Student apathy in light of youth vote

Jennifer Hall
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Voter apathy, especially among young voters, has been the focus of many campaigns to the polls. In the 2004 presidential election, less than half of the 18- to 29-year-old citizens in the U.S. voted, according to youngvoterstrategies.com. It's a large issue. My biggest thing in politics is voter turnout; industrial engineering junior Connor Johnston said. "In 2004, our age group had a 41 percent voter turnout. Some people think that's good, but under 50 percent is unacceptable."

Cal Poly students differ as to whether they believe apathy exists among students on campus. "It's not so much apathy but inaction," said Erica Jaroff, an industrial engineering senior and Cal Poly Democrats Club president. "I think the difference is that we're young and the habit hasn't been developed yet."

However, Christina Chiappe, a social sciences senior and Cal Poly College Republicans president, thinks students may not just like the candidates. "Some people are disgruntled by what there is to offer, she said. "It's a combo of lack of information and understanding and being unhappy with the choices."

Conversely, modern languages and literature sophomore Mollie McFarland believes students don't really care because they have more important things to do. "The truth is we're in a bubble. College is the time to do your work and party, it's just not common knowledge to really know about what's going on all over the world," she said. However, as the chapter coordinator for Students for Barack Obama, McFarland thinks students could have an immense impact if they got involved. "People don't think it affects them, but it will someday, and in 25 years it's going to suck," she said. "You have to fight for this stuff now and I feel like college is the perfect time to do it."

In fact, young voters do think this election will have an impact on the country. In a Time Magazine poll, 83 percent of voters ages 18 to 29 reported that they think the current election will have a great deal of impact. And young people are becoming more involved.

The percentage of 18- to 29-year-olds paying attention to the presidential campaign this year was 74 percent, compared to 42 percent in 2004 and 13 percent in 2000, the poll said.

In San Luis Obispo, student votes were high during the Feb 5 primary election. Polling locations that catered primarily to students reached near- ly 40 percent voter turnout, according to the county Registrar's office.

"I'm really happy about the turnout, but I have an optimistic view that if we all voted, we could really change the world," said Johnston, who was a precinct coordinator for the election. "Every voice counts. It doesn't take that much effort."

Hans Poschman, a public policy graduate student and executive director of the Republican Party in San Luis Obispo, thinks students care more than people who give them credit for.

"Students are the ones that are more able to go out and walk the campuses and share what they believe in. They're motivated and active," he said.

And it's not hard to find something to do. "Get involved in something that you enjoy and make the impact on your community," Jaroff said. "Join something you're passionate about. Small groups can really have their voices heard."

Rachel Gellman
MUSTANG DAILY

Have you ever had a professor who bleeds through his hemp shirt in the area of his heart, and wondered, "What does fair trade have to do with chemistry?" If so, you're not alone.

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— Luke Johnson, history senior

“Just that the president is intelligent.”
— Molly Tavelia, biology senior

“Getting out of Iraq. I have brothers who may have to enlist as a last resort and I definitely don’t want them over there, and I have friends there right now.”
— Erica Orvis, wine and viticulture junior

Former Poly student to advocate for students if elected in June

Coral Snyder

While the college lifestyle allows many students to pass by politics and local issues without voice or notice, the upcoming June 3 election of the Fifth District County Supervisor may have a great impact on the lives of students. Debbie Arnold, a former Cal Poly student, will be running for the position against incumbent candidate Jon Patterson. The position encompasses authority over Atascadero, Santa Margarita, Creston, Carrisina Plains and parts of San Luis Obispo, including Cal Poly and surrounding areas.

“If elected supervisor, I would welcome student input, and I would stress that the future is yours and the government will be what you make of it,” Arnold said.

Arnold is a resident of Pozo and a member of a ranching family within the county, though she was raised in the Bay Area and graduated from high school in San Jose.

Afterward, Arnold attended Cal Poly in 1973 as an animal science major, but decided to pursue an associate of arts degree in early childhood education from Cuesta College.

With her degree, she owned and operated an Atascadero preschool until she became a legislative assistant to the former County Supervisor Mike Ryan. In 2004, Arnold became an aid for Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee until she left in 2007 to run for office. She is also currently a member of the Santa Margarita Area Advisory Committee.

“Working with Supervisor Ryan, I learned a lot about county government and processes and working with constituents. Working with Blakeslee, I learned how to use the legislative process and how to work with state and federal government to benefit the people of San Luis Obispo County,” Arnold said.

She also said that Blakeslee helped her learn about problem-solving issues and consensus building.

She has many overall goals for the fifth district as a whole as well as specific goals to help students who live in San Luis Obispo.

Her overall issues include focusing on safety within the community, protecting the environment and open space, making sure that the rights of homeowners are preserved, and restoring public trust.

When it comes to students, she advocates for programs that give students a safe ride home. She also helped advocate funding to continue an established program while she worked with Blakeslee’s office.

