The San Luis Obispo Democratic Club encourages students to register to vote in San Luis Obispo County, one of the issues that will be the primary focus of the upcoming meeting. Cal Poly Democratic President Erica Janoff agrees that new students should register in this county.

"For the next four years, it's their home, and the politics of this area directly affect them," Janoff said.

To gear up for the 2008 election, the San Luis Obispo Democratic Club will be meeting at 6 p.m. on Jan. 21, the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday to discuss their two-part agenda for the evening. The meeting will discuss the upcoming primary election on Feb. 5. The meeting will be held at Golden Gong Restaurant at 250 Madonna Road, where a family-style Chinese dinner will be available for $15. This includes a $2 club donation. Those interested in the conversation alone can show up at 7 p.m. to skip the dinner and attend the meeting.

"The most important goal of the club is to help and re-registering for the, former club president John Ashbaugh said. Ashbaugh said this election is unlike recent prior elections.

"It's probably the first time since 1928 that the situation is wide open," he said.

Comparing the 1928-1929 elections, Ashbaugh referred to the fact there are no incumbents, presidential or vice-presidential, who are running this year.

"Nudity, alcohol, beads and all that was a part of past Mardi Gras was the topic of discussion at the Student Community Liasion Committee Thursday afternoon at the San Luis Obispo City Hall. Vice President for Student Affairs Cornel Morton said the community and the students have made headway from 2004 by "creating distance" from those events.

"Students collectively know how best to spend their time," Morton said. "We want to send the message to first-years or display signs on the freeway or in their yards. These activities ultimately get the word out about a favored candidate or cause."

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The upcoming election will be an exciting race because there are no predictable outcomes, he said.

With all the issues surrounding war, the recession, and education, students at Cal Poly should take great interest in this particular election, Ashbaugh said. He hopes students "realize the high stakes and how much they will be affected (after the election)."

Brigette Bontigo, a nutrition senior and registered Democrat, believes a lot needs to change concerning foreign affairs in today's society. This election is really important, she said, because "for the first time, there is a black man and a woman vying for the presidency."

Janoff agreed with Ashbaugh and Bontigo's opinions about the importance of this particular election. "I think people have been a little fed up with politics lately, but that can change when people vote and voice their opinions," she said.

The key question of the night will be "What can all of us do, as a club and as individual Democrats, to help build the coalition needed to win in both June and November?"

Ashbaugh encourages all club members and participants to not only speak their minds and bring suggestions to help shape the club's activities for the rest of the campaign year, but to start a letter-writing campaign, bring bumper stickers or display signs on the freeway or in their yards. These activities ultimately get the word out about a favored candidate or cause.

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Suspects arrested for attempted robbery  

Aaron Gaudette  
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Two suspects were arrested by the San Luis Obispo Police Department for the alleged attempted robbery of a San Luis Obispo resident in the early morning hours of Jan. 12. Aaron Tedesco and Michael Robertson, both 18 and of Prunedale, Calif., were arrested by a SLOPD officer around 4:30 a.m. after allegedly assaulting a San Luis Obispo resident and demanding money.

A third suspect, described by the victim as African-American, was able to run away and was never located by the officer. Police said the three suspects approached the victim at the intersection of Serrano Drive and Palomar Avenue, off Foothill Boulevard.

The suspects allegedly asked the victim for a cigarette, then began punching and kicking him and demanding money. The victim, 25-year-old Duane Menton, did not give them any money and the suspects eventually ran away, police said.

The officer responding to the call spotted the three suspects who matched the descriptions given by Menton and was able to apprehend two of them, while the third fled the scene.

Menton's injuries included bruised ribs, a laceration to his face and a lip laceration. Both Robertson and Tedesco were charged with strong-arm robbery and Robertson was additionally charged with possession of marijuana. They have both since been released from police custody.

It is believed that Robertson and Tedesco had come to San Luis Obispo only for the night and have no affiliation with either Cal Poly or Cuesta College.

Anyone with additional information about this incident is encouraged to contact the SLOPD.
The Food and Drug Administration ruled that labek won't have to reveal whether the food comes from cloned cows, pigs or goats, or the clones' offspring, because those ingredients are not different than meat or milk from livestock bred the old-fashioned way.

"We can't know anything in the food that could potentially be hazardous. The food in every respect is indistinguishable from food from any other animal," FDA food safety chief Dr. Stephen Sundlof said. "It is beyond our imagina
tion to even find a theory that would cause the food to be unsafe."

Still, the government asked pro
ducers to conduct a voluntary mora
torium on sales of meat or milk from cloned animals for a little while, for marketing reasons. The Agriculture Department said it needed a transition period to get the safety findings to foreign trade partners and keep costs down.

