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Partly Cloudy
High 63°/Low 44°

Gear up for National Week of Engineering
Agnes-Dei Farrant

The College of Engineering (CENG) is gearing up for the annual National Week of Engineering, Feb. 18 to 22, planning student activities, outreach and entertainment.

"Engineering is known as the stealth careers," said Amy Howes, CENG director of publications and communications. "In fact, engineering is so much more than that and it touches all our lives in so many ways.

Student activities are scheduled throughout the week along with days devoted to various themes: Monday is Opening Day; Tuesday is Northrop Grumman Showcase Day; Wednesday is Sustainability Day; Thursday is Outreach Day and Friday is Closing Day.

"Students have been working on this event for at least four months," CENG director of alumni and donor relations Donna Aiken wrote in an e-mail. "They've completely re-formatted their event, using it as an opportunity to help bring our engineering student community together." CENG is reviving its energy in reaching out to women and underrepresented minorities interested in the engineering field. In fact, the Society of Women Engineers, Mathematicks Engineering Science Achievement and the Engineering Student Council (ESC) are planning to spend Thursday at local elementary and high schools.

"Engineering can be a daunting major even for the most studious of students," Aiken wrote. "We want our engineering students to know that they have reason to be proud of their major, even for the most studious of students."
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The Guest House Grill is mainly a steakhouse, specializing in burgers, steaks and ribs, but the menu offers everything from meatloaf to salads and hot sandwiches.

"Our Herb and Cream Cheese Chicken is our best seller," Peterson said. "We also have a St. Louis Rib that has a chili and coffee dry-rub. Those sell a lot."

"If I was working this many hours per week I'd quit my job if I wasn't working for myself," LaSalle said. "But working for myself is different."

"It's very long hours, and they told us that in school," Peterson said. "We're here 77 hours a day sometimes. But we get to do this. It's not like work, because it's our own place. It's different."

Not only do LaSalle and Peterson co-own and manage the restaurant, but they also work the front of house. "I try to greet everyone as they come in and ask how they heard about us," Peterson said. "We have a line out the door most nights. The response from people who come in and ask how they heard is great."

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their major and proud of being engineers."

With an ample 26 percent of Cal Poly's students — approximately 5,300 enrolled in the CENG, engineers have a large role on campus.

"Engineering affects everything from transportation to telecommunications, not just roads and bridges," Hewes said. "It's about improving the quality of life and solving the problems of the 21st century.

"In addition to the established activities and themes, this year the college will focus on the omnipresent topic of sustainability."

"It's a problem but it's so exciting that students today will be the ones to make the world a better place," Hewes said. "Just like my generation was all about the space race and the man on the moon, this generation will be likewise excited and inspired to take on the challenges facing us."

National Engineers Week has been celebrated on campuses nationwide since 1991, sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers. Cal Poly is one of 178 universities across the country this year participating in the week's engineering exhibitions and related events. For more information, visit www.nationalengineersweek.org.

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officer proclaimed "not only is he a good citizen."

Mathews is best known for creating the "I'll rather go naked than wear fur" advertising campaign of the '90s, which featured a plethora of famous actors and models posing nude to boycott the fur industry.

Mathews attributes some of his success in the campaign to his homophobia.

"I honestly don't believe I could have convinced Pamela Anderson, Cher, Britney or anyone else to get naked if I wasn't a gay," he said.

When asked if he would consider giving up his vegetarianism if animals were treated ethically before they died, Mathews said, "That's like saying you would eat your grandmother if she lived a nice life? I consider all meat-eating cannibalism."

Lunar Eclipse Viewing
What: Check out the total lunar eclipse with telescopes.
When: Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.
Where: Meet at the Montana de Oro Sandpiper parking lot
Questions? Call 772-2694, ext. 105

Kosovo declares independence from Serbia

William J. Role and Nebi Qena

PROKINA, Kosovo — Revelers fished guns, waved red-and-black Albanian flags and set off fireworks over Kosovo Sunday after parliament proclaimed independence in defiance of Serbia and Russia, which condemned the declaration of the world's newest nation.

A decade after a bloody separatist war with Serbian forces that claimed 10,000 lives, extremists proclaimed the territory the Republic of Kosovo and pledged to make it a "democratic, multiethnic state." Its leaders looked for swift recognition from the U.S. and key European powers — but also braced for a bitter showdown.

