fix. It’s more of a one-stop shop for a family than a college student’s store, but it does boast a few K-rated items like a skull-shaped beer bong and a “tricky dick” costume.

Downtown, The Costume Shop offers the one thing every person looks for in such a store: a fitting room. Packaged costumes, props, accessory pieces and wigs can be tried on before buying them, which also opens up the shopping experience to peer review.

Michelle Perlich, an art professor and owner of the shop, said they purposely order middle-range costumes. Most of the packaged costumes are $30 to $80 and most of the wigs and other accessories are less than $20.

The most popular costumes this year are Spartans a la “300” for men and sailors for women, Perlich said, though pirates have returned for another strong showing this year.

The Costume Shop will be open year-round. It will also cater specifically to college students; its owners want to order merchandise based on theme parties occurring at the time, and may even attempt to coordinate with local fraternities and sororities.

Also downtown is Costume Capers, located at 984 Chorro St. This place is jam-packed with awesome merchandise and has reasonable prices for costumes, accessories, wigs, assorted jewelry and makeup items.

Shopping there feels like spelunking — weaving through the dimly-lit rows finding stuff you never knew was there. If you need that one random piece to make your costume complete (or want the biggest colored-fishnets collection to choose from), you’ll probably get lucky here.

For those ladies out there who like to be scantily clad, there’s always Fanny Wrappers, located at 799 Higuera St. Like The Costume Shop and Costume Capers, it’s open year-round. As the name implies, it sells costumes with varying levels of scandal and does good business with the college-aged female crowd. For Halloween, they have a good selection of Leg Avenue and other brands that boast short-skirted versions of classic costumes. Who doesn’t want to be a skanky Alice in Wonderland?

The local shops cater more exclusively to their clientele, and it gets to show that you can’t judge a costume shop by its square-footage: bigger isn’t always better. The prices on big brand items were relatively similar from store to store, and prop and accessory item prices varied by quality and size.
'Robotron' signals distinctly modern sound

Digital band Signal uses computers to create challenging instrumentation

Since the first instrument was electrified, musicians in the realms of electronics have dealt with the struggle between instrument and sound. Synthesizers were first made to recreate orchestras and each new Macintosh contains a set of software devices emulating nearly every musical instrument. The tools of the digital generation were made for making sounds of a past generation. Signal, a band made up of Frank Bret Schneider, Cars ten Nicola and Leaf Bender, rejects this. Their debut album "Robotron" is an uncompromising manifesto of true digital sound.

The masterminds that make up Signal are architects of a distinctly modern sound. Signal realizes their tools for building and what they are best used for. The computer is seen as an instrument and then questioned. Signal zooms in on the basic unit of digital sound, the discrete sound element, and builds up to reveal the true essence of the computer's role as a musical instrument. The result is not an emulation of other instruments, but rather an unabashedly computer music.

It is no wonder then why this album will first come off as just noise to the inexperienced ear. The first track sounds like a skipping metronome and the rhythms are so abrupt the silence is calming as the buttery surface slides into the case is calming as the buttery surface slides into the case. The rhythms are so abrupt the silence is calming as the buttery surface slides into the case. The rhythms are so abrupt the silence is calming as the buttery surface slides into the case. The rhythms are so abrupt the silence is calming as the buttery surface slides into the case. The rhythms are so abrupt the silence is calming as the buttery surface slides into the case. The rhythms are so abrupt the silence is calming as the buttery surface slides into the case. The rhythms are so abrupt the silence is calming as the buttery surface slides into the case. The rhythms are so abrupt the silence is calming as the buttery surface slides into the case. The rhythms are so abrupt the silence is calming as the buttery surface slides into the case. The rhythms are so abrupt the silence is calming as the buttery surface slides into the case. The rhythms are so abrupt the silence is calming as the buttery surface slides into the case.
Dark themes and urban influences: surrealistic graffiti

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Walking past the black curtain into the unlit hookah lounge at Cloud 9 in San Luis Obispo, the paintings on the wall matched the dark atmosphere of the room. The pieces were wild and colorful, yet displayed a darker theme that coincides with the festive Halloween season.