“I believe it’s a good program to have in San Luis Obispo because we have a student population and a social aspect downtown. It is important to provide that population with services that fit their lifestyles,” Arnold said.

She said that since students make up nearly 50 percent of the population in San Luis Obispo, they should be equally represented.

Arnold also said land use is a big issue relating to students because recreational opportunities are important for the college demographic and it is necessary to ensure the beauty of the county for the future.

“As a parent, I want to give something back so it will be this nice for your generation,” Arnold said.

Aside from being a former Poly student herself, Arnold also has two children who graduated from Cal Poly in 2000 and 2002. One of her goals for the San Luis Obispo area is being able to help create compromises between local students and other residents.

Arnold emphasized that she feels it is important for students to educate themselves before voting and deciding which issues are important for the future.

“I understand how to work through the legislative processes at every level, and have made a lot of good contacts at the state and federal level,” Arnold said.

“Having kids that went through Cal Poly helps her understand why safe ride programs are important for some students and it’s good that she’s willing to advocate for this kind of safety,” nutrition senior Culeen Farias said.


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As the primary elections went into full swing Feb. 5, so did the sidewalk chalk and posters promoting the candidates.

But all of that chalk had to come from somewhere, and many of the people behind the scenes of political campaigns are students.

Molly McFarland and Conner Johnston are just a few who joined the Students for Barack Obama campaign as chapter coordinator and get-out-the-vote coordinator, respectively.

“Our direct area went (for) Obama because of our direct efforts,” industrial engineering junior Johnston said. “I feel like we made an immense impact.”

That impact didn’t come without some hard work, though. The Students for Barack Obama campaign began during the summer of 2006 on Facebook.com and has been opening chapters at universities across the nation since then, according to its Web site.

McFarland, a modern languages and literature sophomore, became involved with the Cal Poly chapter about five months ago after a man talked her at a non-binding pledge cards that they will vote for him, registering new voters, and resundra-student for Barack Obama.

“One of the biggest reasons students don’t vote is because they’re not registered,” McFarland said.

That’s why before the Cal Poly primary campaign, volunteers plastered campus with chalk, signs and banners.

Obama won in San Luis Obispo county with 48.6 percent of the votes for the democratic presidential primary, but lost in California to Hillary Clinton, who garnered 52 percent of the votes overall, according to the California Secretary of State’s Web site.

John McCain won the republican presidential primary in San Luis Obispo county with 39.8 percent, and for the state with 42 percent of the vote, on the Web site said Mitt Romney followed with 31.4 percent of the overall vote.

“SLO county came down to 500 votes (for Obama) and we got 500 people to pledge, and I’m sure more than that,” Johnston said. “Cal Poly took SLO county for Obama. I want the Cal Poly students to know that they did make a difference.”

The polling location in the University Union campus where the students are registered on campus voted 82.35 percent for Obama, according to the county Recorder’s office.

More than 50 students volunteered with the Obama campaign and coordinators like McFarland volunteered up to five hours a day during the final weeks before the primaries.

“I wish I could take the quarter off and just work for the campaign,” McFarland said. “I’m a volunteer and I’m a student. It was a struggle and I’m still trying to catch up, but it was well worth it.”

On the other side of the political spectrum, Hans Poschman, a public policy graduate student with a political science degree from Cal Poly, is the executive director for the Republican party in San Luis Obispo county.

Although the party didn’t promote a specific candidate during the primaries, Poschman was still busy keeping the office open every day, organizing volunteer activities and registering voters. He also speaks mostily to groups to tell them what’s going on with the party.

“I try to provide a presence in the community whenever necessary,” Poschman said. “It’s a lot of work. There’s constantly something to do and you have to balance that with school.”

Most professors are understanding of the time commitment for the campaign, Johnston said.

“I’ve made announcements in my classes and a couple of teachers were proud of me since I was involved in the politics,” he said. “A lot of teachers are excited because they can’t get involved themselves.”

As the presidential election in November and the local elections in June draw nearer, the students involved in campaigns will become even more involved.

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“It’s a great chance to have a say on what affects this nation,” Poschman said.

"The kind of poverty, environmental degradation and human condition that I experienced there convinced me that if you have an opportunity to engage in the public arena, you should take that opportunity," he said.

Since winning, Blakeslee has focused on protecting the environment, particularly in regards to alternative energy. He helped pass several bills focusing on environmental issues of the Central Coast, including a bill to fix the Los Osos sewer problem. He also passed a bill to study how to clean up the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

“I want a California that has the most advanced energy technology, the most green approach toward solving environmental problems,” he said.

Andrew Christie, director of the local chapter of the Sierra Club, considers Blakeslee a leader in pushing for alternative energy.

“He has pushed through many bills that are concrete, in nature but get a lot of positive press," he said.

All statistics are based on a Mustang Daily survey of 377 students.

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By discussing alternative viewpoints, Latner believes professors prepare students for the real world. "Ideology tends to fall apart when it hits the sort of messy world of reality," he said. "There is no time for radicalism (once you graduate) because you're in the rat race. Part of what the university is about is saving space for radicalism because radicalism has freed us from the tyranny of tradition, in a way."