Serbia declared the declaration illegal and its ally Russia denounced it, saying it threatened to touch off a new conflict in the Balkans. Russia called for an emergency session of the U.N. Security Council, which met later Sunday.

In the capital, Pristina, the mood was jubilant. Thousands of ethnic Albanians braved subfreezing temperatures to ride on the roofs of their cars, singing patriotic songs and chanting "KLA! KLA!" the acronym for the now-disbanded rebel Kosovo Liberation Army. They waved American flags alongside the red Albanian banner imprinted with a black, double-headed eagle.

Many dressed in traditional costumes and played trumpets and drums, and an ethnic Albanian couple named their newborn daughter Pavarsie Albanian For "inde­
ependence.

"This is the happiest day in my life," said Mehdi Shafa, 68. "Now we're free and we can celebrate without fear."

By contrast, police in the Serbian capital Belgrade fired tear gas and rubber bullets at demonstrators with protesters who opposed the declaration. Groups of masked thugs ran through downtown Belgrade smashing windows and ramming tobacco stands. At least 30 people were injured, about half of them police officers, hospital officials said.

Hundreds of protesters rallied outside the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade. Others broke windows at McDonald's and fast food joints.

"Our audience is pleased," said Ljubica Troznjak, who works at the embassy of Slovenia — which holds the European Union's rotating presidency. Later in the evening, police kept a group of protesters from approaching the Albanian embassy.

Kosovo had formally remained a part of Serbia even though it has been administered by the U.N. and NATO since 1999, when NATO troops ended former Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic's crackdown on ethnic Albanian separatists.

Ninety percent of Kosovo's 2 million people are ethnic Albanians, most of them secular Muslims — and they see no reason to stay tied to the rest of Christian Serbia.

The European Union and NATO, mindful of the Balkans' turbulent past, appealed for restraint and warned that the international community would not tolerate violence.
NIU shootings show vulnerability despite efforts to secure schools

Sharon Cohen  ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bloody students fleeing in terror. Bodies carred on stretchers. Candlelight vigils and makeshift shrines. Another campus, another deadly attack with a sickening senselessness that now borders on routine.

Despite a national push to secure schools after the Virginia Tech shootings, the rampage at Northern Illinois University this week proves a gun-wielding reality. Unless colleges are willing to turn themselves into armed camps, they’re helpless against these kinds of attacks.

As word of the shootings rippled throughout the country, students and authorities alike reacted with frustration and — tellingly — resignation.

“I don’t think there’s anything that could be done,” said Barrett Dormack, 21, a sophomore at the University of Minnesota. “People do what they feel like they need to do, and I don’t think anyone is going to be able to stop them. People will just have to either learn to live in fear or they’ll just have to not think about it.”

The gunman this time, Steven Kazmierczak, a 27-year-old NIU graduate, opened fire Thursday afternoon in a lecture hall, killing five students and injuring more than a dozen others in a rapid-fire assault that lasted just a few minutes. He committed suicide on the stage.

As word of the shootings rippled throughout the country within the past six months, “There’s probably few institutions that screen ... to see if someone coming on campus has a troubled or checkered past,” said Kon Stephens, director of the National School Safety Center in California.

“For the most part, college and university campuses are much more wide open to the public,” he said. “There’s not a lot of screening done for students. There are probably few institutions that screen ... to see if someone coming on campus has a troubled or checkered past.”

Others pointed out that violence is not limited to college campuses.

“People go crazy whether it’s at a school or at a workplace. ... You can’t live your life not going to class,” said Barbara Coons, a 21-year-old junior at the University of Pennsylvania.

That may be harder to say on a campus ripped tidy by violence.

“My dad was saying last year, ‘I’m really glad you go to Northern where stuff like that doesn’t happen,”’ said Bryce Lack, a 19-year-old NIU student, referring to the Virginia Tech massacre. “You look at everybody differently now.”

“What’s
N.E.W.
National Engineers Week!

Monday-Friday, February 18-22, 2008
Free Food • Wii tournaments • Free T-shirts • Win an iPod • Win a Wii!

