Allegedly racist Smile and Nod flyers resulted in campuswide controversy.

The controversial image was chosen by journalist/senior Sean Michetti, who had no idea that the flyer would provoke the response that it did, he said.

"It wasn't a picture of a man who was laughing," Michetti said, adding that he found the image on his roommate's computer.

Smile and Nod troupe suspended

The new flyers were posted campuswide Oct. 2 to promote the group's show on the following Saturday.

"Theatre department head noticed the images on the following Wednesday and began pulling them down," Duggan said. "But the damage was already done."

Many students and faculty members had already seen the flyers, some began to protest and the theatre department decided to take action.

The group was first asked to remove existing posters, send a formal apology to all students via the Mustang Daily and participate in a sensitivity meeting with faculty and staff from the theatre department and the ethnic studies department.

Finally, officials in the theatre department agreed that noticeable and clear action had to be taken to display the seriousness of the offense, Duggan said.

"We're looking at a short-term punishment to maintain the long-term stability of the organization," said Josh Machemer, a theatre professor and the club's adviser.

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Students for Justice and Peace on campus that has been around for about 10 years. With 16 members, the group performs every Saturday night. As a promotional effort, members create flyers with humorous images and no text.

Students for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (SJPME) stood outside Phillips Hall and displayed signs to protest Islamo-fascism Awareness Week.

Giana Magnoli

Several student groups showed up in force Wednesday night to protest the showing of "Islam: What the West Needs to Know." Director Greg Davis came to Cal Poly to introduce and answer questions about the film, which is associated with the "nationwide Islamo-fascism Awareness Week."

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"We're trying to raise awareness about how biased the event is ... it portrays all Muslims as terrorists," Cal Poly Democrat president Erica Jaffod said. "It's information based on fear."
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Curro discussed the major prize drawing by an event main sponsor.

"One Way Boardshop will be there," Curro said.

"They'll actually be raffling off a $500 snowboard at the end of the event for one lucky winner," Curro said. She said the sponsor will hold the raffle in quite an interesting format.

They are actually doing it through a pretty creative way," Curro said.

"They are going to do it through text messaging," Curro said.

She said that other event sponsors such as Kona's Deli would provide food for as long as it lasts. She added that Woodstock's Pizza would also be available for hungry students.

Dana Matteson, ASI special events student supervisor and recreation administration sophomore, spoke about the long list of other activities and events happening throughout the evening.

"We are bringing in things like a 200-foot obstacle course, big glove boxing, a high striker machine, a jousting arena, mechanical bull riding, an interactive games area and so much more," Matteson talked excitedly about the interactive games.

"We're bringing in an Xbox 360 and a Wii entertainment system and Halo III, among other games," Matteson said.

Mattrsen said she was very much looking forward to that particular feature.

"I'm really looking forward to playing the Wii system," she said.

"I am hoping there will be Wii Bowling also." Other games will include "Dance Dance Revolution," "Guitar Hero" and "Gears of War".

She added that members of student government would be there to register people for voting.

John Schiesser, ASI events student manager and civil engineering senior, also worked very hard to bring this huge event to the students.

Mattrsen talked excitedly about past years, "We build on prior years' successes and just build the best event possible for the students," she added.

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"We try to bring back what the students have really enjoyed in the past years," Schiesser said.

"But we also bring in things that really think they would like," Schiesser discussed what makes an event something memorable.

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In addition to discussing the image with her students, Lehr posted a flyer on her door with a one-page description of ethnic notions and an essay on the history and meaning of the "coon" image of blacks.

The flyer was meant to draw attention to the history and open a discussion on the meaning of the image, she said. The flyer had been ripped down on Monday.

"I would like to see Smile and Nod serve as a model for the rest of the university in acknowledging and exploring issues of race and diversity on this campus as part of their mission," Lehr said.

After discussions with both members of the ethnic studies department and the theatre department, Valle suggested that everyone look at this as a learning opportunity.

He said that he hopes some good will come out of this situation.

"The main point of the punishment was for us to be aware that it was racist and hurtful, but it was not meant to be racist or hurtful," Smile and Nod member and theatre senior Duncan Caldwell said.

While the club members understand the offensive implication of using the image, some members still think that the punishment was disproportionate to the offense.

"I felt that the punishment was excessive because it was a first-time offense and we weren't intending to promote the 'coon' stereotype - their words, not mine," Michel said.

He added that the theatre department did not protect Smile and Nod as well as they should have.

"I also felt that they did a good job quelling the anger from the ethnic studies department," he said.

Lee Harats, 21, the president of Smile and Nod, said that he was told about the flyers before he actually saw them.