Chris Haring, an assistant professor in the political science department, said he speaks of his personal political preference, decline to state, sparsely in class. "It could also be that that minority point of view is the best one and everybody else is thinking something stupid."

Latner acknowledged California is generally a liberal state and said, "Republicans have a sense of being the underdog in California."

Of her colleagues in the liberal arts department, Freberg said, "They don't just not want to work with you, they hate you. Every time I've put out a broadcast e-mail advertising a College Republicans event, I'll send it to the liberal arts faculty. I get hate mail."

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1903 Roosevelt comes to SLO to commend citizens for establishing Cal Poly.

1941 WWII causes 24 Japanese-American Cal Poly students to relocate to internment camps.

1962 Cold War and threats of nuclear attacks cause Army engineers to approve on-campus shelters.

1963 PROTESTS break out on campus after three women students are suspended for attending off-campus fraternity events.

1968 Reagan comes to campus to deliver an inaugural address for the new Poly president, Robert Kennedy.

1969 ANTI-WAR advocates protest Vietnam on Dexter Lawn.

Sitting in the middle of one of the most liberal states in the Union, conservative Cal Poly stands out like a sore thumb. Easily considered one of the most conservative schools in the state, the university has hardly been noted for the kind of student revolutions that led universities like Berkeley to fame. Yet even from within this relatively quiet campus, political moments for the history books have been written.

Teddy Roosevelt and a "common sense" school

Established by a state legislative act in 1903, Cal Poly opened its campus to students in 1905. Standing before the citizens of San Luis Obispo that spring, on May 8, 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt commended them for their "common sense" in establishing a polytechnical school.

"I am glad to learn that the State of California is erecting here the polytechnical institute for giving all of the scientific training in the arts of farm life. More and more our people have waked to the fact that farming is not only a practical but a scientific pursuit, and that there should be the same chance for the tiller of the soil to make his a learned profession that there is any business," the president said.

Cal Poly's first war

World War II hit Cal Poly with the same shock as it did to the rest of the United States, as the news streamed in through the radio that Pearl Harbor had been bombed. The first wartime issue of the student newspaper, on Dec. 12, 1941, proclaimed the words in bold: "U.S. FIGHTS AXIS," "WAR WITH JAPAN," "GERMANY AND ITALY" and "Hiroshima Bombed."

By the end of the week, Cal Poly was observing blackout restrictions. Yet in sharp contrast to the wars that would follow decades later, Cal Poly's student body seemed eager to take up arms for their country.

Student body president Walter Dougherty wrote in the newspaper, "We students of California Polytechnic... are training ourselves with certain specific objectives in mind. Now we are called upon to turn aside from these objectives and give to our country military defense. There can be no hesitation if we are asked to lay aside our books and papers, but rather a willing step forward to the task ahead. I know that none of us shall hesitate."

His words seemed to ring true around campus, with more than 80 students dropping out of school right after Pearl Harbor, even before the draft began.

As another effect of World War II, the 24 Japanese-American students who had been enrolled at Cal Poly during the 1941-42 school year had disappeared by the end of 1942, forced to relocate with their families to government internment camps in California or Arizona.

Then by 1945, the war that had defined a whole generation of college students ended and Cal Poly faced new challenges again. As it appointed Robert Kennedy as its new leader for the tumultuous decade, Cal Poly could be heavily showered with radioactive fallout."

Mourning John F. Kennedy

A year later, the United States was hit by tragic news. On Nov. 22, 1963, "El Mustang" published its first "second edition," reporting on the assassination of President Kennedy.

Coming out just as an hour and a half after the president's death, the student newspaper reported on the campus reaction: "For some, the first inkling of the tragedy came when they noticed the flags near the Administration building being lowered to half-mast... Business stopped completely in El Corral Bookstore as reports came over the closed circuit radio system. Students with purchases in their hand stood and waited and listened. 'I've forgotten what I came in for now,' said one student listening to the news."

"The hippie generation, student unrest and the psychedelic world"

Cal Poly saw one of its rarest occurrences, a student protest, in October of 1963 when students were disgruntled over university policy toward female students. Three women had been suspended for the rest of the quarter after they had attended off-campus fraternity events. The school proclaimed that it neither recognized nor approved of fraternities, and that the three women didn't have permission to attend the event.

In an uncommon show of emotion, the student body marched and petitioned circulated, questioning the role of the university as a "stagnate parent." Although the protests didn't bring immediate change to either campus policies or mainstream sentiments, they did begin to foreshadow the revolutionary youth attitude that would mark the country by the end of the decade.

Reagan comes to campus as Kennedy takes the reins on a restless generation

On April 3, 1968, Cal Poly held its first university presidential inauguration as it appointed Robert Kennedy as its new leader for the tumultuous decade to come.

