I want to hold your hand

Rachel Glas

"Hey, hey, ho, ho, homophobia has got to go!"

This message was brought through campus Tuesday courtesy of the Cal Poly Pride Alliance as part of Same Sex Hand Holding Day 2008.

At 11 a.m., members of the Cal Poly Pride Alliance and allies (supporters of the cause) marched through campus holding hands with members of the same gender in an effort to promote equality.

"We want to increase our visibility and show that there are same-gender couples on campus," physics sophomore Brandon Boswell said.

The event was open to everyone, and more than 100 people attended.

"We had a lot of straight allies come and support us, which is always nice," said biology sophomore Seth Winkerwerder.

The group gathered together at Dexter Lawn. Then, the couples walked through campus, culminating in the University Union plaza where the couples marked fabric with their fingerprints to show that "a hand is a hand; it doesn't matter the gender," said liberal studies junior Amy Na-ricksy.

To ensure that their message was seen and heard, the group marched through The Avenue at lunchtime and brought megaphones.

Organizers of the event hope that seeing these messages will inspire students to be comfortable with themselves.

"We want students who are scared to come out to know that there are people here on campus that will support them," said business sophomore Megan Sullivan.

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Patrick Barbieri

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David Gerns

Los Angeles — Writers have a reputation as master procrastinators, yet they eagerly faced the blank page Wednesday as Hollywood sputtered back to life after a punishing 100-day strike.

One day after the Writers Guild of America voted to end the walkout, writers on idle TV shows were back at the studio reviewing projects with executive producers or presetting their agents to set up meetings.

Agents were pitching, producers were assessing how to resume interrupted projects, and the little guys who keep the dream-factory engines running were just glad to be back at work.

"It's back to school with all the trepidation of, 'Do you remember how to do your job? And did you forget the characters' names?'" said Eddie Gon-detki, a writer for "Two and a Half Men." "I want to forget all the strike stuff and just make people laugh."

"We, like every other writer in town, have a million calls to our agents and managers to see what's next," said Brian Sweeney, who with partner Gregg Rossen had sold a sitcom pilot to Fox before the strike began Nov. 5.

Amid the relief, however, was caution: The studios, unless they're going to start producing in the next 10 days so they can finish it before the strike expires June 30, may not be prepared to hire back writers who quit.

"They might think they need a lot of writers back, but they also know they have been taken advantage of," said Peter Golub, former head of Columbia Pictures, current chairman of the Mandalay Entertainment Group and co-host of AMC's "Shootout."

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The strike reduced prime-time TV to reruns and

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items reported stolen are laptops, iPods, purses and cell phones. Most are often taken from unlocked vehicles, though are sometimes obtained by forced entry.
Students meet in the name of change

Cassandra Carlson
MUSTANG DAILY

Slam poetry, yoga, local and organic foods, and forums with unique perspectives on different societal issues are all part of what is going on at Cal Poly this weekend.

Student Community Services is holding its sixth annual "Change the Status Quo: A Student's Role in Shaping Society" event Friday and Saturday.

One of the organizers, biology junior Jared Gaum, feels the event is necessary for many college students.

"Basically, college students are the future leaders, and we must make a stand on national and global issues that are pertinent," Gaum said.

"A lot of problems are presented along with possible solutions to make changes in an area that helps change the status quo," Gaum said.

The event starts Friday night at Philips Hall and is free to all who want to come to hear slam poetry, introductions about the event and previews of the presentations that will take place the following day.

Saturday morning begins with optional yoga at 8 a.m. in Chaminade Auditorium instructed by the Yoga Centre of San Luis Obispo. After the morning exercise, the conference starts off with a local and organic breakfast where keynote speaker Dan Matthews, senior vice president of People for Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), will speak.

Jeff Morgan, organizer of the event and liberal studies senior, said there has already been controversy in asking Matthews to speak, saying that some people are angered by his appearance at Cal Poly. However, the organizers asked Matthews to speak for a reason.

"We asked him to come to talk about his life in activism... about his trials and tribulations of being an activist," Morgan said.

After Matthews speaks Saturday, student-led workshops will begin. Gaum said that these workshops involve taking a proactive role in various subjects.

For example, the Campaign for Cool Cities workshop, presented by Richard Boel and Kara Callaway, will talk about how cities are taking action to help solve global warming. They also will educate students and the community on how to lobby local politicians to help San Luis Obispo County become aware of the problems with climate change. Participants at the hands-on workshop will be able to send materials made in the workshop to their local politicians.