"This is about market acceptance," USDA Undersecretary Bruce Knight said, adding that he expected this to run to last months. The two main U.S. cloning companies, Inc. and Trans Ova Geneti
xes, already have produced more than 600 cloned animals for U.S. breeders, including large numbers of prized-winning cows and rodeo bulls. They agreed to fast-track a request for a federal morato
tium Tuesday, but stressed that it ap
plied only to cloning, not to cloning and producing offspring, which can begin selling im
dediately.

The FDA spent six years tracking the safety of cloning, and its decision was long expected, but it came af
ter an emotional fight by opponents. Congress passed legislation last month urging further study of the issue, a call echoed by consumer advocates who also asked that foods from cloned ani
mals be labeled as such.

Their objections aren't just about food safety but also include animal wel
fare issues since many animals at livestock

The public should understand that cloning is just another form of breed
ing, like the artificial insemination that ranchers widely use, Trans Ova Presi
dent David Faber said. "Our farmer and rancher clients are pleased because it provided them with another reproductive tool," he said pledging to "be a good steward of the technology."

But the science underlying this technology isn't per
fected. Aside from birth defects, Dolly was euthanized in 2003, well short of her normal lifespan, because of a lung disease that raised questions about how cloned animals will age.

The FDA report acknowledges that, "Currently, it is not possible to draw any conclusions regarding the longevity of livestock clones or pos
sible long-term health consequences" for the animal.

Meanwhile, the agency concluded that cloned animals that are born healthy are no different than their non-cloned counterparts during their prime food
producing years, and go on to repro
duce normally as well. Moreover, it is now working with a group of international scientists that will issue guidelines later this year on how to clone, to minimize risk to the animals.
Bin Laden's son wants to be peace ambassador between West, Muslims

Paul Schemm

Omar Osama bin Laden bears a striking resemblance to his notorious father — except for the dreadlocks that dangle halfway down his back. Then there's the black leather biker jacket.

The 26-year-old does not renounce his father, al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, but in an interview with The Associated Press, he said there is a better way to defend Islam than militancy. Omar wants to be an "ambassador for peace" between Muslims and the West.

Omar — one of bin Laden's 19 children — raised a tabloid storm last year when he married a 52-year-old British woman, Jane Felix-Browne, who took the name Zaina Alshab. Now the couple says they want to be advocates, planning a 3,000-mile horse race across North Africa to draw attention to the cause of peace.

"It's about changing the idea of the Western mind. A lot of people think Arabs — especially the bin Ladens, especially the sons of Osama — are all terrorists. This is not the truth," Omar told the AP last week at a cafe in a Cairo shopping mall.

Of course, many may have a hard time getting their mind around the idea of "Bin Laden peace.

"Omar thinks he can be a negotiator," said Alshab, who is trying to bring her husband to Britain. "He's one of the only people who can do this in the world."

Omar lived with the al-Qaida leader in Sudan, then moved with him to Afghanistan in 1996. There, Omar says he trained at an al-Qaida camp but in 2000 he decided there must be another way and he left his father, returning to his homeland of Saudi Arabia.

"I don't want to be in that situation to just fight. I like to find another way and this other way may be like we do now; talking," he said in English.

He suggested his father did not oppose his leaving — and Alshab interpreted that Omar was courageous in breaking away, but neither elaborated.

Although there is no way to confirm the details he describes of his childhood and upbringing, the strong family resemblance and Omar's knowledge of Osama's family life have convinced many that he is bin Laden's son.

U.S. and Egyptian intelligence officials have not commented on his identity, but Omar and his wife insist they have not been bothered by Egyptian officials.

Omar said he hasn't seen or been in contact with his father since leaving Afghanistan.

"He doesn't have e-mail," Omar said. "He doesn't take a telephone ... if he had something like this, they will find him through satellites."

Omar doesn't criticise his father and says Osama bin Laden is just trying to defend the Islamic world.

"My father thinks he will be good for defending the Arab people and stop anyone from hurting the Arab or Muslim people any place in the world," he said, noting that the West didn't have a problem with his father when he was fighting the Russians in Afghanistan in the 1980s.

Omar is convinced a truce between the West and al-Qaida is possible.

"My father is asking for a truce but I don't think there is any government (that) respects him. At the same time, they do not respect him, why everywhere in the world, they want to fight him? There is a contradiction," he said.

Osama bin Laden, believed to be hiding in the Pakistani-Afghan border region, offered a truce to Europe in a 2004 audiotape and a conditional truce to the United States in a 2006 message. In November, he called on European nations to pull out of Afghanistan in a message sent by some experts as an effort to reach out to Europe.

But in a series of messages since last fall, he also has been calling for Muslims to rally around jihad, or "holy war," encouraging fighters in Iraq in particular to continue their battles with U.S. and Iraqi forces.