Ronald Reagan, then governor of California, stood before the students of Cal Poly to deliver Kennedy's inaugural address and praised Cal Poly for being such a success.

Meanwhile, the student reporter who attended Kennedy's first press conference observed keenly the challenges that lay ahead for the new university president.

"Sitting in front of the typewriter for six hours preparing this story gave me time to reflect on this man in charge of such a respected institution. No other college president (on this campus) has had to face the hippie generation, student unrest and the psychedelic world," the reporter wrote.

Even heading a notoriously conservative campus, Kennedy was just as concerned about the ongoing tale of student demonstrations as the other university leaders of the time. As it turned out, his concerns were well-placed as Cal Poly proved to be no exception to the student protest phenomenon, especially as popular opposition toward the Vietnam War grew.

The Oct. 15, 1969 Vietnam Moratorium that drew millions of anti-war protesters to the streets showed History, page 9
If students truly want to be represented by a democratic government then they need to understand how government is currently dictated by plutocracy and partisanship and take it back.

— Allen Settle
Political science professor

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Political science professor Allen Settle has taught at Cal Poly since 1974, served four terms as the mayor of San Luis Obispo and is currently a member of the city council.

As he put it, the plutocratic characteristics of government are preventing politicians and thus policy, making which takes control of the government out of the hands of the people.

“If students truly want to be represented by a democratic government then they need to understand how government is currently dictated by plutocracy and partisanship and take it back,” Settle said. “I encourage as many of my students to become engineers, city planners, finance directors, lawyers, or participants in as many areas of city, state or federal government,” Settle said. The core of his courses is an attempt to influence students “to try and keep it (government) democratic.”

Originally from Boston, Mass., Settle and his family relocated to the Central Coast nearly 40 years ago. As an escape from the harsh winters of New England, the move for the Settles also carried a political significance.

“My father moved us to this area for more opportunity but specifically because it was a non-partisan area,” Settle said. “You didn’t have to deal with all the bureaucracy of large city governments out here, and to this day San Luis Obispo is still a non-partisan city government.”

He explained that San Luis Obispo’s city council members are not permitted to run for office on party lines — Democrat, Republican, etc. — and therefore voters are not swayed or influenced by those party’s political ideals, but by the individual merits of the those running for office.”

Settle said he was always interested in law and government. From an early age, he knew that he wanted to be an active participant in both fields.

“I can remember the first time I knew that I wanted to know what the law was,” Settle recalled. “I remember visiting a mobile-home park and I remember being confused because I didn’t understand how you could own a (mobile home) but not own the land that it sat on. From that point on I became very interested in land use, taxation and regulations.”

Settle immediately became involved in both education and government after graduating from UC Santa Barbara. Settle became a political science professor at Cal Poly in 1974, and a member of local government shortly thereafter.

Settle has built quite the resume from then until now, having served in several city committees such as the City Planning Commission, Environmental Review Committee and the County Area Council of Government to name a few. He was also the mayor of San Luis Obispo, having served four terms between 1994 and 2002.

Current Settle is one of five council members on the San Luis Obispo City Council.

Settle also credits himself with helping to promote and nurture downtown businesses, build an infrastructure mitigating traffic and fixing streets, and establishing the Damon-Garcia Athletic fields off of South Broad Street and Tank Farm Road, in order to provide more outlets for Cal Poly students in San Luis Obispo.

One of several perks Settle said comes from his dual profession as both a city council member and an educator is that many of the issues that he deals with in city council can be readily discussed and evaluated in his political science, law and finance classes.

“It definitely serves a beneficial purpose as being current, local and relevant to affairs of government,” Settle said.

Though Settle teaches a diverse variety of courses in law, finance, and political science, there are two universal pieces of knowledge that he imparts to all of his students: first — understand the law and second — understand money and finance. Engineers, agriculture majors, business majors, or any students interested in careers that involve management must be wary of financial affairs even before they apply for a job because more and more employers, corporate and government, are evaluating applicants by their credit scores, Settle said.

“Students really need to pay attention to their FICO (Fair Isaac & Co.) Credit score because employers look at those more than ever,” Settle said. “If you have a bad credit score or are low as 450 then you can forget about getting hired because who is going to put you in a position to manage money if you can’t manage your own?”

In business and politics, it boils down to the relationship of law, finance, and government. If you understand these things, especially if you plan on going in to positions of management or government, “You’re good to go,” Settle said.

Otherwise, as Settle said, “If you don’t know them, you’re crippled.”
testers around the world was well represented in San Luis Obispo and on the Cal Poly campus.

The Mustang Daily reported, "Even this conservatively minded campus and this relatively isolated city were witness to conspicuous observance of this event."

Indeed, local observance of the anti-war event began the night before, with a rally in Mitchell Park, where campus speakers, folk music and discussions on war issues filled the otherwise quiet area. Protestors then held a candlelight march and gathered at the Mission downtown.