Day       Event

Monday, February 18       Opening Day  —  Lockheed Martin Wii Game Tournament
Opening Ceremonies
Wi Game Tournaments
NEW Kick Off Address - Student/Engineering Club Mixer
Smile n Nerd Comedy Improv
Eric Pearson — NEW Kick Off Address
Sector Director, Staff Development for Eng, Mfg, Logistics, Opr & Supply, Northrop Grumman Electronics Systems
Student/Engineering Club Mixer
Free Pizza & Bowling

Time       Location
3:00 p.m.       Chumash

Tuesday, February 19      Northrop Grumman Showcase Day
Northrop Grumman Virtual Flight Simulator - Free Clam Chowder Lunch
Blood Drive

11:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.       ATL

Wednesday, February 20    Sustainability Day
Student Displays - Zero Waste Lunch - Sustainability Panel
Order of the Engineer Inaugural Dinner (Invitation only)

10:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.       Mott Lawn
12:00 p.m.       ATL
7:00 p.m.       Bonderon Bldg

Thursday, February 21     Outreach Day
Outreach/Freshman Seminar Speaker (Free Hot Dog Lunch)
Tom Bishop (ME ’88), VP of Strategic Development, URS Corp.
Outreach Activities Coordinated with SWE, MESA and ESEC
Engineers in the Community —-CENG Club Booths at Farmers Market
MEP Academic Recognition Banquet (Invitation Only)

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.       ATL
1:00-4:00 p.m.       Local Schools
5:30-9:00 p.m.       Downtown SLO
6:00-9:00 p.m.       ATL

Friday, February 22       Closing Day
NEW Student Celebration & Faculty/Staff Appreciation Breakfast
Dean’s Coffee Hour

9:00 a.m.       Bonderon Bldg
3 p.m.       Bonderon Bldg
WORD ON THE STREET

“What do you think of when you hear the word ‘engineer’?”

Compiled and photographed by Dustin Stone

“I usually think of software engineers, innovating technology and improving processes.”
— Michele Mayorga, software engineering senior

“I think about improvement in general.”
— Alejandro Castorena, computer science junior

“I think of design, ingenuity and building.”
— Kelsev Peirce, agricultural business sophomore

“I think of ingenuity and building.”
— Jeff Potter, computer science senior

State

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Sunday ordered the recall of 143 million pounds of frozen beef from a California slaughterhouse, the subject of an animal abuse investigation, that provided meat to school lunch programs.

The woman’s body was found in a field on Friday, nearly a month after she vanished from her home at the edge of the University of Nevada, Reno. Police said Brianna Denison had been abducted and strangled in what they called a sexually motivated crime.

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Daily Briefs

National

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The hunt for a serial rapist spread fear around a college campus Sunday after police linked a 19-year-old woman’s death to at least two other attacks in the area.

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International

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bomber penetrated a crowd watching a dog-fighting competition in the Taliban’s former stronghold Sunday, killing up to 80 people in one of the bloodiest bombings since the regime’s 2001 ouster.

The attack follows a year of record violence and predictions that the Afghan conflict could turn even deadlier this year.

Several hundred people, including Afghan militia leaders, had gathered in a barren dirt field to watch the event on the western edge of the southern city of Kandahar.

Witnesses reported gunfire from bodyguards after the blast, but it was not immediately clear if the bullet killed or wounded anyone.

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi military officials expressed hope Sunday that security gains from a yearlong crackdown against extremists will allow the removal of thousands of concrete barriers in six months that protect Baghdad residents from bomb attacks.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki spent the weekend touring the successes of the security operation that began one year ago and peaked last summer with the influx of thousands of U.S. troops. The operation helped restore some security to a country that in January 2007 was on the brink of civil war.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A woman who worked for the United Nations died Sunday after falling from a window of the U.N.'s Secretariat Building, authorities said.

Police and U.N. security officers at the scene, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media, said the woman in her 40s had jumped from a window after showing up to work early in the morning.

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Monday, February 18, 2008
Groundation rocks SLO in remembrance of Bob Marley

Aaron Gaudette
MUSTANG DAILY

A reggae show seldomly sells out at Downtown Brewing Co. It's not too often that a tribute show — and one without an opener at that — can achieve the status of a sell-out show. But this is just what Sonoma-based Groundation did with its Bob Marley tribute last Friday.

"We've been doing the Bob tribute shows since 2000; it's just tradition," said David Chachre, the band's trumpeter and complimentary percussionist. "I was originally hired on to do only the Bob tribute shows, but then was asked to join the band permanently afterward. It worked out rather nicely."