At least two of Osama bin Laden's sons, Hamza and Saad, are believed to have an active role in al-Qaida — with Hamza believed to be in the Pakistan-Afghan border zone and Saad thought to be in Iran, perhaps in Iranian custody.

But most of the al-Qaida leader's children, like Omar, live in legitimate businesses. The family as a whole disowned Osama in 1994 when Saudi Arabia stripped him of his citizenship because of his militant activities.

The family is wealthy. Osama bin Laden's billionaire father Mohammed, who died in 1967, had more than 80 children and founded the Binladen Group, a construction conglomerate that gets many major building contracts in the kingdom.

Since leaving his father's side, Omar has lived in Saudi Arabia, where he runs a contracting company connected with the Binladen Group, but he spends much of his time in Egypt. It was during a desert horseback ride at the Pyramids of Giza that he met his wife.

Their marriage in April made them tabloid fodder, particularly in Britain, where headlines touted the "young specialist named Osama bin Laden's son," Alshab, who has married five times, has five grandchildren.

The couple has applied for a visa to Britain and they are planning their endurance home race across North Africa, which they hope to start in March.
**Gaza militants and Israeli forces trade fire, jeopardizing peace talks**

Israel pounded Gaza Thursday with air and ground fire as Palestinian rockets slammed into southern Israel, endangering recently restarted peace negotiations.

The Israeli attacks killed a militant leader and one of his female relatives along with three others in Gaza.

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert vowed to strike Palestinian militants "without compromise, without concessions and without mercy." His forces carried out stepped-up attacks, but Olmert gave no hint that a large-scale offensive was near.

The widening violence has clouded efforts to form a moderate Palestinian cabinet and end months of stalemate.

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said his forces would continue to attack Hamas targets until the rocket fire stops, even if that means intensifying the operation.

Israel's vaunted military has been baffled by the low-tech, homemade rockets being fired from Gaza. It is working on an elaborate system to stop all the rockets, but without knowing the extent of Hamas' stockpiles.
The Bucket List (PG-13)
- Jack Nicholson, Morgan Freeman, Sean Hayes, Beverly Todd, Rob Morrow, Ali fano Freeman, Rosina King, directed by Rob Reiner.

Cassandra's Dream (R)

Charlie Wilson's War (R)
- Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts, Phillip Seymour Hoffman, Amy Adams, Ned Beatty, directed by Mike Nichols.

Cloverfield (PG-13)
- Michael Stahl-David, Mike Vogel, Odette Yustman, Lizzy Caplan, Jessica Lucas, T.J. Miller, directed by Matt Reeves.

First Sunday (PG)
- Ice Cube, Tracy Morgan, Kott Williams, Chi McBride, Malinda Williams, Regina Hall, directed by David E. Talbert.

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The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything (G)
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The Art Center's newest exhibit will have an opening from 6 to 9 pm. Saturday. "Caution: Art Zone" is a combination of pieces from artists belonging to the Art Center's Central Coast Watercolor Society, Central Coast Printmakers and Central Coast Craftsmakers groups. Former curator Amy Grimm selected the 111 works that will be on display by 44 contributing artists. Her replacement, Gordon Fuglie, will be responsible for designing and mounting the pieces.

"Caution: Art Zone" is my first project as the Art Center's new curator," Fuglie said. "Since my predecessor picked the pieces, I get to design how the exhibit will be set up. The show is such a versatile array of work by our members. It will be interesting to put it together and design it this week.

A wide assortment of mediums — from wood vases to watercolor paintings to impressionism on canvas — will be shown. Some wall hangings are even laminated, and all pieces show the broad range of interests that local artists have. There isn't, however, a theme to the show; it is more of a collective view of what members have produced. The exhibit will run through March 16.

Fuglie will oversee shows that will debut next year. Though he will have a say in the design of this exhibit, he has enlisted the help of preparator Patrick Tegaj, who has worked for a number of museums installing pieces for exhibitions.

"Patrick is a real ace when it comes to form, and he will help me make sense of this group show," Fuglie said.

The Art Center has exhibitions of its members' work several times throughout the year; pieces are selected by a juror.

"The participants' criteria is that they have to be a member of one of the three groups and can submit up to three works of art they would like to show; however, only one to two pieces are usually picked," executive director Karen Kile explained.

"The curators often have the hardest job when it comes to exhibitions because they have to use good judgment, and it's a balancing act of design," Kile said.

Admission to the exhibit is free, and complimentary wine will be served at the opening.
Psychohilly punk rock band Tiger Army (right, center) converted any non-fans at their concert Wednesday at Downtown Brewing Co. Revolution Mother (left) and The Dear & Departed supported.