"I initially thought that the show cancellations were a little harsh, but the group made a plea and turned in a formal proposal," they requested that the theatre department allow the group to put on one more show to allow the new club members to perform, he said.

The show will take place in the HP Davidson Music Center, room 212, on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 8 and 10 p.m. The ordeal has brought the team closer together, Bartas said.

"I believe that the punishment was unfair, but that the theatre department was fair," Bartas said.

"They were not unreasonable about handling the punishment, but showed some willingness to compromise," Smith said.

The theatre department is taking steps to ensure that something like this never happens again.

"We will have posters sent to us weekly to ensure that checks and balances occur, and to ensure that negligence doesn't happen again." Dugan said.

"Through all of this, they will become stronger because they will start to think about things a little bit differently."
It's difficult to walk around campus and not spot dozens of people listening to an Apple iPod on their way to class. But students should be wary as a recent study indicates iPod theft as being behind the rise in the national crime rate.

The Urban Institute credits increasing crime rates as being due, in part, to the portable MP3 player created by Apple known as the iPod.

"College students are a major target of this trend, known as 'iCrime' because of the frequency with which United States youth own iPods," said Andrew Arguelles, a senior electrical engineering major.

"Because they can be easily stolen, like a wallet or laptop and then easily sold for quick cash, they are a target," Arguelles said.

Because iPods are relatively new devices, any reported iPod theft is considered an increase in the rate of iPods stolen on campus, according to Arguelles.

"I lost my iPod this year," said senior Andrew Arcagello, a sophomore at UMass, said when he was in high school one of his friends had his iPod stolen in the school cafeteria. He believes he should probably be keeping a closer eye on his own iPod as well.

"I keep mine in my bag all the time, which I guess is such a good idea because I leave my bag unattended a lot," said Arcagello. If it were stolen I'd be pissed because that iPod is a lot of money.

The study also found a correlation between an increase in the number of people "easily wearing, and being distracted by expensive electronic gear" and the violent crime rate in the United States. It reported that violent crime had increased in 2003 by 3.4 percent, after dropping by three percent.

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Steven Jange-Cohn, a UMass political science senior, also has an iPod. He explained that the electronic device is "easily left behind" in bags that are "one size fits all" and therefore easily sold for quick cash.

"I wouldn't know, I've never seen any statistics on that. But it seems pretty even to me, from what I've seen," said Michael DiMatteo, electrical engineering senior.

"I would say yes, because they do go to the LGBT club; they definitely promote it or have opinions for who you are," said Lisa Coe, political science senior.

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The Daily Collegian, a newspaper of Pennsylvania State University, states that in the first three months of 2003, major felonies rose 18.3 percent on the New York City subway however, if cell phone and iPod thefts are excluded, felonies actually declined by three percent.

University of Massachusetts Police Department Deputy Chief of Administration Patrick Archibald explained that the electronic device theft trend began at UMass with laptop computers, but has gradually come to include iPods as they have become more prevalent.

Archibald described iPods as being "easily left behind" in bags that are unattended at study cards. The iPod's size and value are the main factors in its theft, he said.

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"Do you think this campus is accepting of varied sexualities?"

Compiled and photographed by Michelle Norgan

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STATE BRIEFS

OAKLAND (AP) — Fourteen people were arrested early this morning as part of a major raid to bust up a heroin trafficking ring.

Oakland police say the raids focused on a heroin trafficking organization based out of the Central Valley. The heroin ring allegedly had distribution cells in Oakland and elsewhere in the Bay Area.

More than 500 federal and state law enforcement officers took part in the raids.

The U.S. Attorney’s Office confirms that officers seized tar heroin, marijuana, crystal methamphetamine, cocaine, vehicles, weapons and thousands of dollars in cash during the raids.

SAND BERNARDINO (AP) — A motorcyclist who allegedly set a small fire in a rural foothill area of the San Bernardino Mountains has been booked for investigation of arson.

Fifty-eight-year-old John Alfred Run of Hesperia was arrested late Tuesday after authorities followed him to an address on State Route 173.

San Bernardino County Sheriff’s spokesman Cindy Beavers says it’s not known if Run is connected to any of the wildfires that have been burning in the San Bernardino Mountains since Sunday.
Winds give fire crews chance to fight back

Elliot Spagat (AP report)

A powerful flow of air against Southern California's spining Santa Ana winds finally gave the news crews a chance to fight back against some blazes Wednesday, and weary residents could take solace in an overwhelming sign of hope: Just one person had died from the flames.

That contrasts with 22 dead from one of similar magnitude in 2003, and while the final toll has yet to be billed from this week's fires officials were crediting an automated, reverse-911 calling system that prompted the orderly evacuation of more than half a million people, 10 times the number evacuated four years ago.