"It has to do with our and everyone's love for the music itself," added Harrison Stafford, the band's main vocalist and lead guitarist. "My style of singing is quite similar to Bob's because of his influence on me, and I do my best to honor his phrasing and approach to every note.

"Our styles are so alike in terms of texture that we only feel it appropriate to do tribute shows to him; we could do a Peter Tosh tribute show, for instance, but it would be hard due to the diversity of styles."

It was evident by the crowd jumping and dancing that the audience enjoyed Groundation's approach to Marley's music. The band's gratitude for the crowd's energy was also quite apparent, with Stafford taking the time to shake hands and give hugs to all who wanted them after the show.

The band's set consisted of "a list of Marley classics spanning his entire musical career from 1961-1981," according to the band's Web site, and focused on such masterpieces as "Small Axe," "Exodus," "No Woman No Cry" and "Mr. Brown.

These songs, and Groundation's accompanying additional stylings, left the crowd cheering for more after the completion of its second set. Most thought that the roar of applause that continued for almost two minutes after the band left couldn't possibly get any louder.

This notion proved wrong, however, with the deafening thunder of approval that came from the crowd when the band reassumed the stage for its 20-plus minute encore. It was enough to leave everyone's ears ringing for the rest of the night.

The humidity level inside the venue reached Amazonian jungle-like proportions when Stafford and the two female vocalists danced the span of the stage throughout the encore, encouraging the audience to follow suit.

"Yeah, I don't know how those guys can dance like that," said Chachre, shaking his head in disbelief. "It serves to get the crowd more into it, which is the good thing, but it puzzles me how they can do it for over 20 minutes in a venue like that."

The essence of Marley's cause and music permeated the venue for the entire set, as Stafford dedicated songs to the reggae great before performing them. He also got the crowd to see Groundation, page 7

THE MLS CENTRAL COAST SHOWCASE IS COMING TO CAL POLY...

Major League Soccer

Scheduled to appear (pictured L to R): Joe Cannon (San Jose), Frankie Hedjuk (Columbus), Jaime Moreno (DC United), Ben Olsen (DC United)

FRIDAY, FEB. 22 - SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES VS. COLUMBUS CREW - 7 P.M.*
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MUSTANG DAILY

Palm sweaty and unsure, I was suddenly painfully aware that walking into the auditorium with a notebook might have seemed a little odd. Taking quick action, I attempted to use the program as camouflage before the usher wondered why a lone guy would be taking notes at this performance.

In my rush, I fumbled the incriminating evidence and it tumbled into the floor, in plain sight, pages exposed to the world. Feeling every questioning look and imagining the perpetual alarm going off, I hastily retrieved the smoking gun and retreated to my seat—hoping it only seemed dimmed and took a deep breath, unsure of what to expect.

Then I looked around and realized I wasn’t alone. The audience had plenty of my male brethren. Feeling better, I settled in as the lights dimmed and took a deep breath, unsure of what to expect.

When I exhaled an hour and 40 minutes later, I was ready to hit up the nearest salon. That may be a slight exaggeration, but “The Vagina Monologues” was equally heartwarming, touching and empowering. But most of all it was funny.

Written by Eve Ensler in 1998, the play is a collection of monologues based on interviews with more than 200 women about the most private of subjects. The play was designed to break down barriers and shatter the taboo of talking about sex and the darker subject of violence against women.

Ten years later, the battle is still being fought, but considerable progress has been made and my cringes were reserved for only the most outrageous of gaieties. When “monkeybox” and “nappy dugout” elicit outbursts of laughter and not shocked gasps, it’s evident that the taboo is in decline.

Our generation takes this openness for granted. But realizing how far we have come only shows how far there is left to go. This was Cal Poly’s fifth annual performance of “The Vagina Monologues,” performed by students and staff in celebration of V-Day, a global movement to end violence against women.

The performance was so poignant because, although designed for women, it speaks to everyone about self-doubt and being true to yourself. The monologues touched on subjects like hair, what the vagina would say/wear, moaning, orgasms and countless other topics, but they all spoke to a broader message of being happy with who you are.

The first half was hilarious in the way only sex can be, because everyone understands different perspectives. One identifies with uncomfortable and awkward moments. It was a series of stories about women finding themselves through various means, and they were delivered with great timing and genuine feeling.