Patrick Barbieri

It looked like the opening night of a "Harry Potter" film, with hundreds of fans lined up around the block, eagerly waiting to escape the chilly night air. The cause: Tiger Army headlined a show at Downtown Brewing Co.

Tickets had sold out early Wednesday afternoon. Those with tickets were considered lucky; the unfortunate fans without tickets had no alternative but to negotiate with scalpers outside.

After a long period of setting up and adjusting audio equipment, the opening band, Orange County's Revolution Mother, warmed up the crowd with their blend of dark, poppy emo-punk. They were met with a positive reception during their brief set, but it didn't compare with the obvious delight of the crowd.

Next up was Revolution Mother, aptly named as most of the band looked like they were straight out of the '60-Vietnam era. Having a much more rugged, dirty and heavy sound than the previous band, Revolution Mother injected a healthy dose of energy into the crowd, which by this time had doubled in size. The self-proclaimed "older than most of you" vocalist was about as rough and punk as come. Off to one side, a small pit began to pick up steam. All in all, it was a surprisingly raw set from a relatively unknown band.

Finally, Tiger Army was up. By this time the room was packed like a sardine can with people spilling from wall to wall. The great thing about a Tiger Army show is the crowd it attracts. Looking across the tops of heads, one could see representatives of almost all genres of punk rock: rockabilly poodles, long-haired metal heads and just plain, average-looking kids. Everyone was there for the same reason - the love of both Tiger Army and punk rock.

This show marked the return of original Tiger Army stand-up bassist, Geoff Kresge, who recorded several albums with the band before departing in 2004 to pursue side projects. Fans offered a warm welcome when the members took the stage, and the band immediately started their mantra "Tiger Army Never Dies!"

At this point, the center of the room literally erupted into a circle pit, with arms and legs flailing in every possible direction. The chemistry between Kresge and singer/guitarist Nick 13 was obvious, and this only fueled the crowd. The pit soon spread from its vortex until, by the fourth or fifth song, it took up nearly the entire room. The crowd took

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Beyond organic

I just returned from visiting my family in Sicily over the holidays. One of the highlights was a trip to a family farm to purchase some fresh ricotta cheese. We arrived early, said hello to sheep in the fields, and watched as friends made the ricotta in front of us. As we waited, several neighbors showed up to purchase their ricotta.

The small farm was successful because Italians love food — catch them if you can. On the whole, the Italian culture appreciates and buys fresh, local produce and other food products from their local farmers and families. Besides the ricotta-making family, there was also a baker who made his rounds through the neighborhoods and sold fresh bread door to door to regular customers.

The lesson that needs to be imported from areas with thriving local food systems is not necessarily to start selling bread out of a trunk door to door, but rather to have a personal connection with our food sources. Farmers have an incentive to take good care of their land in order to produce optimum-tasting produce because their Italian customers aren't going to be satisfied with varieties that Americans eat with tasteless, thick-skinned, waxy, nutrient-deficient ones that transport, not for taste. They're living it up out there in the Mediterranean with plump, juicy, succulent tomatoes as well as weekly CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) programs. The Cal Poly Organic Farm is a CSA program as well. But we need to keep pushing forward. We can support our local farms even more by insisting that their products are sold in our grocery stores, restaurants and Campus Dining venues.

In order to demand better quality foods, we need to seek out not only organic, but also local and sustainably-farmed and guafood foods.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The real truth behind the "hateful" article

Are you kidding me, people? Seriously! All of these letters showing "disgust" to this Koman guy? An alumna even wrote in? I'm no expert, but that's what I hear. People! Everyone has their panties in a bunch over this "hatin' on white folks" article? REALLY? Where the hell were all of you people when you were "hatin' on multiculturalism like a month ago? You people get ONE article hating on your culture (or lack thereof), and you cry HELLO! Try being part of an underrepresented group every day!

Welcome to our world! Now you know how we must feel every day as people generalize us for who we are on the outside. Sucks doesn't it? I always knew that I would have a hard time as a minority. I just never knew this was how it would come out. I'm going to generalize just like that article. Every minority group found that article hilarious because articles like that are nothing new to us. The difference is that person is writing that article in the same ethnic background as the group he generalizes (white guy generalizing white people). Unfortunately, our "hateful" articles are all written by individuals of a different ethnic group generalizing (i.e. white male generalizing ANY underrepresented groups)! Yeah.

Adrian Herrera
Aviation engineering senior

I hope you are proud of yourselves.

I really hope that you take the proper steps in taking care of this. "Why I hate Mexican people" is racist beyond all measure. Yes, freedom of speech should be practiced here at Poly, but this is a little overboard.

Simply put, I just found this article boring. I had heard things about it, but this is just the same attention-grabbing headline that doesn't actually provoke intended thought. Not helpful, not funny, just boring.