"They are more determined that people leave," said Steve Levits, who got his call 15 minutes before flames swept through his Rancho Bernardo neighborhood.

"It was very intense. On the call, it was like: 'This area, go! This area, go!' In 2003 there was less guidance. It was like: "Just pay attention to the news and if it looks bad, leave.'"

On Wednesday, winds dropped to 21 to 30 mph, considerably less than the fierce gusts of up to 100 mph that whipped fire zones earlier in the week.

The improving weather allowed for a greater effort against the fires and helped firefighters beat back the most destructive blazes. Helicopters and air tankers dropped 20 to 35 loads of water on two fires that have burned hundreds of homes in the San Bernardino Mountains near Lake Arrowhead.

"They're taking it down considerably," said Dennis Bouslaugh of the U.S. Forest Service.

Authorities said they had largely contained many of the fires north of San Diego, and all five fires in Los Angeles County were about 50 percent contained or more.

Despite the progress, some of the six major blazes in San Diego County were more than 75 percent contained, and those fires threatened more than 8,300 homes. The top priority was a fire in San Bernardino County that threatened 6,000 homes and continued to rage out of control.

The death toll from the most recent blazes rose to six as fires continued to burn and authorities worked to evacuate neighborhoods in which homes turned to piles of ash, but displaced homes owners and authorities were relieved that early reports were so low.

The San Diego County medical examiner official said six deaths connected to the blazes, but he included five who died during the evacuation who were not directly killed by the fire. In 2003, all but a handful of the 22 dead succumbed to the flames.

Terry Dooley, who was ordered out of his home with his wife and three sons Monday, said authorities learned important lessons from Hurricane Katrina and the 2003 California fires that wiped out 3,640 homes and blackened 780,000 acres during a two-week period.

"They learned how to get things done more quickly," Dooley said as he waited at a roadblock Wednesday to return home to San Diego's upscale, densely populated Rancho Bernardo area.

In addition to the reverse-911 system, authorities shut down schools, halted mail delivery and urged people to stay home and off the roads if they were not in danger.

Another factor separating these fire from other disasters has been wealth. Unlike many of the poor neighborhoods flooded by Hurricane Katrina, the hardest-hit areas in California were filled with upscale homes, easy access to wide streets. Less wealthy areas, including rural enclaves and horse farms that stretch through the mountains east of San Diego, benefited from easy road access and small crowds.
Past mass extinctions coincide with hotter temperatures

Seth Borenstein

Whereas the world’s tropical sea waters warm several degrees, Earth has experienced mass extinctions over millions of years, according to a first-of-its-kind statistical study of fossil records and scientists fear it may be about to happen again, in a matter of several decades rather than millions of years.

Four of the five major extinctions over 230 million years of Earth’s history have been linked to warmer tropical seas, something that indicates a warmer world overall, according to the new study published Wednesday.

“We found that over the fossil record as a whole, the higher the temperatures have been, the higher the extinctions have been,” said University of York ecologist Peter Mayhew, the co-author of the peer-reviewed research published in the Proceedings of the Royal Society B, a British journal.

Earth is on track to hit that same level of extinction-connected warming in about 100 years unless greenhouse gas emissions are curbed, according to top scientists.

A second study, to be presented at a scientific convention Sunday, links high carbon dioxide levels, the chief man-made gas responsible for global warming, to past extinctions.

In the British study, Mayhew and his colleagues looked at temperatures in 30 million-year chunks, because fossil records aren’t that precise in time measurements. They then compared these to the number of species, the number of species families, and overall biodiversity. They found non-biodiverse, hotter temperatures and more species dying with higher temperatures.

The researchers examined tropical sea temperatures, the only ones that can be determined from fossil records and go back backback 230 million years. They indicate a natural 60 million-year climate cycle that moves from a warmer “greenhouse” to a cooler “icehouse.” The Earth is warming from its current colder period.

Every time the tropical sea temperatures were about 7 degree warmer than they are now and stated that way, for millions of enough years, there was a die-off. Here, the extinctions happened in length.

The study linked mass extinctions with higher temperatures, but did not try to establish a cause-and-effect. For example, the most recent mass extinction, the one 65 million years ago that included the die-off of dinosaurs, probably was caused by an asteroid impact, a scientific theory. Mayhew agrees.

But extinctions were likely happening anyway as temperatures were increasing. Mayhew said Massive volcanic activity, which releases large amounts of carbon dioxide, has also been blamed for the dinosaur extinction.

The author of the second study, which focuses on carbon dioxide, said he does see a cause-and-effect between warmer seas and extinctions. Peter Ward, a University of Washington biologist and paleontologist.

The Arctic is under increasing stress from warming temperatures as shrubs colonize the tundra, changing wildlife habitat, researchers said.