Another organizer, animal science senior Zahiia Cronce-King, feels that the event is important for students to attend. Especially workshops which emphasize societal inequalities and possible solutions to change the issue's impact.

Workshop presenters include HealthCare4All for all Americans, the Environmental Council, the Multicultural Center, Pride Alliance, SAFER, Workforce Housing Coalition of SLO County, the Women's Center, Employer Poloy Coalition, Pacific Wildlife Care, LifeWater International, and many more.

"These workshops consist of topics that our generations is facing issues that greatly impact the student body and our community," Cronce-King said.

"Some of the workshops talk topics such as religion and homosexuality, political dissent in Myanmar and health care around the world.

"Change the status quo committee members, which also include social science junior Joez Harol and microbiology senior Jacqueline Chun, have been planning the event since the beginning of fall quarter and had to turn away workshop presenters because there was so much interest.

"More than 100 Cal Poly students have already signed up for workshops," Morgan said. For example, in the past year they had a record number of 220 students participate, but this year they are expecting even more.

Register in the Student Life & Leadership office, UC 217; it is $10 for students and $15 for non-students. There are 217 of the workshops available while supplies last.
Jewish fraternity hosts regional conclave, U.S. congresswoman

Donovan Aird

Three years ago Cal Poly's Sigma Omega chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi was chartered as a fledgling fraternity meant to strengthen the bond between Jewish men on campus, and to provide them opportunities and resources for career, personal and spiritual growth. Today, the chapter stands on the verge of serving as the hub of exploring such development not just at Cal Poly but for all of the western U.S. and Canada.

The Cal Poly AEPi chapter will do just that on campus Friday through Sunday while hosting the AEPi Western Regional Conclave, a three-day educational conference welcoming more than 500 fraternity brothers from 24 chapters hailing from elsewhere in the U.S., western Canada and U.S. territories.

Speakers at the opening session and banquet will include U.S. Congresswoman Shelley Berkley of Nevada, Rabbi Shalom Danbio and Elan Carr, a Middle East expert and linguist, prosecutor and U.S. military officer.

"The purpose of the entire conference is to develop future leaders," said aerospace engineering sophomore Simon Jacob, Conclave Chairman and Lt. Master of the chapter. "It's about developing students as leaders for the campus and community.

In past years, the event has been hosted at UC Santa Barbara, UCLA, Arizona State and San Francisco State. "We're extremely proud to bring it to San Luis Obispo and expose everyone to what our school and our chapter are about," chapter master and biology senior Alain Broulard said. "Not a lot of these guys may know a lot about Cal Poly, so to host this huge event and have them come here is really exciting."

According to Jacob, Berkley and the others will be part of a career panel addressing entrepreneurship and occupations in law, business and medicine, among other fields.

In addition to the speakers, AEPi will present workshops on developing brotherhood, leadership and philanthropic ideals, as well as activities including a discussion of risk management and an athletic tournament.

The original Cal Poly AEPi chapter was established in 1972 before it went through a hiatus during the 1980s. Jacob said, its more modern inception began in 2003 through an interest group and was officially chartered in 2005.

Since then, Jacob explained, the chapter's membership quickly increased to 65. "We believe we're doing huge things, developing the Jewish community on campus and in San Luis Obispo," he said. "We're making huge strides."

Not just building a presence on campus, Jacob said, the chapter has increasingly reached out to the community, often working with a San Luis Obispo synagogue and partaking in special events and children during the holiday season.

Cal Poly was voted by other chapters as the host site for the western region at this past summer's AEPi national convention in Palm Springs. Host sites for five regions are announced annually.

"That in itself was an honor, to see other chapters honor our presence," Broulard said.

Jacob pointed out San Diego State and Unive, among others, as finalists.

AEPi, founded in 1913, is now comprised of 138 chapters across the U.S. and Canada. Its current undergraduate membership is greater than 6,000, and during its 94-year history, it has initiated 85,000 men.

"Usually the host sites are given to chapters well-established and recognized," Jacob added. "But we've grown very quickly and this is very special for us."

Broulard, who thinks the chapter's presence alone has helped increase the campus' and surrounding area's Jewish population, said much of the conclave will be geared toward younger, newer members.

"There will be a lot of educational seminars about brotherhood, student fundraising and even being president one day," he said. "These seminars are about how to become a leader and regarding Jewish heritage."

The conclave, which is exclusive to AEPi members, begins 5 p.m. Friday, when regional chapters will arrive in San Luis Obispo before enjoying a first night of welcome including bowling, billiards and touring downtown.