Jimmy is a humor columnist. People need to calm down and understand his humor. If you have read his past articles you would realize this is all a joke, a satire of our society. I do have one complaint, Brock is a horrible name, how about Chad or nick... Brad

Response to "Why I hate white people"

Pretty pathetic article. I think a few people hit the nail on the head when they said that whether or not the humor was in exceptionally bad taste, it was not funny, and completely insensitive, especially as a student of color.

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Forestry and natural resources senior

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Girls & Sports by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

AN ALIEN COMES TO TOWN TO STUDY FEMALE EARTHLINGs?
WHAT KIND OF CAR DO YOU DRIVE?
DO YOU HAVE A JOB?
WE DON’T WORK WHERE I COME FROM.
WHEN HAS THE LAST TIME YOU SAW YOUR FAMILY?
MY FAMILY, I HAVEN’T SEEN THEM IN YEARS.
NO CAR, NO JOB, AND NOT CLOSE WITH YOUR FAMILY, I DON’T TALK TO LOSERS!

Last Ditch Effort by John Kroes

JUST A REGULAR MARRIAGE, AND YOU THINK I CAME OVER TO HURT YOU?
WE'RE JUST, YOUR LITTLE SISTERS ON THE OUTSIDE,WELL, THAT'S IT.
DON'T CARE IF YOU COME, AND I THINK THAT'S IT.
WE'LL JUST TAKE A VACATION ONCE IN A WHILE.

THE NEW YORK TIMES Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz  No. 1207

Across
1  Collector’s offering
2  Affecting the heart
3  Montana county
4  Vowel for a cause of a problem
5  Item in a 1-letter word
6  Practice
7  Noted English portraitist
8  Beach shop
9  Playwright
10  First-year man
11  “M*A*S*H” character
12  Car seat named for a conductor
14  “Two-character” item
15  Item in a 1-letter word
16  Purpose
17  Cause of overreactions
18  Matching accessory for a slicker
19  Radar’s radio
20  Confectioner’s offering
21  “Oh! Susanna”
22  Item in a 1-letter word
23  Podiatric specialist
24  Urges
25  Big tier?
26  Palais Gamier
27  Time off
28  Contestant
30  Board opening?
31  Intellectuals’ exchange
32  Site site
33  1992 New Hampshire primary winner
34  “I hate it when that happens!”
35  Hump day
36  Funny fellow
37  Speaks with a pleasing rhythm
38  Dog breed
39  Wrongs
40  Ocelot, for one
41  Come around
42  Palais Garnier offerings
43  Reese’s “Legally Blonde”
44  Synagogue
45  Poster, for one
46  He said “How do you do?"
47  Celebrity who testified at the 2005 Michael Jackson trial
48  Some famous offerings
49  Four-legged mammal
50  Underground nests
51  Required reading for 007
52  Offering just the right amount of resistance
53  Wire, at times
54  Sign Satchel Paige
55  They hold at a race
56  “What’s My Line?” name
57  “M*A*S*H” character
58  Brand’s “On the Waterfront” co-star
59  First-year man
60  Money replaced by euros
61  Accessory for a nonnative
62  Gift souvenirs
63  “Tonight’s the Night”
64  1976 Hall & Oates hit
65  Some famous last words
66  Four-legged Hammel character
67  1995 Tony-award winning musical
68  “The Last of the Mohicans”
69  “I am a number.”
70  Confectioner’s offering

Down
1  Rider’s radio contact on “KX’S”
2  “Longtime ‘What’s My Line?’ name”
3  Brand’s “On the Waterfront” co-star
4  First-year man
5  Money replaced by euros
6  Practice
7  Noted English portraitist
8  Beach shop
9  Playwright
10  First-year man
11  TV host who told some to viewers “Look that up in your Funk & Wagnalls!”
12  Lying low
13  Santa Monica county seat named for a narrative creature
14  Moist tissues
15  “Two-character” item
16  1967 film and arcade game
17  “The Last of the Mohicans”
18  “Two-character” item
19  Montana county
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Chargers

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rush defense, perhaps the perfect keypunch to a run-oriented offense of the Chargers. It's not like we're celebrating five Super Bowl wins because that's what we're celebrating a 14-year thought of a win in the playoffs, something that everyone expects for — apparently — Middkekaff believes is worthy of celebration.

Our defenders "light-out" every time they get a sack (let me emphasize: sack) because they're young and they play with energy.

And it's not like our defense is the only one that has players who celebrate like this. Ray Lewis pounds his chest incessantly, Roosevelt Colvin gives a kick whenever he gets a sack, the Buccaneers defense does the toss, and on and so forth.