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There really is a ‘Spectrum’ of diversity at Cal Poly

Rachel Gellman | Staff Writer

Spectrum is a group on campus for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and everything in between communities and their allies.

"It's to get people together. The LGBTQ community and allies too," Spectrum president, and architectural engineering sophomore Jen Ton said.

The club, which has been around since 1974, used to be called GLBU (gay, lesbian, bisexual union), but last year the club went to a gay conference at UC Riverside that changed their perspective.

Ton mentioned how Spectrum's secretary, and software engineering junior Rebecca Bettencourt, is a transgender lesbian and how GLBU didn't cover that.

"I'm a lesbian transsexual. My body is male, but it doesn't matter because my brain, my heart, my spirit, my soul is female and I'm attracted to other females," Bettencourt said.

"It was like coming out all over again," she said. "When I came here, it was like coming out all over again.

She explained that she didn't become comfortable with people at Cal Poly until she started going to GLBU events.

According to Spectrum's group on Facebook, there are 71 members, but Ton said about 20 people show up to meetings regularly. There is a president, vice president, treasurer and a secretary.

Spectrum works closely with the Pride Center on many events, including National Coming Out Day and Pride Week, which will take place May 5-10. The objectives of the events are to get college students to learn more, become aware and expand their horizons.

Along with the Pride Center, Spectrum holds events with Delta Lambda Phi, a new gay fraternity on campus.

"We're trying to get more politically involved, but our first step is getting politically educated," she said.

One campus issue the group discussed is the idea of gender-neutral bathrooms. Ton said this is something people don't think about because it doesn't affect them regularly.

Spectrum members also stress the push toward marriage equality.

Ledbetter, a psychology senior as well as the president of the Cal Poly Women's Awareness club, spoke of a grass-roots campaign called "Let California Ring," which spread the word about gay marriage across the state in hopes of making the issue more personal to people.

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Regarding terminology, members of the club are encouraged to be open about how they identify themselves. Amy Narevsky, a liberal studies junior, and Spectrum ally, is a student coordinator for the Pride Center who plans events and trains allies.

She said it shows an understanding if you ask someone how they identify themselves because then they can tell you what labels they are comfortable with.

"I put a lot of time in for the club," Ton said. "I put it in."

The ally community is ever growing, Ledbetter said. "So many allies, I love it." She mentioned several allies are staff, faculty and alumni and a large group of supporters are in Student Life and Leadership.

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She said she knows the progressiveness of Spectrum's members and the community they have within each other.
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professor, said natural increases in carbon dioxide warmed the air and ocean. The warmer water had less oxygen and spawned more microbes, which in turn spewed toxic hydrogen sulfide into the air and water, killing species.

Ward examined 13 major and minor extinctions in the past and found a common link: rising carbon dioxide levels in the air and falling oxygen levels. Ward's study will be presented Sunday at the Geological Society of America's annual convention in Denver.

Mayhew also found increasing carbon dioxide levels in the air coinciding with die-offs, but concluded that temperatures better predicted biodiversity.

Those higher temperatures that coincided with mass extinctions are about the same level forecast for a century from now if the world continues in growing emissions of greenhouse gases, according to the Nobel Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

In April, the same climate panel of thousands of scientists warned that "20 to 30 percent of animal species assessed so far are likely to be at increased risk of extinction" if temperatures increase by about 3 to 4 degrees Fahrenheit.

"Since we're already seeing thresholds in ecosystems with the relatively small amount of climate change already taking place, one could expect there's going to be severe transformation," said biogeochemist Thomas Lovejoy, president of the H. John Heinz Center for Science, Economics and the Environment in Washington.

University of Texas biologist Camille Parmesan, who studies how existing species are changing with global warming but wasn't part of either team, said she was "blown away" by the Mayhew study and called it "very convincing."

"This will give scant comfort to anyone who says that the world has often been warmer than recently so we're just going back to a better world," Pennsylvania State University geological sciences professor Richard Alley said.

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INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS

MOSCOW (AP) — A man who once boasted he wanted to kill one victim for each of the 64 squares on a chessboard was found guilty of 48 murders Wednesday, a bloody spree that terrorized the Russian capital.

Alexander Pichushkin leaned against the wall of his reinforced glass cage in the courtroom and stared at the floor as the jury foreman took about an hour to read the verdict.

Although he claimed to have killed 63 people, most of them in southern Moscow's Bittsa Park, prosecutors could only find evidence to accuse him of murdering 48, most of which occurred over five years.

CIZRE, Turkey (AP) — Turkish warplanes and helicopters reportedly pounded Kurdish rebel positions along the Turkey-Iraq border Wednesday, broadening military operations against insurgents amid persistent fears Turkey will launch a major offensive inside Iraq.