Artist Chris Matthews, who describes his art as a mixture of urban, street and surrealism, is displaying his work at Cloud 9 throughout the month of October.

"The general art is just my own personal expression. Everyone has a dark side and most of my art shows this dark side," said Matthews, 32, of Paso Robles.

Matthews began painting in the late '80s when he was in junior high school and eventually went out with his cousins to learn the art of graffiti. Throughout the '90s Matthews painted on the boardwalk in Venice Beach and would sell his artwork throughout the day.

"I rode the bus for two hours every day and would leave to go and come home when it was dark, but I loved it," Matthews said.

Since then Matthews has been painting, selling and collecting his pieces for display at various art shows.

His style has some common elements with street graffiti in that the pieces have overlapping images and all seem to blend into each other. Many of the pieces look like they are bleeding paint or are washed out in places, but each has a distinct, though interpretive theme.

"It's a bunch of things piled on top of each other like graffiti on a wall. I'm trying to capture that look where you can't really read it, but it gets the point across," Matthews said.

Some of his art currently on display is representative of Japanese ghost stories that he read out of a book from the 1800s.

"I was taken by it because of all the beauty of the culture and the stories," Matthews said.

Pieces from Matthews' collection are priced between $25 and $300. Most pieces, however, range between $100 and $150. These prices include prints of works and even originals.

Matthews names all of his work to represent the theme. Some of his works include "Radio Head," "Microphone Man" and "Art is not a Crime."

Co-owner of Cloud 9 Adam Menke said, "We've known him for a while and we have a place for him to display his work. It's got a real dark connection, which is a good theme for the Halloween season."

Matthews' work can be viewed when the hookah lounge is open. The lounge opens Tuesday through Sunday at 3 p.m. and closes at midnight Tuesday and Wednesday, at 2 a.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 8 p.m. on Sunday. Cloud 9 is located in the shopping center on the corner of California Boulevard and Taft Street.

"It's meant to reach out to other people so they can make their own connections. I paint to get the reactions from other people," Matthews said.
Hearing the voice of a silenced minority

Our nation takes pride in the freedom and equality offered to all citizens. Almost a century ago, the 19th amendment gave women the right to vote and a voice to demand equality. Between 1954 and 1968 Americans fought to extend civil rights to citizens regardless of race or ethnicity by disbanning school segregation and workplace discrimination and restoring voting rights.

Consequently, our generation has been fortunate to grow up in a democratic country that affords prosperity, choice, tolerance and understanding to its people. But certainly the work is not done and glaring discrepancies in the rights of some persist.

On Oct. 7, 1998, a gay American college student named Matthew Shepard was brutally murdered by two men who sought to “teach” him a lesson: stay in the closet or else. Although the two men are serving life sentences for their crimes, these types of vicious acts are never considered to be “hate crimes.” The Senate’s recent passing vote of The Matthew Shepard Act aims to amend this injustice.

Recognition for gay rights has always been a controversial subject; as the Presidential primaries creep closer, however, the issue cannot be ignored. In 1996, President Clinton signed the Defense of Marriage Act, stating that the federal government will not recognize any unions between same-sex partners. However, this has not stopped Connecticut, New Jersey, California, New Hampshire, Vermont, Oregon, Washington, Maine, Hawaii, the District of Columbia and most notably Massachusetts from extending rights granted to opposite unions to any pair of citizens in a loving, long-term, monogamous, same-sex relationship.

It may make you feel uncomfortable knowing that two men are enacting the rest of their lives together, sharing the same bed and parenting children; but there is one truth you cannot deny about these relationships: if you desire your life to be fruitful and multiplying, you are making a commitment and that’s what counts. Yet legal discrepancies abound.