The bottom line is the NFL is a league that prides itself on the uniqueness of its celebrations (see: "Ocho Cinco") — apparently Middkekaff has never seen one of the NFL's commercials on NFL Network.

Admittedly, Philip Rivers does run his mouth, but at least he's a quarterback whose team isn't out to "kill" the opposing team every week, as another certain prominent quarterback said on behalf of his team that arguably has no class, and is the base of every NFL fan's existence except for the fans of that particular team — one that I shouldn't need to mention.

But, as Middkekaff called them, his two "bigger, older brothers," La' Dain Tomlinson and Antonio Gates — quite possibly the two classiest guys in the entire NFL — were noticeably absent in the Bolts' win over the Colts last week.

And what happened? Rivers did his job, manned up and threw for three touchdowns and more than 279 yards before he went down in the third quarter.

The bottom line is that when SEVs rushing attack is either ineffective or completely absent, Rivers has stepped up and made the plays he's needed to make. In short, he's been able to back up his rhetoric with reality.

Before I finish, I'd just like to relish the fact that the Chargers went into a very hostile environment, maybe the toughest place to win in the NFL, and managed to shut down the reigning Super Bowl champions.

They did it with a combination of light-out defensive pressure on the quarterback, shut-down coverage by the corners and overall offensive management by both the backup running backs (and eventually backup quarterback) and the head coach.

Everyone in the world gave that game to the Colts, just as everyone in the world is giving this week's game to the Patriots, which, I will concede, is going to take a combination of a whole lot of things for San Diego to win. The bottom line is that my Chargers are in the AFC Championship, and that in and of itself is a reason to be proud.

Lastly, as far as the Marty Schoen­thenmuir and Norv Turner comparisons go, I will say only this: Stop being bitter that we stole your offensive coordinator.

Stay calm, San Diego!

Aaron Gaudette is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily reporter.

Basketball

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Suderman, though, could present problems for the Mustangs up front because of her 6-foot-4 frame.

"I don't think her size is necessarily going to be an issue," Harrison said. "We're just going to have to focus on boxing out every single time, trying to get (the) front in the post."

Harrison, who said the Mustangs need to "limit (Suderman's) touch," did admit that UCSC's height advantage will force them to be resourceful.

"They're a lot bigger than us at a lot of positions," she said, "so we're going to basically have to out-scrap them."

The Cal Poly women trail the all-time series 10-43.

But the Mustangs, coming off of several close wins, Harrison said, have a newfound and ever-increasing confidence in their ability to hold on to leads.

"We're developing our poise in our team," she added. "Everyone's talking about the game."

The women tip off at 4 p.m.

Cal Poly men try to duplicate last year's conference surge

Although a rivalry indeed, on the men's side as well, it has been one that has swayed heavily in the Gauchos' favor.

Since 1959, UCSB has won 35 of 47 contests and leads the all-time series 51-30.

Although the underdog, the Mustangs swept UCSC last season and have won four of the past five meetings.

Junior guard Trac Clark fared well against the Gauchos last year as he recorded a career-high nine assists and dropped 18 points in Mont Gym en route to an 86-79 victory. In the Mustang's second win at UCSC since 1959, he tallied a season-high 19 points.

"This game is really important to us," Clark said. "Besides the fact that it's the battle of the Central Coast, it's a very important game for us mentally, and the key to the rest of the season we are working for."

Kevin Bromley, Cal Poly's head coach, shares Clark's sentiment of the elevated magnitude of the game.

"I think it's great," Bromley said of the team's spark. "You can go 2-5 but if you beat Santa Barbara twice, at the end of the year you're still feeling pretty good."

— Kevin Bromley

Cal Poly men's basketball head coach

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Calendar of events

Friday, January 18, 2008

Cal Poly's Chaz Thomas (10) looks for an open man while bringing the ball up the floor in the Mustangs' 83-69 win over Utah State at Mont Gym on Nov. 15, 2007.

MUSTANG DAILY

CORRECTIONS

The Mustang Daily staff takes pride in publishing a daily newspaper for the Cal Poly campus and the neighboring community. We appreciate your feedback and are thankful to all our commendable and thankful readers. Please send your correction suggestions to mustangedaily@gmail.com.

*In Thursday, Jan. 17th's sports section, an article reported that Cal Poly students vandalized the UC Santa Barbara campus. While the Mustang Daily was not privy to the topography of the vandalism, it is uncertain whether the anonymous perpetrators were indeed students. We apologize for the mistake.

For an inside look at the women's basketball game, check out Cal Poly senior center Nicole Yarwasky's player perspective blog online at mustangedaily.net

Mustangs continue their quest for a Big West title

Cal Poly's offense played well against the Gauchos in the 83-69 win over UCSC as the Mustangs improved to 8-3 in conference play.