Turkish Cabinet members and military generals held a six-hour meeting in Ankara to discuss a possible operation in northern Iraq, but decided to recommend the government take economic measures first to force cooperation by Iraqis against Kurdish rebels.

ON BOARD FLIGHT SQ380 (AP) — A Singapore Airlines Airbus A380 took off on a historic journey Thursday, the first commercial flight by the world's largest jetliner that boasts luxurious suites enclosed by sliding doors, double beds, a bar and the quietest interior ever.

With 455 passengers, some of whom paid tens of thousands of dollars for a seat in aviation history, the superjumbo left for Sydney at 8:16 a.m. on a 7½-hour flight that launches a new era in air travel. Also on board SQ380 are a crew of about 30 including four pilots.

BAGHDAD (AP) — Nearly simultaneous bombs struck commuters in a predominantly Shiite area on the southeastern edge of Baghdad on Wednesday, killing at least nine people and wounding about two dozen, police and hospital officials said.
As midterms loom, students find hope in a 'stick'

CHICAGO (U-wire) — Midterms can be particularly stressful on college students as exams often set the tone for the rest of the semester, and students struggle to balance their homework load with a flurry of tests. "It's common practice for students to try to catch up on neglected reading and pull all-nighters in preparation for exams," said Adrindi Kelly, senior editor of The Princeton Review. "However, uncovering ways to study and take tests more effectively can help students finish the semester on a positive note."

Finding a test-taking edge may be as easy as chewing for a stick of gum, according to students in an informal survey, you could literally hear a gasp from the class," said professor Edward McLaughlin, who conducted the test among 591 students in his marketing class at Cornell University who were given Wrigley's gum.

"While what we found is anecdotal rather than scientific, I have no doubt that some of these students are going to start chewing gum during every exam."

"It's great to see real-life experiences like this as they mirror what consumers have been telling us for years — that chewing gum has benefits beyond fresh breath and great taste," said Surinder Kumar, senior vice president and chief innovation officer at Wrigley.

"That's one reason we established the Wrigley Science Institute, to learn more about how chewing gum can help relieve everyday stress and potentially help increase focus, alertness and concentration, among other functional benefits. While we conduct more basic research, it's exciting to see our consumer insights play out in the classroom."

Giving students chewing gum while taking tests is not unheard of. In fact, more and more teachers have reserved traditional policies against chewing gum and are encouraging students to chew gum during tests to help heighten focus and concentration.

Research suggests gum chewing can positively affect focus and concentration. A 2002 study published in Appetite showed chewing gum appeared to improve people's ability to learn, retain and retrieve information. Research has also shown that gum chewers were more calm and relaxed in dealing with life's everyday stress when they chewed gum.

For more information about the benefits of chewing gum, visit www.gumgood.com.
OneRepublic likely will not have to make any apologies when they perform for Cal Poly this evening at Dusk 'til Dawn. The up-and-coming group, taking the stage tonight to perform “Apologize,” the hit single that garnered them public attention and has pushed them to the top of the Billboard.

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OneRepublic has consistently ranked as one of the top bands on MySpace, and their single “Apologize” received even wider public attention when its remix was featured on Timbaland's album "Shock Value."

In August, OneRepublic performed the debut hit in a live performance on Fox’s "So You Think You Can Dance," and since then they’ve gotten a lot of airplay on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

"For a free live show, this is definitely one of the biggest-name bands we’ve had on campus," said ASI programs coordinator Michelle Curro. "We realized from last year’s (Dusk 'til Dawn) that students’ favorite part of the event is the live musical entertainment."

She said that Annuzzi does extensive research to find up-and-coming bands to perform on campus. "He finds them when we can still afford to bring them to Cal Poly," she said. "Who knows where [OneRepublic] will be six months from now, or if we would be able to afford them then."

"We don’t make these sorts of decisions in a bubble; this is what we found out from Cal Poly students in what they’re looking forward to for OneRepublic performing."

Tedder started the band with Filkins when they were both high school students in Colorado Springs, Colo. OneRepublic has since moved to Los Angeles, where they picked up the other three band members.

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Out with the gay card

If you haven't heard the big news, by now, not only are you on the fringe of many important Muggle media circles, but are, and so this with a sense of certain tenacity, and sympathize with the utmost kind, nor the bigwig Harry Potter fan. Maybe it's finally time to quietly self-reflect on the importance of life, yeah?

Or perhaps I should redirect this suggestion of quiet self-reflection to J.K. Rowling herself, author and architect of the "Harry Potter" series, or should I say, "She who just sold out so big it's not even funny," as it seems she has suddenly lost her mind and needs one major time-out.