Tax benefits and mortgage rates afforded to married couples are not the same as those given to heterosexual partners. Furthermore, knowing that your family exists in the eyes of the law is something we tend to take for granted. When two married heterosexual parents file for divorce, each parent has a legal responsibility for that child’s wellbeing. However, if a same-sex couple separates, there are no court records to enforce child support or establish custody rights; makes no differentiation between spouses and roommates. Why are we forcing people (supposedly free and equal under the law) to make these choices? In 33 states you can be fined for being perceived as gay, lesbian, or bisexual, 39 if you’re transgender. The workplace should not be a battleground for moral agendas. This is not just a private-sector issue. In fact, the most blatant display of unfair treatment under the law and discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is perpetuated by an organization that collectively receives the largest amount of federal spending — the U.S. Military. Among other qualities, our military is known for its “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell, Don’t Pursue, Don’t Harass” policy. Most troubling to me is that this creed trumps the anti-discrimination policies of any other institution they are affiliated with, including Cal Poly.

CSUbylaws state that no campus entity shall discriminate against students or faculty based on their sexual orientation. However, our Army ROTC program (which operates on campus within the military sciences department) is able to deny acceptance to any openly homosexual students who wish to join.

Sadly, by tolerating this discriminating policy, Cal Poly, along with other universities around the nation, is sending a clear message to their students: we value federal funding over your rights, especially if you are gay. Remarkably, Cal Poly continues to propagate this message of exclusion toward certain minority students. However, looking at all the facts, it’s yet another demonstration of what our society offers the “queer” community.

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**Islamofascism: One of the greatest dangers facing America**

This week more than 200 university and college campuses across our country and worldwide will be participating in Islamofascism Awareness Week. The goal of the week is to remind Americans about one of the greatest dangers facing America.

Let me stress that Islam, like Christian­ity, Judaism or any other religion, is not a monolithic entity composed of people with the same exact beliefs. Therefore, Islamofascism does not apply to every Muslim or ev­ery Arab but instead applies to a select group with a specific ideology.

So what is Islamo-fascism? In the words of Stephen Shwartz, who used the term directly after Sept. 11, 2001, "Islamofascism refers to the use of Islam as a cover for a totalitarian ideology." For example, followers of Islamo-fascism believe that under sharia law, apostasy is punishable by death. They take literally Surah 9:29: "Fight those who believe not in Allah nor the Prophet, or do not work with the truth of the Word of Allah and His Messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth, (even if they are) of the People of the Book, until they pay the jizya with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued" (translation by Yusuf, Ali). They hold that, under the law, women are not equal to men. They believe homosexuality should be punished by death. They generously oppose the Qur’an that teach tolerance and peace. Islamo-fascists deny the existence of such nations as Iran, the Muslim Brotherhood, the Saudi-financed Wahhabis, al-Qaeda and Hezbollah. Each of these forces presents a danger to Western society and America.

So why care about Islamo-fascism? I mean, isn’t it true that there are extremist Christians just as there are extremist Jews and other extremists in general? In a sense this is true; but Christians and Jews today, on a large scale, do not kill others in the name of their faith or preach to others to kill in its name. Their founding texts generally oppose this message. On the other hand, looking solely at Muslim and at his written words, there seem to be several verses that command violence (Surah 9:5, Surah 47:4, Surah 2:191 and others). Likewise, Muhammad himself organized 65 military cam­paings, personally leading 27 of them, and even ordered the execu­tion of enemy soldiers. These extremists take literally that women

are inferior to men because of verses in the Qur’an like Sura 4:34. According to the American National and the Pakistani Institute of Medical Sciences, more than 90 percent of female victims of domestic violence have been stricken or beaten. Some use the example of Muhammad marrying Aisha when she was six and consum­minating the marriage when she was nine as a lesson to take wives who are chil­dren, accordingly. If this is done, it means that over half of the teenage girls in Af­ghanistan and Bangladesh are married. If these believers take these words as a strict guide to their actions, then there can be no compromise with the Islamo-fascist agenda.