Most of the events take place Saturday, beginning with an 8 a.m. basketball tournament at the Recreation Center.

Seminars on aspects of leadership ranging from recruitment to management will take place through optional breakout sessions, as different rooms on campus have been designated for particular sessions attendees will be able to select from.

The opening session will be held at noon Saturday in the Performing Arts Center's Harman Hall, followed by the first round of officer chairman breakouts, securing a pledge program, the career panel, the seminar on risk management, a banquet dinner and a social gathering which concludes at 2 a.m.

Sunday's activities begin with a 9 a.m. general meeting, followed by brunch, the second round of officer breakouts and a closing session ending at 1 p.m.

Although it is uncertain what host sites will be named at the upcoming national convention in Chicago, Broulard voiced gratitude that Cal Poly was given host duties this time.

"It's great they did that," he said. "For us and others like us, it's an opportunity for up-and-coming chapters to show our status and hard work."

While Jacob agreed it may be some time before Cal Poly could host the conclave again, the chapter would be eager to repeat it in the near future.

"We'd be more than happy to host it again, in (likely) five years or so," Jacob said. "We're looking to grow as a chapter, and currently our brotherhood is amazingly strong."

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Poly Goats take learning to a whole new level

Aaron Gaudette
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You've undoubtedly seen or heard about them around campus, either through a sticker plastered on the back of one of their trucks or, more likely, by seeing those very trucks parked up on rails and ledges in the most ridiculous of positions, exposing their finely tuned suspension and welding for all to see.

Although the club started way back in 1966 with just a couple of students and their Jeeps, the tradition of the Poly Goats is still alive and well in one of Cal Poly's oldest active student organizations.

"Basically, we take what we learn at school and apply it to our hobby," said Chris Parsons, a bioresource and agricultural engineering senior and active Poly Goat. "But a lot of the time, the experience that I've gotten from being a Poly Goat puts me at an advantage in my classes because I'm the only one who knows how to build stuff and use it properly."

"It's a great knowledge base to have," concurred Kyle Feist, also a bioresource and agricultural engineering senior and active Poly Goat. "But a lot of the time, the experience that I've gotten from being a Poly Goat puts me at an advantage in my classes because I'm the only one who knows how to build stuff and use it properly."

The Poly Goats currently boast a membership of well over 40 Cal Poly students. The club has won the Cal Poly Open House "Best in Show" award the past three years, along with various other Open House awards.

But in the end, it's all about going out and riding with friends, then hanging out to reminisce about it afterward. "I don't even know where I'd be if I wasn't a Poly Goat," said Michael Watkins, a mechanical engineering senior and club president. "I thought that it was just a club until we all realized that the people we hang out and have the most fun with are Poly Goats."

The club has taken many trips throughout California, neighboring states and even occasionally out of the country, all dependant on both the weather at the time as well as the type of terrain sought after.

"Whether it's rocks, snow, sand, desert, forest or mountains, there's no terrain that the Poly Goats feel they'd be unable to conquer with their off-loading experience and mechanical expertise. One of our favorite spots to go ride is the Rubicon trail up by Truckee, which is one of the most famous trails in the state," Parsons said. "Other than that, we regularly spend time at the Fourplay trail up by Taos, which is one of the more frequented trails, and obviously Pismo and Carrizo because of their proximity to home."

Holiday weekends are Poly Goats' most popular times to take trips, Watkins said. "I think that we have better trips than most college students who go on spring break trips to Mexico or snowboarding trips over winter break," Parsons said.

The club's trips consist of simply getting a few guys together and picking a destination, Parsons said.

"We always have great stories from our trips," Feist added. "Maybe one bad thing will happen, but probably 10 hilarious things will happen at the same time. We always have top 10s from each of our trips, with maybe the occasional top 25 or 100 for the longer trips."

The focus of the club is to gain knowledge and have fun, but the Poly Goats have also remained active in the community by cleaning up local trails and parks, conserving and by hauling broken bikes out of the Pismo Dunes at dirt bike events.

The club also makes good use of the forums on its Web site, circulating petitions that all members and alumni can sign to hopefully stave off the multitude of park and trail closures that have plagued the state.

"The abuse of state trails is a really negative thing, so we try to do what we can to help out," Watkins said. "A lot of people have this negative image of off-road enthusiasts as a bunch of punk kids who like to go out and wreck stuff, so we do our best to counteract that and keep things accessible for us."