That's right, with one flamboyant wave of her own empty wand gone forever, Rowling disturbed the genteel fabric of narrative continuity and shattered the foundation of our well-established wizarding world. Here, you ask?

"Dumbledore is gay, actually," she announced last week in a packed audience at Carnegie Hall in New York City. No, you heard correctly. Albus Percival Wulfric Brian Dumbledore, headmaster of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, and founder of the Order of the Phoenix is... homosexual.

I am upset, so on the least, don't get me wrong, it's not the fact that Dumbledore is gay that has my panties in a wad. No, it's not about sexuality of any kind.

What has my blood boiling is the continuing and manipulative manner in which Dumbledore was "outed." Was it the lack of preparation, as Rowling sat on a red velvet thrown throne as she made the announcement? Was it the nonchalant way in which she answered the question of Dumbledore ever having fallen in love? Is it the fact that there's no mention of his sexual preference anywhere in any of the "Harry Potter" books that makes his newfound homosexuality that much more obscure? Something is not right here; something is quite wrong.

There on that gaudy throne, Rowling went on to reveal that in her mind — where, might I ask, this nonexistent escapade took place, because it certainly wasn't anywhere in print nor anywhere in my mind — Dumbledore had an unrequited love affair with Gellert Grindelwald.

Grindelwald! What was Rowling thinking? Or all the wacko wizard to have Dumbledore fall in love with! As a Harry Potter fanatic and a communist, I feel this has to be perhaps the greatest wizard on earth fall in love with one of the most dangerous and dark wizards of all time, one of Voldemort's predecessors, a simply reprehensible and let's face it, would change who Dumbledore was as a character.

The fact of the matter is that Rowling didn't have the space or the balls to include this very important bit of info in the pages of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," the seventh and final book of the series that dealt largely with the life events of Albus Dumbledore. Now she wants to cause hype and hysteria by making her famous headmaster gay. Well, that's it, isn't it? Case closed. I don't buy her antics.

And for the record, I have to say that my gay-shit did not go on. And let me tell you that my gay-shit is real on, like, surprisingly real on, I am that good, you can ask anyone, Albus Dumbledore not gay.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Small fries**

Ode to the Diving Buccaneer.

1. O wild-winged woman, the footfalls are the summer's beauty.
   Thou from whose unseen presence the leaves fled
   Green, with the power of fierce and active ev'rything

   Hectic red and black, and pale cadence.
   Posture stricken, blithe: O thou,
   Who charioteer them to their bright ascendance

   The buried seeds, where they lie cold
   Earth, like a corpse within its grave, until
   Three azure sister of the Spring shall follow

   Her clarion o'er the dreaming earth,
   And fill
   Driving sweet bush like flocks to feed
   In the hay

   With luscious hues and odours plain and tall:

   Wild Spirit, which art soaring every moment.
   Destroyer and preserver; hear, oh, hear!

   Thou on whose steps mid the steep hill commotion
   Loose clouds like earth's decaying cinder cones
   Though, from the tangled boughs of Oak and Mr. Molehymy

   Seraph of Hame and thea* aae*

   Reflecting on some fierce M.ien, id.
You don’t know stress until you’re having a baby

Life as a college student is difficult and stressful enough as it is, balancing school, work, family and a social life. But when a baby is unexpectedly thrown into the mix, life as a college student completely changes.

Being a 30-weeks pregnant — about eight months old — and a senior at Cal Poly, the most difficult task is juggling the many responsibilities being constantly thrown at me, from going to school full-time and working part-time, to doctor visits every two weeks and childbirth preparation classes — all while trying to stay sane!

I never expected to have children until after I graduated college, got a stable job and got married. But how often do things go as planned? When I took my first home pregnancy test in April, I was shocked, blind-sided and confused to say the least. I had another one to confirm the results and it had the same results, I showed my fiancé the test results and he calmly said, “Oh, that’s cool.”

I got teared a third time at a community health clinic and they confirmed the results. I got in my car and called my fiancé immediately and started crying hysterically. He was very supportive and excited. I was happy, though worried.

A flood of emotions and thoughts rushed through my head. I thought, “How could I support a baby financially and emotionally? What about school, am I going to have to drop out? What will my parents say? How far along am I? I hope thatushi and sake didn’t harm the baby!”

After calming my nerves, I thought about my two older sisters and how they also got pregnant while in college. Although it took them a bit longer to finish college, they did manage to graduate despite the upheals of being a mother. So I knew it could be done.

I didn’t have any health insurance so I applied for Medi-Cal to help cover my maternity expenses. After seeing my prenatal doctor for the first time in April, he determined that I was already about one-and-a-half months pregnant, and my due date is approximately Dec 10 — the Monday following finals week!