There are many Muslims across the world and in our country who do not subscribe to the Islamo-fascist agenda. In fact, Muslim­Americans are one of the most productive and successful groups liv­ing in America. According to the latest by bestselling author Mark J. Penn, 70 percent of Muslim-Americans as a group get married. 82 percent are registered to vote and 59 percent are college-educated. They are more likely to describe themselves as moderate than the general population.

However, Islamo-fascism is a genuine threat to ordinary moderate Muslims just as it is to everyone living in America. Islamo­Fascism Awareness week calls attention to the victims of Islamo­fascism, which include over 200,000 moderate Muslims in Algeria alone along with many in Sudan, Afghanistan and elsewhere. The goal of this week is to inform students about the threat of Islamofascism and its underlying causes. This Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Phillips Hall, the Cal Poly College Republicans will be showing the movie "Islam: What the West Needs to Know" followed by a ques­tion-and-answer session with professor Gregory Davis.

**An outraged call for a revolution**

Cassandra Carlson

It was May 1, 2003 when the United States led the invasion of Iraq. The disil­lu­sions provided by the White House administration and the media alike have provided a base for the apathetic nature of our current soldiers.

I know this might sound harsh, but look at the facts. We did not see body bags or the flag-draped coffins of the fallen soldiers from 1991 until 2005 due to the Defense Department withholding the photos. The most that the government humblydoes the truth. The Pentagon released the pictures in response to a Free­dom of Information Act request which had been forbidden by CBS and other news­media. But the soldiers are not the only ones who are dying. According to Opinion Research Business (ORB), an independent polling agency located in London, pub­lished estimates of the total war casualties in Iraq since 2003 at a over 1.2 million while a study published by a joint U.S.-Iraqi team in the eminent medical journal The Lancet said the casualties were about half of the ORB report at 655,000.

So why would we see this happen is a student revolution like that of Vietnam. People should be alerted by the fact there is so much death and destruction from the actions our country has taken. A military draft would open the eyes of many, but it should not come to this.

Choose where your news sources come from and vote for candidates based on what you want to see happen. Take action and rise up if you feel something should not be hap­pening. The leaders we choose will be the deciding factors to remove the occupancy of our land today, but it is up to everyone to decide what democracy is and how we can once again show it to the rest of the world.

**Your job:** Sort through information

I am no Nostreddamus, but I predict that there will be a revolution in the United States. This will not be like any oth­er revolution that has occurred in human history. Expect a Zagreb-like uprising with guns, sticks or even words. It will be fought in the mind of every single Amer­ican, whether they are aware of it or not. In this revolution, the majority of participants will do absolutely nothing and thereby side with the incumbent power. This revolution will be a war for truth. This revolution will be between those that accept information as fact, and those that accept information as biased and seek to find the truth. The first step to beginning this revolution is to real­ize that there is only one truth. The first step to thinking for yourself is to realize that there is no knowledge, and knowledge is a step to beginning this revolution. One thing that very few people realize is that every news source is biased to some extent. This is because everyone that produces a news source contains it in them. In fact, everyone is biased. Let me repeat that for those that didn’t get it, there is a reason why a news source is biased. You should be smart enough to not consider the Internet an unbiased source of information. When the government decides to not reveal all facts to the American public for some reason or other, there is an outrage and demands for resignations and impeachment. When the media de­cides not to tell a particular story, no one knows about it. What has happened, what studies have occurred, what discoveries have been made that the media has chosen to not report? Another source of information that is pertinent to college professors is the college professors. Most professors are qualified to teach and do an excellent job informing students. However, there may be a couple of rogue professors with this type of system of information distribution. On the one hand, professors qualify to do so. We should demand to find a professor for their credentials before registering for a class. Sec­ond, most students choose to interpret their professor’s words as truth. However good a professor is, they are always biased When a competent professor teaches, they do so from their own opinions and their own perception of reality. One example: Every university in California has at least a 1-1 ra­tio for liberal professors against conservative professors. That means that nowhere does conservatives outnumber liberals, but in the great majority of institutes of higher learn­ing the liberals outweigh the conservatives. Regardless of your political orientation, you must recognize the obvious bias and potent­ially unhealthy imbalance it creates. The history of is full of examples of scientist and educated geniuses who accepted what they heard as truth. The more notable his­torical figures heard the same things but chosen to disagree and discover for them­selves. If everything we learn is from mark­etable sources sought to discover the truth; however, they realized that the knowledge they found was only true because of the in­convenient nature of it. We should be the only stepping stone so that a future mind might discover something more. What you decide to do is up to you. You must determine what side of the upcoming revo­lution you will be on because there will be no neutral.