The Poly Goats hold weekly meetings on Wednesday nights.
POLICE BLOTTER

Feb. 10, 01:38 - Officers responded to a complaint of vandalism, involving four subjects throwing Mustang Daily newspaper dispensers into the street. Upon officers' arrival, the subjects fled, but were caught by other officers in the area. The officers conducted a criminal investigation and referred the subjects to Judicial Affairs on probable student conduct violations.

Feb. 10, 00:42 - Officers responded to a complaint of a subject yelling and kicking a state vehicle in the area of the Performing Arts Center. The subject was contacted and calmed down. No damages were identified to the vehicle.

Feb. 9, 12:11 - University Police Department resolved a HazMat (gasoline) situation in the area of Facility Services.

Feb. 9, 02:35 - Officers provided an attempt to locate service to an out-of-town visitor of a campus resident. The resident was determined to be under the influence and asleep at his dorm. The visitor, who had been left in the city by his friend, was provided a ride by University Police Department to the resident's dorm.

Feb. 9, 02:11 - Officers observed a tree uprooted by wind at the rear of Muir Hall. Facility Services was notified for removal.

Feb. 9, 01:48 - Officers arrested a subject for public intoxication off Kentucky near Bond.

Feb. 8, 01:05 - Officers arrested a subject for public intoxication off Grand near McCollum.

Feb. 8, 00:22 - Officers investigated a complaint of transient camping in the area of Bldgs. 10 and 22.

Feb. 7, 13:19 - Officer arrested a subject on multiple counts of possession of stolen property.

State Briefs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California agricultural authorities announced Wednesday plans to spray a pesticide over cities in the Bay Area and Central Coast to stop a crop-eating moth. The aerial spraying, intended to disrupt the pest's mating cycle, would start this summer. Officials say the light brown apple moth, a species native to Australia, threatens millions of dollars in farm products and more than 2,000 varieties of plants.

Spraying over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties last fall stirred fierce opposition among residents worried that the chemicals could cause health problems.

PETALUMA (AP) — The question posed by the hit rap song "Tell Me When To Go" by E-40 has been answered. Petaluma says the hyphy rap music should go — now.

Petaluma's Phoenix Theater is canceling so-called hyphy rap concerts at the venue on the heels of the hit rap song "Tell Me When To Go" by E-40 (Tadéjai, 1 )avid Keith said.

Eighth-grader Lawrence King, who was shot Tuesday during a class at E.O. Green Junior High, died at St. John's Regional Medical Center. David Keith said.

An unidentified 14-year-old classmate arrested near the school after the shooting had been booked for investigation of attempted murder.

He now could face charges of murder and use of a firearm in commission of murder, said Ventura County District Attorney Greg Totten.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Just before Valentine's Day, See's Candies has announced it is recalling 16-ounce bags of its semi-sweet chocolate chips.

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National

NEW YORK (AP) — Police hunted Wednesday for a man who entered a psychologist's office with a bag of knives and a meat cleaver, hacking her to death so savagely that blood splattered the walls and floor and the entire room was torn apart.

A colleague who responded to the victim's screams was seriously injured, and investigators were trying to determine whether the attacker was a patient at the clinic. Three knives were recovered at the scene, including a 9-inch knife and the cleaver, which was apparently bent from the attack, police said.

NEW YORK (AP) — A fossil found in Wyoming has apparently resolved a long-standing question about when bats gained their radar-like ability to navigate and locate airborne insects at night. The answer: after they started flying.

The discovery revealed the most primitive bat known, from a previously unrecognized species that lived about 52 million years ago. Its skeleton shows it could fly, but that it lacked a series of bony features associated with "echolocation," the ability to emit high-pitched sounds and then hear them bounce back from objects and prey, researchers said.

International

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — One of the world's most wanted and elusive terrorists, Imad Mughniyeh, was killed in a car bombing in Syria nearly 15 years after dropping from sight. The one-time Hezbollah security chief was the suspected mastermind of attacks that killed hundreds of Americans in Lebanon and of the brutal kidnappings of Westerners.

The Lebanese Shiite militant group Hezbollah and its top ally, Iran, blamed Israel on Wednesday for the assassination. Israel denied any involvement, but officials made no effort to conceal their approval of his death.

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Iran's new generation of advanced centrifuges have begun processing small quantities of the gas that can be used to make the fissile core of nuclear warheads, diplomats told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The diplomats emphasized that the centrifuges were working with minute amounts of uranium gas. One diplomat said Tehran has set up only 10 of the machines — far too few to make enriched uranium in the quantities needed for an industrial-scale energy or weapons program.