As five months pregnant, my fiancé and I were excited to see the ultrasound doctor to determine the sex of the baby. The doctor jokingly said, “He has a big leg.” Meaning we’re having a boy, of course.

This summer, I wrote a story for the Mustang Daily about Ciera Himle, a 19-year-old Cal Poly student who just gave birth to a baby girl. I wanted to document the struggles of being pregnant while in college from another perspective while getting an idea of how to cope with it. Plus I just wanted to talk to someone who knew what I’m going through right now.

Himle said that the most difficult task being pregnant while attending college is the “balancing act” and trying to eat healthy. As a college student, it is hard to eat healthy because I am always on the go. Himle also revealed she worried about the kinds of stats I get around campus.

It was a relief to know that there is another Cal Poly student who understands what I’m experiencing. I’m a bit older than my fellow classmates so I’ve always felt a little out of place, but being pregnant and older, I sometimes feel more alienated.

I know of many student parents here, but I have yet to meet another currently pregnant student; they seem virtually nonexistent. I notice people trying to subtly peak at my belly, or you know when you glance at something really quick, look away and then rub your belly and take a quick second glance? Those are the kinds of stats I get around campus.

But there are other people, especially my classmates, who seem genuinely interested in my pregnancy and what I’m going through. Even my professors have been very accommodating to me.

But I wasn’t willing to tell people right away, I waited nearly three months into my pregnancy to tell my family, friends and the world. My parents’ reaction wasn’t a surprise. Since both of my sisters got pregnant during college, I guess my parents relied on me to “do it right,” getting the degree, the job and the husband first. They didn’t know how to react when their baby would be their third grandchild, their attitude changed to excitement.

Besides the extreme multi-tasking — not to mention the increased absent-mindedness and clumsiness, mood swings, excessive sweating, hot flashes, dryness of breath, nasal congestion, leg cramps, irititation, heartburn and bloating, and mild swelling of my hands and feet — being the worst part of my pregnancy — feeling like the baby moves more inside of me as it makes it all worthwhile. It’s the best and most amazing part of being pregnant.

The consistent fetal movements — kicking, pushing, hiccuping, stretching, and so on — is reassuring, and serves as a constant reminder that life is growing inside of me and that I must do all I can to protect and nurture this baby to the best of my ability.

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There’s more to life than

Rachel Gellman

We live in an ethnocentric country and we go to school in a snooty state. Just because America is such a superpower, the going-on in other continents are not superfluous to us.

The international news section in newspapers all over the country is shrinking exponentially each year due to its low demand by Americans. With such a focus on our daily lives and routines, in the few segments of spare time we have left, many people, myself included, just want to hang out and relax, so we fail to stay up to date on world affairs.

I’ve lived in California my entire life and many of my friends and acquaintances have as well. Because we all have somewhat similar backgrounds here, I’m not learning as much as I could be from the people around me.

Walking is a segment of “The Tonight Show” with Jay Leno in which fairK basic questions such as “Who is the vice president of the United States?” are asked to people on the street. On most occasions this is filmed in Southern California, and usually the answers are disastrous.

As Californians, we often fail to remember that there are 49 other states in this country. We have wonderful weather, a beautiful coastline with stellar waves and access to a plethora of “herbal medicines.” What else do you need, right?

Don’t get me wrong, I love this state and I will most likely live here the rest of my life, but I know there is so much to learn from people outside of this state and especially outside of San Luis Obispo.

I strongly encourage people to expand their horizons in their four, five, or six years here. Instead of being bound by the book, or stop by the Study Abroad office and try to take advantage of an opportunity you most likely fail to stay up to date on world affairs.

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Bolts head to Phoenix to flee San Diego fires

Bernie Wilson

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Chargers boarded a plane for Phoenix on Tuesday night, not knowing where or when they’ll play their next game.

They left town because of the wildfires that chased many in the organization out of their homes, fueling the air and left Sunday’s scheduled home game against the Houston Texans in limbo.

Their superior running back knew his home survived the firestorm. His general manager hasn’t heard if he’ll have a house to come home to.

While they spent Monday taking care of their families, it was time to get back to business.

“We need to get ready to play football,” said general manager A.J. Smith, who evacuated his home and doesn’t know if it’s still standing.

The Chargers will practice at the Arizona Cardinals’ headquarters in Tempe on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. They packed for any eventuality, since the NFL and the Chargers are still debating what to do about Sunday’s game.

Qualcomm Stadium is being used as an evacuation center. An estimated 10,000 people were there on Tuesday, under smoky skies.

“Our attitude is, we’re going to practice for three days and give it a bear and let us know where we’re going,” Smith said as the Chargers lined up at their headquarters to board buses to the airport. “Wherever it is, or whatever day it is, we’ll do the best we can to get a victory against Houston. That’s where it is.”