"The Vietnam War protest planned for Wednesday... received a degree of support from President Robert Kennedy. The college president refused permission for a meeting on the library lawn, but offered use of the Amphitheater for the entire day," the Mustang Daily reported.

"I do indeed support the concept that the war should be brought to a speedy conclusion," Kennedy said. "I have expressed it on many occasions."

As the actual day of the Moratorium rolled around, student protestors planted 20 white crosses on Diller Lawn and drew a crowd of about 500 people as they delivered anti-war speeches.

About another 250 students marched to the Administration building and then to the Amphitheater, where Kennedy had made sure microphones had been set up for them. It was later said that Kennedy's tolerant but firm attitude toward student sentiments helped keep the peace at Cal Poly, even as an unwanted war raged abroad.

On to modern times — Sept. 11 and beyond...

2001 was easily the most polarizing year the campus had seen thus far in its history. As a traditionally conservative campus, the year's events, led by a still-popular Republican White House, would bring forth the blue-blooded patriots that hallmark'd a large population of the student body.

That fateful day in mid-September first stunned the campus into silence as news came from the East Coast of terror, and invited veterans and the Cal Poly community. As the actual day of the Moratorium, the day of the teaching-in, the day of the teaching-out, the day of the teach-in, the day of the teach-out, it was later said that Kennedy's tolerant but firm attitude toward student sentiments helped keep the peace at Cal Poly, even as an unwanted war raged abroad.

When asked about Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed education cuts, Blakeslee said, "Our challenge is to make those cuts in a way to have the least impact on the classroom. We want to ensure that quality education is available and remains affordable."

Blakeslee himself attended schools in San Luis Obispo since he was six, and graduated here in 1965 at the age of 10. He graduated from San Luis Obispo High School, then left for Wyoming to build cabins. Five years later, after a failed marriage and a child to care for, Blakeslee returned to San Luis Obispo to attend Cuesta College. And though he left for 20 years upon graduation to pursue a Ph.D and work at Exxon, he always felt a pull to return.

"I missed the Central Coast terribly. I wanted to reconnect with the community," he said.

And by running for assemblyman, he feels that he has.
Everything's coming up roses
at Cal Poly this Valentine's Day

Dustin Stone
MUSTANG DAILY

Everything's coming up roses in San Luis Obispo this Valentine's Day, when the national touring cast of "Gypsy" makes a stop at the Performing Arts Center.

A classic by any other name, "Gypsy" has been one of America's favorite musicals since it first debuted at New York's Broadway Theatre in 1959. The show features some of the biggest songs in Broadway history, including "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "You Gotta Have a Gimmick" and "Some People."

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The play is based on the memoirs of famous actress and burlesque entertainer Gypsy Rose Lee, who was known as much for her intelligence and wit as she was for her striptease act.

It follows the story of Mama Rose — the stereotypical, overbearing stage mother — in her quest to make her two daughters the brightest stars of vaudeville. She focuses the majority of her attention on her youngest, Baby June, who headlines the show while big-sister Louise (Gypsy) is stuck in the chorus.

Following some "contract disputes," Rose has no choice but to put a reluctant Louise in the spotlight. Once there, Louise flourishes and eventually transforms into the world-famous striptease artist Gypsy, Rose Lee.

"She was a stripper — but she was a high-class stripper," said Wilt, who recalls seeing the real Gypsy Rose perform on television.

Over the course of its many revivals, "Gypsy" has collected three Tony Awards and featured such big names as Angela Lansbury, Tyne Daly and the original Mama Rose, Ethel Merman. Daly won a Tony in 1990 for her portrayal of the role.

Tomorrow's performance promises to be an entertaining treat for Broadway fans of all ages. It also makes an excellent date for slackers who haven't made plans for Valentine's Day.

To sweeten the deal, any seats available one hour prior to the 8 p.m. show time will be made available to Cal Poly Students with a valid student I.D. card as $8 student rush tickets. So now it's a cheap date. No excuses.

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Parisian electronic artist O.Lamm's experiments in pop music, as encompassed especially in his album "Monolith," explore new frontiers for the tired and worn-out genre.

A musical kaleidoscope of deconstructionist thought

Quite possibly the most underrated album of the year, O.Lamm's third full-length, "Monolith," is a juggernaut equal in might to any release by the other French no-tables of 2007. Whereas Ed Banger strongmen Justice and Sebastian slams the listener into a rock-solid wall, O.Lamm tramples it over, leaving you no choice but to dig yourself out of the rubble.

O.Lamm is Oliver Lamm, a Parisian outsider in the electronic world who has, until recently, only released albums on the small French label Active Suspension. While most French electronic artists and DJ's follow in the lines of Daft Punk, O.Lamm ventures into unfamiliar territory, deconstructing pop songs with systematic precision. "Genius Box," the second track on the album, begins with a build-up that lasts well over two minutes. The anticipation is intense. But rather than getting to what would normally be the "meat" of a classical pop song, O.Lamm decides to dissect, examine and re-examine the lead-up (which is usually overlooked).