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It's inside of all of us. It's the guilty desire to turn down the TV when the neighbors are arguing. Or the tiny voice that urges us to go abroad and sneak a quick glance at the old love letter left on the counter by a significant other. We figure if we weren't supposed to read it, it wouldn't have been left in such an obvious place.

Most of us manage to suppress these urges in the name of proper etiquette. But now, riding on the wave of success of publications like postsecret.blogspot.com and FOUND Magazine, editor Bill Shapiro has found a way for us to indulge our voyeuristic yearnings without the accompanying feeling of shame.

"Other People's Love Letters: 150 Letters You Were Never Meant to See" is addicts' paradise, there's really no other way to put it. Comprised entirely of real letters—dug out of drawers, hope chests and shoe-boxes across the North American continent—the book provides a fascinating look at how we fall in, and out of, love.

Normal people wrote the letters, often hand written and replete with misspellings and poor grammar. Some are simple, some are long and drawn out, and out of love. Other letters are written by "Kebecca" and sent to her estranged boyfriend "Mike" following their failure to carry on a long-distance relationship. With each letter, and each year, she grows increasingly bitter.

Eventually she concedes, "all i ever wanted was the truth from you...it hurts to be left with so many questions, this is the last time i'll say goodbye." That's the last we hear from "Kebecca.

Of course, no collection of love letters would be complete without the naughty and the downright stupid. Or maybe some combination of the two. For example, "P.S. I look forward to your letters too much to call. Also, where do you stand on chains?"

An unexpected side effect of "Other People's Love Letters" is its ability to dredge up old memories in the minds of its readers. On some level, most of us can relate to the desire to send sappy notes reading, "You are my sweetheart even with popickle feet," or to write "I love you" 183 times on a piece of construction paper, and even with popsicle feet, or to read "I can't believe your real...and i think about you constantly in some way or the other all day, i haven't given the finger to anyone driving since i met you." Each one of these letters are priceless.

One such entry consists of three letters, covering a time span of roughly three years. They were written by "Kebecca" and sent to her estranged boyfriend "Mike," following their failure to carry on a long-distance relationship. With each letter, and each year, she grows increasingly bitter.

Her first note ends, "the other part is struggleing in the past trying to forget but wanting to remember the first time, in detroit. i touched your face."

The next reads, "maybe we could only love each other from a distance."

So, what is love? Atonement 3:55, 6:45. Fool's Gold 7:00, 9:15. Two Hands 9:00.
It’s Valentine’s Day. There, I said it. Quota met for the day. I’m not going to waste my precious column space telling you whether I love or hate the candy-coated, overpriced, sometimes disappointing holiday. Instead, I give you the first ever “Love It” short list. It’s basically Cliff’s Notes for pop culture. So grab someone who needs a cultural education, indulge in some lovely Valentine’s Day-inspired candy (anatomically correct heart-shaped chocolates, anyone?) and enjoy these 10 lovable items. I hope you’ll find them easier to read than your significant other.

1. YouTube Video: “I’m Fucking Matt Damon.” Sarah Silverman shows her long-time boyfriend Jimmy Kimmel that she means business in this 4-minute serenade featuring the hunky actor. I love Sarah Silverman for even being able to get him in a room with her.

2. Comedian: Jeff Durham (ventriloquist/schizo-man) may be the comedian on everyone’s TiVo, but Demetri Martin is a comedian smart people can appreciate. Appearing on “Comedy Central Presents” and on “The Daily Show” as Jon Stewart’s “Trendspotting” sidekick, law school dropout Martin has the comedic genius to deliver quirky insights and annoyingly logical hilarity. Exhibit A: He wrote a 26-line palindrome poem and admits to adhering strictly to his own point system. We know there are people out there like him; they just aren’t funny.

3. Grammy Winner: Congratulations to Amy Winehouse, Kanye West and Herbie Hancock for ransacking the 2008 Grammys. While they’re all great musicians, the winner I was really excited about was The White Stripes. I’m a pop girl myself, but seriously, “Icky Thump” is the real deal.

4. New Artist: Starbucks tells me I should buy Sia’s new album, “Some People Have Real Problems” (you know, the one with the girl covered in Crayola) — so, naturally, I cannot buy it if Yuppie housewives and trendy teenagers will, too. I’ll tell you where my remaining Christmas stocking iTunes balance will go to: Yael Naim, who’s now practically old news across the pond. Sara Bareilles is cool, too.