Vandalism of the UCSC campus late Tuesday night, January 7th, was the latest sport-related vandalism taking place at the campus in the 10 years he's worked there.

— Mustang Daily staff contributed to this report
**Tennis**

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No. 5 slot as the team’s only freshman, after being hailed from New Zealand as one of the country’s top junior players there. “As a whole, we did pretty well in our fall season, and I think we’re definitely a stronger team than last year,” Gerst said.

Nick Berger, a junior from Redondo Beach, played well for the past two years at Cal Poly, and also looks to be another promising returnee from Sweden. “Our goals are to make it in the top 15 nationally, and to claim the Big West this year,” Fox said. “The spring season is very different from the fall, where we only play individual tournaments.”

**Patriots**

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its flop at home to New York. The Patriots played the Giants in a meaningless finale in which the Patriots had everything to gain and the Giants had nothing to gain or lose.

How about the dominating win over San Diego in week two of the regular season? That Chargers team was in the midst of a coaching transition to Norv Turner, and started the season 5-0 before reeling off seven straight wins to close out the year.

There is no denying the individual talents of the Patriots offense. Tom Brady had a statistical year that shattered most major offensive records. Randall Cobb had a statistical year that no one in the Massachusetts high school football community could have imagined.

But the Patriots have had their share of down moments in an undefeated season. “Everyone remembers the ‘Spygate’ incident in which New England videotaped signals from the New York Jets’ sideline. Why the Patriots decided they needed to use such tactics against an absolutely horrific Jets team is anyone’s guess.”

New England head coach Bill Belichick, ironically known as the master of the halftime adjustment, was fined $500,000 and the Patriots lost their first-round draft pick due to the scandal.

And he’s not the only member of the Patriots this season to be fined for less-than-savory conduct.

Defensive tackle Vince Wilfork has quietly raked up more than $50,000 in fines stemming from three separate incidents during the year, the latest of which took place at the Meadowlands on Dec. 29 when he seemed to try to poke Giants running back Brandon Jacobs in the eye.

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**WOMEN’S INFORMATION REPORT**

**SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT**

The Cal Poly women’s track and field squad will see its first action over the holiday weekend, traveling to Fresno for the Run for the Dream indoor meet on Monday The Mustangs will send 23 athletes to the event, headlined by senior Sharon Day, who will compete for Team USA in the Visa Championship Series “USA vs. The World” later in the evening.

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Women’s tennis takes on No. 18 Pepperdine and No. 3 UCLA

The Cal Poly women’s tennis team will travel to No. 18 Pepperdine, Jan. 20 and No. 3 UCLA on Jan. 23 for their first road trip of the dual-match season. The Mustangs are looking to get underway at 1 p.m. at Pepperdine and at 1:30 p.m. at UCLA.

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Along with Gerst, Robert Zack, a junior from Ontario, was added to the team this year, along with a promising lineup of accomplished freshmen, including Drew Jacobs from Moorpark, Nikita Shepein from Walnut Creek, Blake Windman from San Clemente and Alexander Sonesson from Sweden. A strong class from Sweden is in an outstanding Joel Ahlberg, who boasts a record as a Swedish Junior champion in doubles.

“I’ve got a young and talented team — the future is very bright,” McGrath said. “We’re looking to go out there and make some waves in college tennis this year.”

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The UCLA Bruins boast an impressive No. 3 team ranking behind Georgia Tech and Stanford. UCLA has four Bruins listed in the top 50 of the ITA rankings: No. 25 Rita Zalameda, No. 27 Andrea Rynne, No. 29 Yasmine Schnack, and No. 41 Tracy Lin. The duo’s combination of Zalameda and Schnack are No. 16. The Bruins started their spring season this past weekend with a tournament at the Las Vegas Classic.

Cal Poly 2-0 enters the matches undefeated after taking on Santa Clara University and UC Santa Cruz on Jan. 13, finishing the day 14-0.
**SPORTS**

**MUSTANG DAILY**

**men's and women's basketball**

**Archrival revival**

**Mustangs host UC Santa Barbara in doubleheader for conference momentum and bragging rights**

Rachel Gellman  
MUSTANG DAILY

"We want our rivalry back. Cal Poly won't do anything, so we did. Cal Poly spirit is slipping down the drain," read an ominous sheet of paper anonymously posted at the Mustang Daily newsroom Wednesday morning, accompanied by a CD of photographs detailing UC Santa Barbara's briefly green-and-gold, graffitigarnished campus earlier this week.

Cal Poly faithful and apathetic alike have a chance to prove the vandals wrong Saturday as both the men's and women's Mustangs have truckloads coming for the game.

Coming off their best Big West start ever, and their best conference start in 28 years, the Cal Poly women (7-10, 4-0 Big West) will try to secure the top spot in the Big West as UCSB (9-6, 4-0 Big West) is riding a four-game win streak of its own.