The other songs on the album follow the same methodology. The typical verse-chorus-verse structure is abandoned, and in its place are pop sensibilities being sampled and sequenced through a sort of stream-of-consciousness song-making process. The results are brief pop moments whose edges are magnified and brought into focus.

What makes these experiments in pop music successful is the beautiful production of the album. While these songs are not hipster club jams, the bass hits with just as much thump. The steady, low-end swing that pushes "Return of the Night God" is offset by another layer of high-frequency clicks and cuts, which makes the sonic palate of the song both diverse and balanced. Every discrete sound element that makes up each song is given proper recognition in the mix. While listening to tracks like "The Magnifier," it's as if each individual sound rests in its own bubble and could be picked out with one's fingers. Everything is crystal-clear and at no point, despite the complexity of the songs, is the mix muddy. Each track sparkles as every frequency is exploited with the utmost clarity. "Monolith," in its focused approach to experimentation, brings new life to the tired and worn-out pop song. While the idea of restraining a pop song to minimal parts is not new, O.Lamm's careful sonic deconstruction of those parts is unique. The real pleasure of this album comes from listening to the details. The kaleidoscope of sound and space that "Monolith" studies gives a structure to the part in order to better understand the whole.

Paul Canhoto is an architecture junior and music director for KCPR, San Luis Obispo. 91.3 FM. He's also completely full of it.
Electionability equation isn't calculus

Nicky Berman
DAILY PENNSYLVANIA (D. PEN)

Journalists, pundits and candidates are engaging in the political calculus of finding the perfect electability, offering their best arguments about why their candidate is most likely to win the presidency.

As the Democratic nomination battle rages on, those of us voting in the back of the heart are coming to the refreshing realization that our votes might actually matter. Indeed, it's likely that come April 22 (Pennsylvania's day of no returns), Obama and Clinton will still be wrestling for every vote.

In our newfound state of power as Pennsylvanians, we're all but thinking that we have a role to play in landing a candidate of our party in office. We can't help but feel tempted to jump on the electability bandwagon, heed the endless debates about who's likely to beat the opposition and rely on this make-believe measure to determine how we vote.

But there's a problem: The electability equation is not calculus, and there is no reliable way for any of us — including the pros — to identify the more electable candidate.

As Paul Herrnson, a political science professor at the University of Maryland, explained to me, experts generally rely on several indicators to predict electability: image, message, resources, free media coverage, ads by independent groups, voters' predispositions and distribution of support- ers in the states. But, he added, these measures are unquantifiable, and don't offer definite answers.

Georgetown political science professor Jim Lent- gle echoed this sentiment. "Electionability is a useful term," he said, "but any sort of measure of it is inaccurate."

Sure, we can try to crunch poll numbers that claim one thing or another about the general sentiment. But as we've learned this year more than ever, polls can't be trusted (think Clinton versus Obama in New Hampshire last month), and history agrees. In March of 2004, John Kerry was slaughtering Bush in the general election polls. But in July of 2008, former Governor Mike Du- kas was inauspiciously bushing the Elder. If you haven't heard of Dukakis, take that as an indica- tion of just how unreliable polls can be — especially those conducted months in advance.

Poll data aside, both Democratic camps pro- pose compelling arguments about why their candidate trumps in electability. "Obama's policy proposals, as well as his approach to governing, can bring all kinds of people together - the bluest of blue states, but also independents and Republi- cans," asserted Aj Schiera, College junior and co- founder of Penn Students for Obama. "He's able to be competitive in all fifty states."

Patrick Bauer, freshman and Penn for Hil- lary's membership director, argues that Clinton's diverse coalition of support — which includes Latinos, single women, white men and youth — makes her most electable. "And she's inven- tive," Bauer added. "Republicans have been throwing attacks at her for 15 years, and she's still standing today."

With all these persuasive arguments swimming around, we can't be sure which holds the most water, what will occur in the nine months before the election to alter these electability equations, or whose theory will bear fruit come November. As such, Leque admitted. "Choosing your vote on electability is a dicey operation."

So I beg you; do not vote for who you believe to be the most electable; vote for who you believe will make the best president.

Granted, we can't be sure who will be, either.

But in casting a vote, sorting out your own personal preferences seems to be a much wiser strategy than attempting to predict the voting be- havior of the entire American electorate.

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**Politics: both sides of the fence**

**Your voice, your choice, our future: A Republican 'president'**

Campus politics are the cause of an end. What you mean to do is get involved and what you end up achieving is an impact.

As students, we have the opportunity to shape the world, which doesn't end at the borders of the Cal Poly Campus. Though the scale may vary from local to international, the effect is always worth the work. There are those of you who know what I'm referring to — that amazing feeling you get when you help those in need.

As a freshman, I realized that in order to receive a genuinely thorough education, my learning would need to escape classroom walls. Over the past four years, I've been involved in clubs, organizations, campaigns and non-profits, and each individually influenced how I see the world today. But I also realized how much numbers make an influence. Not just the numbers on the bank slip, either, but more significantly, the number of supporters.