5. Drink: Screw fancy cocktails, Starbucks has gone skinny! Now you can order a venti “skinny” mocha with enough

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A pop culture top 10

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6. WGA Cop-out: I can only think of a handful of positive effects the writers’ strike has had on prime-time programming, one of which is Showtime’s brilliant idea to put their edge show “Dexter” on CBS (Another is me having time to sleep now). For those of us who don’t get premium channels, getting a glimpse of what happens when the FCC doesn’t breathe down your neck is a dream come true (although it will be edited a la “Sex and the City”). Watch “Dexter” and you’ll wonder how on earth you could be sympathizing with an eerily warm-blooded serial killer.

7. Mid-season Show: Lots of TV shows are introduced mid-season, which leaves us wondering why they weren’t introduced with the rest of the fall family. The two shows with the most hype are post-“Sex and the City” independent women series “Cashmere Mafia,” starring Lucy Liu, and “Lipstick Jungle,” starring Brooke Shields. Produced by “Sex” co-horts Candace Bushnell (book) and Darren Star (executive producer), respectively, “Cashmere Mafia” is the most fun to watch (critics don’t agree).

8. Crazy Person: There are the crazy people you know personally (friends, roommates, sibling), the people you personally think are crazy (professors, senile grandparents), and those widely accepted as crazy (any member of the Jackson family, most crackheads). But at the moment, the crazy person who is surprisingly functional is Amy Winehouse. She wins multiple Grammys, manages to say “No, Yes, No” to rehab and can still stand up long enough to snort cocaine during a commercial break. That’s more than we can say for Britney.

9. On DVD: “Across the Universe.” Although critically annihilated, any true fan of the Beatles can appreciate Julie Taymor’s beautifully orchestrated tribute to John, Paul, George and Ringo. You’ll love Jim Sturgess as Jude.

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Ode to Cal Poly

Dear Cal Poly,

Hi, it’s Dustin. I know we just saw each other this morning and I know that we’ll see each other tomorrow too, but there are a few things I want to tell you that I just don’t have the guts to say in person.

Valentine’s Day is today, and I just wanted to make sure that we’re on the same page in this relationship. You know I love you, but I just don’t think we understand what I go through to keep us together.

My main concern is your motto, “Learn by doing.” I have always loved your commitment to providing me the best education possible through “interactive” and “hands-on” learning experiences, but I think that you may have taken this a little too far lately. Don’t get me wrong, as a journalism major I love that you offer me the opportunity to write for a daily newspaper and the chance to get out and interact with the public, just like in the real world. There’s nothing wrong with that. I need the experience to get ahead in my chosen field – it’s just ... well ... it is absolutely necessary for me to do the same things for my general education classes?

I know that getting a broad and well-balanced education is important to my development as a well-functioning member of society, but would it be OK if every once in a while I learned by reading? Or maybe by listening to a lecture and taking notes?

I always enjoy our little adventures together, like that Sunday you sent me out on a daylong hike to take a picture with a rock, or the countless hours I’ve spent researching and preparing for group presentation after group presentation. The only problem is that my boss is really getting sick of me asking for time off work to do these things.

You see, our relationship isn’t cheap. We’ve only been together for two years and in that time I’ve managed to accumulate somewhere in the region of $34,000 in student loans. Of course these don’t cover everything, so I have to spend the majority of my out-of-class time working so I can afford to keep coming to see you every day. When I miss work to participate in out-of-class activities, I lose money, and the more money I lose, the more likely it is that we’re going to have to break up.

My commitment really is to you. I spend copious amounts of time planning my schedule each quarter and then I ask my boss to make me a special work schedule around those hours. She does it because she understands the importance of education and the need to have money to support that education; however, it doesn’t make things easy for the rest of the staff and makes my boss a little frustrated when I call, with only 24 hours notice, to tell her I won’t be able to make it in because I have to drive to Paso Robles to attend a lecture on the breeding habits of aphids.

I’m not naive; I know our relationship isn’t as special as I would like it to be. You have thousands of other students who you spend just as much time with as me, and I would assume that many of them face the same problems I do. So why not try to understand us better? Don’t we deserve it after everything we do for you?

I truly love you Cal Poly. That is why I left Cal State Long Beach after two years to come home and be with you. Do you expect you to change? Not particularly. Will I really leave you? Probably not. I’ll continue doing what I’m doing, maybe make the occasional phone call to my parents explaining how I’m short on rent this month because I missed four days of work last pay period. I might even sell the occasional household appliance on Craigslist to pay the electric bill.

I guess my only hope in writing you this letter is that maybe you will learn to appreciate what I do, and so many like me, endure just for you.

So ... yeah, for thought, I’m sorry to come off so bitchy, I just haven’t been getting a lot of sleep lately. Please don’t hate me ...