The tale of a woman who only had accidental orgasms until she went to a workshop, or another about a woman who came to terms with her own vagina and how she couldn’t bear the sight of it until she met a male named Bob who said he really wanted to “see her” in bed. He spent hours down there and his awe of the subject made her believe it was magical, too. I forgot that an actress was on stage at the time because I could sense her vulnerability and attachment to the piece.

The night also focused on depressing-yet-empowering confessions like “My Vagina Was My Village” and “Say It.” Ensler interviewed several women to create this compilation of shorts. Among the women who tell the story of several rape victims in her country “My Village,” and women demand for apologies and admittance to sexual assaults in “Say It.”

Sexual pieces like “Reclaiming Cunt” and “The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy” helped me pleasantly accept the fact that I’m a single, independent woman. I figured that, if these badass women don’t need a man, why should I?

The actress in “The Woman,” for example, was so fierce; she effortlessly dramatized extremely personal topics such as moans, orgasms and lesbianism. She told the tale of an ex-lawyer turned dominatrix for women who loves to moan and make other women moan, too. At the point in time. It’s different, hilarious, heartbreaking and well written, and most of all, it’s a 19 years-long movement to eradicate violence toward women and their vaginas. Amen.
One of the fastest and constantly changing trends is saying catch phrases in the show. We spout funny lines from popular movies until they're released on DVD. We drop lyrics from our favorite pop songs until they're off the radio. We create inside jokes that grow into casual ways of speaking. These catch phrases come and go naturally and no one really notices—with a few exceptions. There are some phrases that people seem to think are timeless. But they're not. So I'm calling them out, in hopes that we can all move on.

First up is "Got Milk?" How long has it been since ad-libs-mugs pitched this phrase in commercials and print ads? This phrase was the punch line to all kinds of jokes when it first came out, and it got real fast. But somehow I still see T-shirts with crap like "Got Jesus?" "Got Pirates?" "Got Hemp?" "Got Duck Tape?" "Got Damn! Even Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are on this with "Got Experience?" and "Got Hope!" respectively. I see we start inventing these questions when we see them. "Excuse me? Yeah, sir. I just wanted to let you know that yes, I do get beef... with your lame-ass shirt! Boo-ah!

Another successful ad campaign that's been re-purposed for everything imaginable is "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas." I thought this one was finally dead, and then last quarter I saw T-shirts with "What happens in Accordion, stays in Accordion!" Well, I hope so. A lot of sick stuff goes down in those things. Have you seen how far those seats go back? If this phrase pops into your conscious mind, just try to make sure what happens in your mind, stays in your mind, because it's more played out than a second-hand "Hungry Hungry Hippo" game.

Another trendy phrase I hope we can put behind us is anything that contains a shortened word, like "What's the schtick?" or "Quiet your convo, fool!" Save it for the instant messenger. This is just lazy on too many levels. For one, you're obviously too lazy, or too cool, to finish the entire word. Like shaving off those three syllables is really saving you precious time. Also, what happened to inventing new slang? All you're doing is cutting your words short. We used to pick synonymous words for what we were trying to say. For instance, "dancing" became "gettin' jiggy with it." Well, that never really caught on, except with people trying hard to appear cool with the youth culture, but you get what I'm saying.

Lastly, I want to take some time to give a clueless word to a word that changed many of our lives and is now deceased, to the benefit of us all. It was given songs by an alternative culture in the '90s, and took flight on half pipes and ramps. It soared through our supermarkets, gracing the labels of sports drinks and cereal boxes. In commercials, it made products appear edge- and youthful. It was the best word to describe Marky Man Randy Savage as he hopped into a Slim Jim. That word, my dear friends, was "X-Treme." Not to be confused with "extreme," instead, less "I'm going to kick the arthritis out of your grandmother" (twins). No. X-Treme was much more than that: it was a way of life for soul skaters like Brink from teen pop N'Suds.

With that said, let's get over the "Got!" Let's let what happens somewhere else be left to decide when it wants to go. Let's not transcribe the words in our comics. And let's pay homage to our fallen slang. TRENDASAURUS X-TREME!
The 2008 Summer Olympics will be held in Beijing in six months. China has spent tens of billions of dollars in creating new venues and infrastructure to house the sporting events and the thousands of foreign visitors that will stream into the country to view the games.