"Certainly this game on Saturday is going to be a pretty big deal for us and I'm sure it'll be a big deal for Santa Barbara," Cal Poly women's head coach Faith Mimnaugh said. "I'm sure they've got their truckloads coming for the game.

Mimnaugh alluded to one of the most resounding, recent examples of the on-going athletic battle between the schools by saying she hopes the doubleheader could attract the same kind of record-breaking, standing-room-only crowd the Cal Poly men's soccer team did when it beat defending national champion University of California-Berkeley 2-1 at Alex G. Spanos Stadium on Oct. 17, 2007.

That event shattered the program's attendance mark by thousands.

On the basketball court, though, the Mustangs have won two straight games at the Thunderdome but haven't defeated the Gauchos in Mustang history since 2001.

Mustangs junior forward Megan Harrison, the second-leading scorer in the Big West, has scored in double figures in 17 of 21 games dating back to the 2006-07 season and should be key to the Mustangs' chances.

Cal Poly poses another offensive threat in junior forward Lisa McBride, who currently ranks second amongst Big West players in field-goal percentage (49.2), fourth in free-throw percentage (78%) and eighth in 3-point percentage (33.3).

UCSB's leading scorer four games into the season, senior center Janna Green, redshirted because of back spasms.

In her absence, the Gauchos have just two players averaging double figures in points, in senior guard Jessica Wilson (11.5 per game) and junior forward Kat Suderman (10.1).

Wilson is the reigning Big West Conference Player of the Week, as she averaged 15 points and eight rebounds in two home wins over UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton a week ago.

**KALI BILLS MUSTANG DAILY**

Kyla Howell starts to drive toward the basket in the Mustangs' 55-54 victory against Cal State Fullerton at Mont Gym on Jan. 10.

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**doubting perfection**

**COMMENTARY**

SCOTT SILVEY ON THE PATRIOTS

The phrase “best of all-time” should not be used lightly in any situation. But that is the phrase being flung in the general direction of the New England Patriots these days.

Sporting an unblemished record in a 16-game season for the first time in league history, a feat nearly unimaginable, the Patriots have laid the groundwork to be put among the all-time elite teams in professional football.

If we dig deeper, however, we may see that the Patriots might not be as good as advertised.

New England plays in the AFC East, a division with teams that may not have reached the Arena Football League playoffs, let alone the NFL playoffs. In fact, the other three teams in the division won just 25 percent of their games, suffering through a dismal 12-36 combined record.

The Patriots played each of these teams twice during the season. The Cal Poly football team may have gone 6-0 against the AFC East. (If you thought Randy Moss had a great season, wait until you see Rameses Barden play in that division.)

So they had a weak division schedule but what about the non-conference wins over Dallas and the New York Giants? You may ask.

Dallas has already proven to be a playoff pretender after seeing Patriots, page 11

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**chargers not guilty of charges**

**COMMENTARY**

AARON GAUDETTE ON THE CHARGERS

It is very seldom that an article I've read in the Mustang Daily asks me to the point that I feel I need to write a rebuttal.

Most of the time I drag it off in another native or poor writing not justifying a response. But not this time.

After reading in Jan. 10's Mustang Daily, "Stay Champions," written by John Middledauff, I was sincerely pissed off that someone would so brazenly and at the same time so venegfully attack my favorite National Football League team, the San Diego Chargers.

And after arriving home from class and seeing that so many of my friends and fellow Chargers fans felt the same way, I felt that no other course of action would be more appropriate than to refute most (if not all) of the points made in the editorial, blow-by-blow.

Ironically, after I finished reading the column, the first thought that entered my head was, "This guy must be a 49ers fan." I'm not going to waste space attacking the 49ers here, because I hate to kick a team when it's down.

But to suggest that the Chargers "blandly spoiled" by the "mediocre-at-best" Tennessee Titans is hilarious.

Scoring 17 unanswered points in the second half is hardly spanking by a team with the league's fifth-best defense.

So with a fresh start and some new faces behind the net, Cal Poly begins in spring season this weekend facing Westmont at home at 1 p.m. Saturday before heading to Fresno State on Sunday.

"We're not the favored team, on paper this weekend," said junior Andrew Gerst from Redondo Beach, "but we're looking at upsetting (Westmont and Fresno State). We're really excited to get the season started; it feels like it's been a long time since we've gone out there as a team."

McGrath said there are yet to be any clear-cut No. 1 players, but he does know who he expects to see playing toward the season's top spot.

Darryl Young, a junior originally from South Africa, earned Big West First Team honors as a sophomore. No. 2 singles player, and looks promising again this year.

Sophomore Robert Foy played last year at the