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**We need to look at the era where people cared about our country going to war and standing up to the government to tell them what they wanted to see happen. The apa­thetic nature is apparent in America with most generations because our media and the American people will go along with what our government is telling them to do. When turning on the television, pundits are talk­ing about Britney Spears being pregnant once again rather than hard news.

The New York Times Web site has a fea­ture which allows you to look up fallen sol­diers of Iraq. It is a heart-wrenching thing to see pictures of all who have died, but it really brings back the verisimilitude of this war. It is quite sad looking up your home­town on the site. My hometown of Helena, Mont, gives four young men along with their pictures.

Your job:

- Sort through information
- Find another source of information that is pertinent to college professors
- Demand to find a professor for their credentials before registering for a class
- An outrage for the way your news sources come from and vote for candidates based on what you want to see happen. Take action and rise up if you feel something should not be happening.
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LOS ANGELES — When Southern California loses, it's usually an upset. That won't be the case should the Trojans stumble this weekend.

For the first time since Nov. 17, 2001, the ninth-ranked Trojans will be underdogs in a Pac-10 game when they face No. 5 Oregon on Saturday. It will be the first matchup between top-10 teams in the 41-year history of Autzen Stadium.

USC coach Pete Carroll's reaction to playing the role of underdog was no surprise.

"That means absolutely nothing to me," Carroll said Tuesday at his weekly meeting with reporters. "I heard that today," quarterback Mark Sanchez said. "We've got it covered.

"That's what we're here for. We're after respect, we've got to go out and play the game." Carroll said.

Perhaps not, but his players are aware of the odds.

"I heard that today," quarterback John David Booty said with a smile after practice Monday. "It really doesn't make any difference to us. You've got to go out and play the game."

The Ducks were listed Tuesday as 3-point favorites.

"We like it," cornerback Terrell Thomas said. "The rest of the season is all about respect for us. We're still SC football. We're after respect, we've got to get that back. When you lose a game like we did, that's what happens."

Thomas referred to USC's surprising 24-23 loss to Stanford on Oct. 6, when the Trojans were favored by 41 points. That snapped the Trojans' 35-game home winning streak.

Oregon's loss was also at home, but not nearly as big a surprise — the Ducks were beaten 31-24 by California on Sept. 29.

The Trojans and Ducks both bring 3-1 Pac-10 records and 6-1 overall marks into the game. Oregon is doing it with an offense that ranks second nationally in yardage (550.9 per game) and scoring (46.6 points), while USC is third in total defense (252.1 yards) and 10th in scoring defense (16.6 points).

USC entered this season having won or shared five straight Pac-10 championships, going 37-4 against conference opponents. UCLA was a 3-point favorite over the Trojans in the final regular-season game in 2001, according to LaVega Sports Consultant, but lost to their crosstown rivals 27-6.

The Trojans went off as 21/2-point underdogs to Michigan in the Rose Bowl game last winter, and won 32-18.

"They deserve to be an underdog going up to Oregon," Jay Kornegay, director of the sports book at the Las Vegas Hilton, said of the Trojans. "Bettors have short-term memories. They only remember what just happened. You look at USC's last four games — you've got to throw out the Notre Dame game — they struggled against these other three teams."