In the midst of trying to construct the biggest show on earth, China is on the receiving end of criticism over its position in Darfur. Slowly and sadly, the summer games in Beijing, once titled “One World, One Dream,” are becoming branded as “The Genocide Olympics.”

The untold stream of condemnation rests on China’s inauspicious relationship with the Sudanese government. As one of the biggest buyers of Sudan’s oil and the primary supplier of weapons and arms for the government, China is in the most valuable position to advise the Sudanese to end the unsettling violence in the Darfur region. However, even with pressure from other super-countries, including the United States, and the United Nations as well, China is in forgiving mode and continuing to let violence continue. Arguing that foreign diplomats are using the games as leverage for politics, China refuses to budge.

This change in position is worrying. China has little foreign protest except to plan for more. The government has decided to restrict media access to Tiananmen Square in preparation for possible street protests from foreigners. Additionally, Olympic organizers are worried about protests during the torch relay and welcoming ceremony and are safeguarding themselves in advance.

There are many countries that need to adjust their ways in respect to Darfur but China is decisive in making the first big impact in the troubled region. Nicholas Kristof of the New York Times outlined the potential peace process made through a change in Chinese positioning. If Chinese officials suspended the supply of weapons to Sudan until a peace agreement is arranged, then the Sudanese government would be forced to negotiate with rebels. Moreover, the relinquishment of a political cover from China will compel the Sudanese government to allow the entrance of humanitarian aid workers. With the Chinese lock to Darfur broken, the U.N. and diplomats from other countries can provide the support needed to turn around the region.

Having emerged as a world power, China deserves to host the games, but attempting to draw attention away from its unforgiving inaction in Darfur will only help to lose more supporters. As the conflict becomes more publicized, global stagnation in who wins will world-wide are speaking out against the games. The short list of celebrities on the long list of protesters includes Prince Charles of the United Kingdom, Steven Spielberg, who quit as artistic director of the games because of the dispute, and many former Olympic medalists. Current athletes, due to the Olympic Charter, are asked to not give their opinions on the hosting nation.

As frightened Chinese officials begin to crack from the highlighted opposition of well-known figures, we can see a mode of operation for ourselves. Through our own protest of China’s big homecoming, the government will ease in its stance and begin negotiations. If more athletes, representatives and celebrities voice their concern as well, the mounting pressure could convince the government to shift its position entirely with Sudan. Moreover, attention on guilt and less on gold and glory could make this an Olympics where the real competition is between the diplomats, not the athletes.

The lights in Beijing’s stadiums and arenas will seem dimmer this year. With the shadow of controversy looming over the summer games, expect less glory, more protest and, hopefully, the introduction of a new relationship between China and Sudan.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Response to vegetarian commentary
Save the whales, eat a human
Matt Tarlecki
Civil engineering senior

Please, build me a better conservative
Wendy, the political season again; the Republican column has again switched back of their schizoid nature they display. On Feb. 13 we were subjected to not one, but three columns by Cal Poly Republicans, which essentially boiled down to “poor me, I’m a Republican” (“Bringing Bias to Class,” “How I Joined the Dark Side,” and “Journey of a Republican President”). Compare these to “Wanted: Rational, Reasoned, Logical Individual” (Nov. 7, 2007) so we see why I consider them to be schizoid (same author as “How I Joined the Dark Side”).

Now, I agree with some of the points made in these articles; you don’t always have to agree with all of the choices made and positions taken by your side, but in the end, you need to be comfortable with what you’ve chosen, and if you’re not, maybe you should rethink it. I also has kind of gotten under my skin that there are only two types of articles written in the conservative slot of this paper: “shallow anti-liberal” articles and “poor me, the liberals are attacking me” articles. Can we please have an intelligent and well-reasoned article more along the lines of how this year started. “This is true, Jenna Six Supporters” is a good example of a well-reasoned essay that everyone can disagree with but still respect.

And that’s the problem. I have nothing but praise for the conservative side of this paper. Which is a shame, because I think that conservatives have a lot of good ideas to share with the rest of us (not just liberals, but independents as well) if only they could lose the “us vs. them” mentality.