On campus, there are many ways to show how much you care for the causes you believe in, and then there are those that you don't even realize you're supporting. Take, for instance, your job, or more specifically an on-campus job.

You might contest and say, "Wait, now that's not really supporting the organization," but on the contrary, you too are a part of the agenda. Associated Students Inc. (ASI) employs over 500 students on campus, all of whom are unwittingly supporting ASI's corporate goals. ASI is a business, and the voice of the students second.

Just like our own national government, it is the employees that keep an organization going, and the few at the top that impact our future. It is the role of these leaders to enhance our employees' lives, but it is our obligation to define their direction.

And if you work for ASI, you are a supporter, but that doesn't necessarily mean you have to go along quietly. As an insider in any organization, you can leverage your support conditionally and raise the right questions.

There are many adjectives that describe our generation, and all too often apathy is included. I'd like to believe that this isn't true, that this is just a word older generations use to quell their fear of change. As if by defining us as a group, we're to mobilize and ignoring our efforts to do so, they can continue to promote the status quo.

But when I see groups like StandUp for Choice, a group that supports Barack Obama or events like Focus on the Family, I see the Nation, I know we aren't apathetic. If thousands of students can rally together all across this nation in support of what they believe in, then this is just the start.

These last eight years, the Bush administration has made little effort toward promoting the values that we all hold dear. Yet the choice is clear: Do we get involved and make our voices heard, or do we sit back and watch as the world continues to slip away from us?

Without some sort of transparency and vast amounts of secrecy have left me jaded, but still I hope. It's easy to depict the corruption and continue to sip from the silver spoon of ignorance. It's harder to fight, to stand up for our rights and realize that we can make a difference.

Howsoever small it may be, and wherever your passion might lie, take a chance and step outside your comfort zone. As a student, I often try to see our leaders for guidance, but I urge you instead to look within, at your own experiences, for the right direction.

We tend to get caught up in school and work, justifying our lack of activism due to higher priorities. Yes, it is difficult to look beyond our experience here at Cal Poly and realize where future efforts are most needed, but the two are not mutually exclusive.

Collectively, we share the same goals, and together we can achieve them. You may feel like you can't make a difference alone, but come together with thousands of other students who feel the same way, and you can't help but make an impact.

Because the truth is, everyone does better when everyone does better, and there's no denying that the world is in need of better. So join a club, volunteer at SCS, take a class on sustainability, participate in Relay for Life, or attend events like Change the Status Quo.

Make the effort to actively engage in the betterment of our future because now is the only time we have to influence its course.

Erica Janoff is an industrial engineering senior, the president of the Cal Poly Democrats and a Mustang Daily freelance blogger.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Response to 'Leave the meat out of it'

Like Glav, I have been a vegetarian for over seven years for not eating meat. I rarely bring up my vegetarianism unless I am asked about it because I try to avoid the anger and opposition it generally evokes. I also try to respect others' desire to eat meat, and I would appreciate the same respect for vegetarians.

Lauren Elliott
Business administration junior

I am curious when did the Opinion section come into being? Last week's article about the gay guy who got caught on YouTube today's someone who feels persecuted for being vegetarian. What's next week, someone who gets crab for being an engineer? You've made choices in your life, not everyone agrees with those choices, some choose to be vocal about that. Deal with it; I'd rather not be reading about someone BAAAMMMMMing every week because they're a nerd and all the jocks make fun of them or whatever. If I wanted to hear about complaining I'd start reading MySpace posts, not the Mustang.

- Andy

Response to "Leave the meat out of it"

Send us a letter with your thoughts on this editorial to mustangdailyopinions@gmail.com

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Girls & Sports by Justin Boris and Andrew Feinstein

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John Kroes

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17 Unerving pain
18 Australia's land
20 With Sub-Across, hint to this puzzle's secret
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24 Honeymon rule feature
27 Souvenir from a bad trip
29 Le Figaro article
30 Epigram
31 See 22-Across

Down
32 See 63-Down
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34 Chewy candy
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Pop Culture Shock Therapy by Doug Bratton
Hanson, shown here in Cal Poly's 66-44 win over Mendoza College on Dec. 2, played at Vermont and St. Cloud State before transferring to Cal Poly.

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Bromley and the Mustang coaching staff jumped at the chance to add him. "At St. Cloud State, he was playing and doing well," Bromley said. "But at the same time he was thinking, 'I'm a D-4 player,' so he put some feelers out."

Hanson, who had to redshirt in 2005-06, has since become "an ambassador to (the Cal Poly) basketball program," Bromley says.

In November 2007, Hanson's brother, David Hanson, a senior 6-foot-6 wing also from Maranatha, signed a national letter of intent to play at Cal Poly.

"I'm glad he made his decision to come out here," Matt Hanson said. "Academically and sports-wise, it's a great opportunity to come out here."