Love,

Your Dusty-poo

Dustin Stone is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily reporter.

LAUREN RABAINO  MUSTANG DAILY
Is there anything better than love?

Lee Barats: Yes. Don’t be silly.

Sean Michetti: No. Love on your lover.

No, and if there is, toss it in the trash. CAUSE WE DON’T NEED IT. BABY. You think Bermuda has the greatest triangle? That would be a comfortable assumption, but fortunately the “Devil’s Triangle” is outdone by sweaty, passionate love.

Love is a triangle, formed by these three points: friendship, sex and alibi. These three points are the sole reason humanity does not die out. Because without love, there is no lust, and without lust, we have no babies. No babies means the species dies out of magic. I have friends who, one week, tell me about this disgusting, annoying girl who sits next to them in class, passing gas the entire time. But suddenly the next week, the two are exchanging promise rings and using pet names like Peachie Poo Love Muffin. Love will take two people who are nothing alike and, with enough pheromones, mold them into new best friends. With this power, love can be turned into a weapon of mass consummation — a WMCA. And the more WMCA’s our world leaders have, the more sex we’ll have.

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Some people will claim that love makes their heart go “pitter pat.” I’m not exactly sure what this term means, but if you wanna talk about love’s effect on the heart, drugs have it beat. Have you ever done a line of pure and then checked your pulse? It goes through the roof! Love may or may not produce positive physical results for your heart, but blow is its own card. With this power, love can be turned into a weapon of mass consummation — a WMCA. And the more WMCA’s our world leaders have, the more sex we’ll have.

People say love brings the world together. Really? Is that how I know Angelo, my Columbian friend! Nope, I know him through drugs.

Lee Barats is a mechanical engineering senior and Sean Michetti is a journalism senior. Barats and Michetti are Mustang Daily humor columnists and can be contacted at TatsforTats@gmail.com.
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place Pacific 69-64.

Six-foot-eight, 230-pound UCSB junior forward Chris Devine, the Gauchos' second-leading scorer, with 12.8 points per outing, shouldn't pose too much of a threat for the Mustangs on his own, Bromley said.

"There's no doubt in my mind we'll do a good job on Devine," he said. "My concern is keeping the basketball in front of us off the bounce.

Still, though, the Mustangs, who gave up 13 second-half offensive rebounds in their 80-67 loss Saturday to Cal State Fullerton, can stand to improve their interior tenacity, Bromley said.

"Underneath, on second-chance points we've got to get tougher and rebound the basketball," he said.

Shelton agrees the Mustangs, who give up the most rebounds per game in the conference (37.1), need to hold their inside ground better.

"We've got to be tough at the end of games and get rebounds," he said.

From the perimeter and charity stripe alike, Cal Poly's shooting consistency has also been a struggle. The Mustangs rank last in the conference in both 3-point shooting (29.7 percent) and free-throw shooting (65.6 percent).

"We need better 3-point and free-throw shooting consistency," Bromley said. "Sometimes they're got the mojo going on and sometimes they don't."

Cal Poly will have to continue adjusting to the absence of former starting senior guard Dawin Whiten, who has missed three straight games due to plantar fasciitis in his right foot, for which season-ending surgery has been scheduled, Bromley said Wednesday.

"We're adjusting well," Shelton said. "We have great players who were on the bench before."

Although the playing time of Keder, Lewis and sophomore forward Charles Anderson have increased the most, Bromley said practice and opponents will largely influence how the void is filled.

"It's how the week goes, and people have got to keep battling for minutes," he explained. "This time of year there's no magic drill or whatever — the guys have got to be playing together and playing with confidence and having fun."

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Sels," Bream said. "It came down to No. 3 doubles and it was a really hard-fought, close match."

Cal Poly takes a non-conference detour at No. 69 Loyola Marymount on Feb. 15. The Mustangs will then travel to Cal State Northridge to play on Feb. 16.

"We've been working hard every single day in practice and matches," Filip said. "The only thing we can control is what we do, how we prepare."

Bream voiced great respect for Loyola Marymount.

"Loyola has a strong tradition in tennis," he said. "They've got a strong No. 1 player, good depth and solid doubles. I feel like our girls are working hard and are improving every time out."

African American History Month

February is African American History Month. Authors include William C. Rhoden, David W. Blight, Cynthia Carr. El Corral Bookstore is proud to display and sell over 25 titles for African American History Month. Authors include Edwidge Danticat, Leo & Diane Dillon and Barak Obama.

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ers after shooting 72 in Monday’s 18 holes of play.