Troy Koester
Aerospace engineering/physics senior

Great column! Isn’t it a great feeling to start using the logical part of your brain, rather than the emotional side? As Republicans (or conservatives, we all have varying social views (which is accepted within the party — unlike the true dark side), but you nailed the very core beliefs of the right: smaller government, keeping more of what you earned, protecting our sovereignty (both at home and abroad), and letting the free-market economy prosper with little restrictions by the government. As for defending your views — you should never back down. We take principled stances on our views and that should never have to be defended. It’s the liberal who has to defend their views (that is they’re willing to have a discussion, and not fly into histrionics when they see calling you a fascist and/or Nazi).

Response to “How I joined the dark side”

Hey Jennifer, this is a great article! I have been told that I’m not a true Republican because of my pro-choice and gay rights stance. For your article provides a great argument for people like me who are Republican in every other way! Hopefully I’ll see you at the next meeting of Ian can make it.

Emma}

Response to “How I joined the dark side”

It’s good to see that fraternities are beginning to see that traditions of past days don’t have a place in society today. But I must note that there are fraternities out there that do not and never have subscribed to the secretive traditions/rituals that fraternities are known for. As an alumus of Cal Poly and Delta Upsilon Fraternity, I’m proud that DU was founded in 1834 based upon principles of Non-Secrecy and Anti-Hazing.

T. Reeves
Response to “One student’s journey to stop hazing”

Un, remind me again how holding a peace sign on a street corner brings about world peace? Please people, let’s use common sense now...

Mishael
Response to “SLO icon for peace: ‘Hey, peace on you’!”
Leading up to the 2002 draft, another unknown writer called Stanford student and basketball player Joe Johnson (black), who's averaging 11.2 points per game for the Memphis Grizzlies. Prior to the 2001 selection meeting, an unnamed author deemed Notre Dame forward Troy Murphy (white), the 14th pick, "a warrior" who was "very strong mentally" and "strongly motivated.


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bounds and eight assists per game, help­
ing the Cavaliers capture a region championship. She was named the state’s Class 5A Player of the Year in her final prep season.

Despite also lettering in volleyball for four years and being named to the All-SA First Team as a senior, she eventually decided to focus mainly on bask­
etball because of her confidence in it and the unique joy it brings playing in a team.

“I like that it’s a team sport because I get more joy and pleasure out of seeing everyone succeed together,” McBride said. Both she and Cal Poly head coach Faith Mimnaugh agree her strengths are her ability to communicate well with other players on the court as well as her rebounding skills. Even after McBride’s become such a valuable contributor for the Mustangs (9-15, 6-5), she and Mimnaugh each believe she can be even better.

“She has a vision of what she would like to become,” Mimnaugh says. “She wants to hear what coaches say about how she can improve.” In the Mustangs’ 55-54 win over Cal State Fullerton on Jan. 10, McBride pulled down a career-high 14 rebounds, the most by a Cal Poly player since No­

vember 2004. McBride, 21, says her primary goal for herself is to continue to take smart shots of alumni, students, faculty. Edit footage for

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cess in high school earned her the Dr.

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Award, added that her grandfather sup­

ported her by attending all of her bas­

ketball games when she was growing

up, and her coach helped find a college where she felt comfortable and could play basketball.

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Kings ship Bibby, final piece of contenders, to Atlanta for Williams, three expiring contracts

Charles Odum  
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ATLANTA — The Atlanta Hawks are trying to balance their backcourt and make a playoff push by bringing in Mike Bibby.

Bibby, acquired from the Sacramento Kings for four players on Saturday, will provide scoring and help for Joe Johnson. Atlanta's All-Star shooting guard often falters under pressure because he's the team's only outside threat.

"There's another option now," Woodson said. "I'll be like a one-two punch in the backcourt.

Bibby has averaged 16.7 points for his career and is making more than 36 percent of his 3-point shots for the ninth straight year.

The Hawks sent starting point guard Anthony Johnson, 2007 first-round pick Sheldon Williams, backup guard Tyrus Love, veteran forward Lawrence Wright and a 2008 second-round pick to the Kings.

The Hawks, in ninth place in the Eastern Conference and percentage points behind the eighth and final playoff spot, are trying to make the postseason for the first time since 1999.

"I want to thank Mike for his terrific all-around play," Kings president Geoff Petrie said in a statement. "He's been a great run here as a King and has participated in and contributed to some great moments on the court and I wish him all the best."