For now, Hanson, 23, is focused on helping the Mustangs (9-13, 4-6 Big West) prepare for the conference tournament held in Anaheim from March 12 to 15 after they play out their seven remaining regular-season games.

"I'm happy for him, for his dad, for the school," Oromley said. "At St. Cloud State, he was playing way down, but here, he's one of the starting guards."

"Coming out of high school, he was qualified for two Pac-10 schools," Oromley said. "But at the same time he was thinking, 'If a 4-6 Big West team can give me that opportunity to come out here.'"

"This is why we do this," Oromley said. "We recruit kids who are interested in making the jump to the next level."

Along with his improved court vision and scoring, Oromley said Hanson's defensive game improved this season after he received advice from coach Paul Weideman.

"At times, he has been a key player in helping us win," Oromley said. "If our guards play well, we've had no trouble making himself at home wherever he has landed."

"I've been on the East Coast and lived in the Midwest, but this is such a great place to live and a great school," Hanson said of Cal Poly. "Obviously I've been around, and I'm really glad I made the move I did."

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The biologv major plans to graduate in May. "I'm really to other great pitchers. Clemens' defense has been nothing if not vigorous. His lawyer has issued a detailed report comparing him statistically to other great pitchers, and Clemens himself met with members of the commission face-to-face prior to the hearings."

"Father Clemens is innocent, or in a Marion Jones-like state of denial, convincing himself that his record is clean. If the latter is the case, he is risking federal perjury charges. Clemens' gamble is the largest in the sporting world since Phoenix Suns general manager Steve Kerr traded for Shaquille O'Neal. Granted, that was last week, but the point stands. Either way, it will be headline news that provides fodder for sports-talk radio, as one emerges vindicated, while the other can only hope that the spotlight fades quickly."

Kary Hansbrough is a Mustang Daily sports and sports columnist.

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Matt Henson stepped to the line Thursday night knowing full well he hadn't made a free throw in a game for more than three weeks. There were only 1.4 seconds left, and if he could make one this time, his team would probably win.

As 1,676 people nervously looked on, Henson went in his mind to his favorite fishing spot, Clubhouse Lake in his home state of Minnesota. His second try fell through the net like aunker cast into water, giving the Cal Poly men's basketball team a 57-56 win over UC Irvine.

"Fundamentally, my dad's fine," Henson says. "For some reason free throws are all mental for me. I just have to get to a good mental spot, relax and visualize myself being there."

Hanson, who has shot 36.2 percent from the charity stripe during the season, arrived at his solution with the help of team psychologist Jeff Tresch.

(Tresch) said, "Matt, it's not whether you make or miss them — it's the process, what you think about." Cal Poly head coach Kevin Hanson said: "You can't be thinking, 'I've got to make these be­cause you get to the free-throw line,'" said Hanson, "or they won't go in. That's where you want to be at the end of a game."

Hanson's own deep-rooted as­suredness goes back to Maranatha High, where he was an all-state se­lection as a senior, when he posted 23.4 points and 10.1 rebounds per game.

From there, Hanson began his college career at Vermont, for which he played 22 games in 2003-04. In the first round of the NCAA Tour­nament, he went 5 for 3 from the floor on behalf of the Catamounts in nine minutes off the bench for seven points in a 70-53 loss to eventual national champion Connecticut, which boasted five future NBA players, including stars Emeka Oka­for and Ben Gordon.

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Hanson then transferred closer to home, to Division II St. Cloud State in St. Cloud, Minn., where he started 27 games in 2004-05, averag­ing 9.7 points and 5.9 rebounds per game before transferring again, the second time to Cal Poly.

"I actually never saw the school until committing out here," Hanson said. He explained he first heard about the school through Mitch Olmstead, who played at Cal Poly before transferring to Minnesota in 1997.

"He told me he knew coach Bromley well, and that's how it all came to be," Hanson says.

Pettitte tells Congress that teammate Clemens once told him of HGH usage

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WASHINGTON — Roger Clemens told Yankees teammate Andy Pettitte nearly 10 years ago that he used human growth hormone, Pettitte said in a sworn affidavit to Congress, the Associated Press learned Tuesday. Pettitte disclosed the conversation to the congressional committee holding Wednesday's hearings on drug use in baseball, a person familiar with the affidavit said.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the document had not been made public.

According to the person familiar with the affidavit, who said it was signed Fri­day night, Pettitte also said Clemens backtracked when the subject of HGH came up again in conversation in 2005, before the same House committee held the first hearing on steroids in baseball.

Pettitte said in the affidavit that he asked Clemens in 2005 what he would do if asked by the media about HGH, given his admission years earlier.

According to the account told to AP, the affidavit said Clemens responded by saying Pettitte misunderstood the previous exchange in 1999 or 2000 and that, in fact, Clemens had been talking about HGH use by his wife in the original conversation.

The existence of the affidavit was initially reported by The New York Times. Houston Astros pitchers Roger Clemens, left, and Andy Pettitte line up for opening day introductions on April 5, 2004.