They arrived home Sunday, and their stadium, located in Glendale, is scheduled to host a motorcycle show Friday through Sunday afternoon.

Qualcomm Stadium general manager Erik Stover said the building can be ready to host games this weekend.

“Some 46 players, coaches and staff members had to evacuate, including coach Norv Turner and quarterback Philip Rivers,” Stover said.

Rivers said smoke was coming under the doors of his suburban home, and he and his wife and three young daughters got out before the evacuation orders came. He said his house was OK.

“I could see the tires coming,” Turner said, shaming NFL MVP “You wake up at 4 o’clock in the morning. You get the phone call, ‘I need you to evacuate.’ I see the sky was orange, so I’m like, ‘It’s serious.’

“You just adapt to it and deal with it. Everybody’s going to do it all those people out there at the stadium.”

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It was scary.” Rivers said. “A lot of us haven’t experienced a lot of this before. We aren’t very used to it. It’s such an unknown, too. You don’t know what it’s doing.”

Rivers said the players are in a good frame of mind.

“All of our families are safe. That’s what’s most important. Obviously we feel for the people that were more directly affected. There is going to be a game this week. We’ve got to put all the focus there. From what I gather, we’ve all been able to do that.”

While the Chargers would love to be back in town Sunday, they know it’s out of their control.

“Again, you can let it affect you really as much as you allow it to,” Rivers said. “It’s an unfortunate situation, but again, it can be more fortunate. We’re all safe, and for the most part, everybody’s home is safe. We could be in the position like a lot of people are in the country, that are worse off.”

The Chargers (3-3) are coming off their bye week. After a stunning three-game losing streak, they righted many of their early season wrongs by routing the Broncos 41-3 in Denver and then beating the Oakland Raiders 28-14 at home behind Tomlinson’s 198-yard rushing and four touchdowns.

Turner was Miami’s offensive coordinator in 2003, when the Chargers had to move their Monday night game to Tempe. The Dolphins flew into San Diego on Sunday evening then to Phoenix the next day. The Chargers, who weren’t very good back then, were flat and lost to the Dolphins, 26-10.

“If we prepare properly, all the other things are irrelevant,” Turner said. “Obviously with the way we started, we don’t have a lot of room to have a setback. So we have to focus in and we have to do a great job in the next three days.”

AP Football Writer Dawit Gobeh in Phoenix contributed to this story.

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SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

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their season on the line and his team down 3-1, the Cleveland Indians rolled out Beckett with 120 pitches and Danielle Peck to sing the national anthem, hoping it’ll blow him off, rattle him. Nope. Beckett dealt for eight innings, struck out 11 and totally swung the momentum in the team’s favor after three ejections. He was astounded at what he saw.

Johnny was looking for an irpen teammate

to start. 4X'^'^4()2

ESPn.com lists the team’s five-day loss as

and 180 pounds. But Peckard prides himself on being 5-foot-9 and a

beating one guy. He doesn’t bother me at all. Thanks for turning one of

your friends to the game so she could watch it for free.”

Johnny
I’ll just go out on a limb and say they’re “hanging out” after the game, and he didn’t have to shell out any change. Good move, C-towners.

If you ever wondered what happened to that over-achieving guy in sports, eurotypical to the choir. They are just rare, and sometimes

seem to not even exist anymore. The sad part is that two of them happen to

play professional sports in Boston.

He’s got this thing up in Northern

California known as Woodland.

Most people from Woodland turn into

footballers, not Major League

superstars.

Landing a spot on the men’s preseason media all-conference team, Johnny was picked up by Cal Poly senior guard Duwan Whiten.

The Mustang women’s basketball

team was selected by the media to finish third and by the coaches to finish fourth. No Cal Poly players were named to the women’s preseason media all-conference team.

MEN’S HOOPS PICKED SECOND IN PRESEASON COACHES POLL

The Cal Poly men’s basketball

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The Cast of Smile and Nod

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CLASSEFIES
Cal Poly men’s water polo club to host Pacific Coast Championships

The team can potentially advance to the national championships in Tuscon, Ariz.

Jessica Ford

Ronald Blum

BOSTON — Josh Beckett, Dustin Pedroia and the Boston Red Sox were revved up and ready. Not so the Colorado Rockies, who showed up in Beantown looking rusty not rested.

Back in the World Series with no Bambino’s curse to worry about, the Red Sox flattened the Rockies 13-1 in Wednesday night’s World Series opener.

Beckett got off to the most overpowering start since Sandy Koufax. Pedroia became only the second player to lead off the Series with a home run, and then a relentless offense led by Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz raked up hit after hit.

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