"The way they've played, most of the bettors will probably come in on Oregon. On the other hand, I wouldn't be surprised if some of the bigger bettors came in on USC," Kornegay said if Booty starts for USC, that could influence bettors as well.

Boo'y has missed the last two games because of a broken middle finger on his throwing hand. Mark

"Mark will take all the first-team reps. We'll prepare him to play the football game again until we know more," Carroll said, adding he had no timetable on naming a starter.

"It's a tough one to figure out," Desautels said.

"I think there are a lot of people that theoretically would want to cross over between the two clubs. We have a lot of wakeboarders on our team and I've talked to their president and he said they have some guys that want to go out and ski too. In the future we would like to do some events together," Gibbs said.

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Lack of black coaches in NCAA football

Tyson McCloud

PHILADELPHIA — The numbers are staggering. More than 50 percent of the players on Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly known as Division I-A) teams are black, according to the Black Coaches and Administrators Web site. Yet, only six of the 119 head coaches in the FBS are black. A seventh minority head coach, Mario Cristobal, at Latino. How did this happen? The answer is rather simple. In terms of its hiring practices, college football is the least progressive sport in America. Considering the fact that one of the greatest college football coaches of all-time is black, it's utterly embarrassing that the landscape of one of the most popular sports in the nation is 95 percent white.

During his 57-year career at Grambling State football program, Eddie Robinson became the first college football coach to attain 400 victories. He is one of only two coaches to accomplish that lofty feat. Furthermore, in 1992, Robinson became the first black man to win the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award. "Martin Luther King, Jr. said he had been to the top of the mountain," Robinson said upon accepting the award. "Well, I've been to the top of the mountain in my profession."

Robinson, who passed away in April, was one of the few black men who had the opportunity to climb that mountain. Many black men don't even get a chance to see the mountain, let alone climb it.

So who's to blame? The most appropriate question is who's not to blame? The NCAA, athletic directors and university presidents should all be held responsible.

The NCAA's new committee on ethics is maintaining the integrity of intercollegiate sports, instituting an assortment of rules and regulations which range from logical to arbitrary. But nowhere in the NCAA's vast rulebook is there anything as progressive as the NFL's Rooney Rule, which penalizes teams for not interviewing minorities for head coaching jobs. Cleveland's Romeo Crennel, Cincinnati's Marvin Lewis, Chicago's Lovie Smith and Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin all have been hire since the rule was instituted in late 2002. Meanwhile, the NCAA — in addition to the Black Coaches and Administrators — has remained asleep at the wheel.

Only 22 black coaches have presided over the sidelines of FBS schools. Of 197 coaching vacancies since 1996, only 12 of those positions went to black coaches. Current black college football coaches at the FBS level include Mississippi State's Sylvester Croom, UCLA's Karl Dorrell, Buffalo's Turner Gill, Kansas State's Ron Prince, Miami's Randy Shannon and Washington's Tyrone Willingham. Although aspiring black coaches can find inspiration in those six men, the message that colleges and universities are sending out appears to be clear: Black men are good enough to be on the team but not good enough to lead a team.

This archaic type of thinking is not only ignorant, it's offensive. If these conditions do not change soon, the amount of potential black coaching candidates will decrease severely. Why would a qualified black coach — or a coach of any race, for that matter keep auditioning for positions to before the interviewing process even starts? Those same qualified coaches will go elsewhere, whether it's the NFL, the Arena Football League or any other professional league that has a better hiring practices than college football.

If that happens, a lot of potentially great college football coaches will be lost. And for what? Because college football's current hiring practices recall an era when it was widely believed that blacks weren't intelligent enough to quarterback a team, let alone coach one.

Again, the message appears to be clear: you're good enough to be on the team but you're not good enough to lead the team. It might not be true at every institution, but it sure feels that way.