Also finishing in the top ten for Cal Poly was junior Julli Heath with a 136 total that earned her the fifth place.

Junior Hannah Brabb placed 13th at the Texas State University Women’s Intercollegiate instead of a 35- or 30-minute game. Cal State Fullerton’s senior, Hurricane, had all but clinched the league title with a 10-0 mark.

In Cal Poly’s last outing, a 70-55 loss at Cal State Fullerton on Saturday, Hurricane was forced to come off the bench with what she called a “hurri­cane thing”, but could start Saturday morning. Harrison, who leads the Mustangs in both points (13.4) and rebounds (6.5) per game, said Cal Poly must box out better if it is to avenge a 75-58 loss to UCSB on Jan. 19.

Newman agreed. “Their size, their post players are hard to get around, and they run a lot,” Newman said.

“We’re both running teams, so hopefully we can match up,” Harrison said. Like Newman, Harrison said it could be a knock-down, drag-out affair.

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Cal Poly tries to win at UC Santa Barbara for second year in a row, third time since 1959

Donovan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

A little more than a year ago, the Cal Poly men's basketball team did something it had done just once since 1959: win at UC Santa Barbara. Because the Big West Conference rivals each returned many of their key contributors, coaches and media picked both the Central Coast squads to finish atop the conference, with UCSC in first. Midway through the second round of conference play, though, both teams find themselves scrambling to climb out of the middle of the pack.

They'll spar for better footing in Santa Barbara at 7 p.m. tonight.

"We're going into a hostile crowd, but I think that we're going to feed off of that and enjoy being there and play well," Cal Poly center Tim Shilton said. "It's always intense."

Sophomore guard Lorenzo Keeler and freshman guard Shawn Lewis are among the few Mustangs who haven't already experienced Thunderdome anxiety. "It's a great rivalry," said Cal Poly head coach Kevin Bromley. "It'll be great for Lorenzo and Shawn, who've never seen that environment before — (they're) going to go down there and get some verbal abuse a little bit. It makes it even sweeter."

What was sweeter in the teams' most recent meeting, UCSC 75-60 win Jan. 19, was Gauchos senior guard Alex Harris' jump shot.

Harris, the conference's leading scorer, at 20.7 points per game, and his best 3-pointer shooter, at 48.7 percent, lit the Mustangs up for 31 points on 8-of-20 shooting. He was 5 for 9 from beyond the 3-point line, and 10 for 12 from the free-throw line.

"We couldn't contain the basketball," Bromley said. "We just could not keep the basketball in front of us, and that allowed us to really have to rotate and help on the dribble penetration, which then allowed Alex Harris to get loose for 3s."

But the fourth-place Gauchos (17-6, 6-4), who have staggered through a 7-5 stretch after opening the season 10-1, have cooled off a bit, and were swept Saturday by UC Irvine, which is ironically in fifth place.

"You don't know where their mindset will be," Bromley said. "I know they're a little disappointed, but they're having a great year. (UCSB head coach Bob Williams) said his team was shell-shocked and there's a little down."

The Gauchos' 65-59 loss was the latest example of the unpredictability of the conference's pecking order; on Jan. 28, sixth-place Cal Poly (9-13, 4-6) edged first-place Gauchos (UCSB) 75-60 loss to UC Santa Barbara at Mott Gym on Jan 19.

BEN ROZAK
MUSTANG DAILY

Agnus-Dei Farrant
MUSTANG DAILY

Sweeping Cal State Fullerton 7-0 Sunday was enough for the Agnus-Dei women's tennis team a day after falling 5-2 to UC Irvine.

Against the Titans, the Mustangs doubles teams won all three matches, followed by an overwhelming shutdown in singles square-offs, which were all decided in two sets.

In doubles, Shannon Brady and Amy Markhoff moved to the No. 1 position in place of Brittany Blalock and Steffi Wong. "(Wong) was a little sick that day and (Blalock) has been nursing an injury," Cal Poly head coach Hugh Bromley said. "It gave us a chance to top Tuesday at the third annual Lady Braveheart Challenge at the Oak Valley Golf Course in Beaumont.

It was the ninth tournament victory for the women's golf team since the program was launched eight years ago.

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Cal Poly senior forward Dreshawn Vance dunks during the Mustangs' 75-60 loss to UC Santa Barbara at Mott Gym on Jan 19.

Poly women's tennis team concludes six-week road trip

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Mustangs feel sense of urgency heading to Thunderdome


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Cal Poly wins Lady Braveheart Challenge

Shannon Boren
MUSTANG DAILY

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