In an effort to produce change in college football's hiring practices, the Black Coaches and Administrators have suggested that a Rooney-style rule be instituted, possibly through the NCAA. The proposed regulation would be called "The Eddie Robinson Rule." It's just a shame that Robinson, who for more than five decades gave his blood, sweat and tears to college football, didn't live to see the day when significant progress was made.

He deserved better. And the rest of the black college football coaches across the nation deserve better also.
**Water ski team competes in Nationals for second time**

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The Cal Poly water ski team, ranked in the top 12 in the United States, has cut and jumped its way to Nationals this year.

The team will be competing in the National Collegiate Water Ski Association Nationals being held in Zachary, La.

Nationals are from Oct. 25 until Oct. 27 and skiers will compete in slalom, trick or jump courses. This is the team’s second time at Nationals.

The team placed third at the Western Regionals, which qualified them for Division I Nationals. At Regionals, Cal Poly competed against other schools from California, Washington, Oregon and Arizona.

“An incredibly happy day,” said Colleen Gibbs, team member and former club president.

In competitions slalom skiers go through a six-buoy course, in which they have to zigzag between staggered buoys at the fastest speed possible. The faster the speed, the more points earned.

Once a skier reaches their maximum speed, the rope line is tightened, making it more difficult. The team’s score is based on the amount of tricks completed in a 20-second run. Each trick is assigned a number of points based on difficulty.

Jump skiers are on two skis and go off of a five-foot ramp. Points are given based on how far the skiers lands from the ramp.

There are about 35 active members on the Cal Poly water ski team this year, but only about half of the group competes. There are about eight women and 11 men who compete, DeSaeth said.

Practices are held about four to five times a week at Lake Nacimiento during fall and spring quarters.

“Even though we are a competitive team, we are all about going out and having a good time at the lake. Too many people who just like to wakeboard or water ski with their families and recreationally...should come out and ski with us,” Gibbs said.

Kendra Travis is the first time since the opening of the team’s second room at Nationals.

The top five in the media poll are No. 1 Northern Iowa (7-0), No. 2 North Dakota State 7-0, No. 3 Montana (7-0), No. 4 Massachusetts (6-1) and No. 5 McNeese State (7-0). In the coaches poll, Northern Iowa is No. 1, followed by Northern Iowa, Montana, Massachusetts and McNeese State.

Appalachian State (5-2), the two-time defending FCS national champion, fell to No. 10 in both polls after dropping a 38-35 decision against Georgia Southern.

In other polls released Monday, Cal Poly is No. 18 in Don Hansen’s Football Gazette poll (down five positions), unranked in the SME poll (was 19th) and by Any Given Saturday (was 17th).

In the Jeff Saggers NCAA football rankings published by USA Today, Cal Poly is No. 158 among 242 Division I football teams (down 31 spots) and the 43rd FCS team in the rankings (down 24 spots). The Mustangs are ahead of such schools as Idaho, Florida International, SMU and North Texas, among others.

Idaho State is No. 202. The Great West Conference is No. 18 among the 28 Division I conferences (down three spots) and fourth among FCS conferences (down two spots).

Cal Poly continues its four-game road trip Saturday, visiting Idaho State for a non-conference game at 2:05 p.m. PDT in Pocatello, Idaho.

**SLO C’ore team co-captain and communications senior, played soccer.**

“Anybody can join. There is no experience necessary and no athletic ability necessary,” Shaw said.

She continued, “It’s a nice break from homework,” said the women’s track and fields team captain, Melle Fanning. The senior animal science major said the club joined the club because she loves the travel and activity. Bacon was involved in track field sports in high school, and another club co-captain Courtney McLaughlin, an animal science senior, played soccer.

During a game of Ultimate Frisbee, which is non-contact sport, two seven-player squads play on a field similar to a football field. The game’s objective is to catch a pass in the opponent’s end zone, Shaw said.

Players cannot run with the disc in their hand but must instead pass any to another receiver on the field. The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.

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