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New e-voting system to be implemented

Jessica Ford

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The voting system at Cal Poly is about to change. The passage of a resolution by Associated Students, Inc. will allow Cal Poly students to vote in all ASI elections and referendums from any location with Internet access.

Students will be able to vote electronically for the upcoming Recreation Center Expansion Referendum that will take place Feb. 27 and Feb. 28.

On designated voting days, students who log into their my.calpoly.edu portal will gain access to the voting channel. This channel will lead students to the electronic poll. Students will be able to read over the legal text of the voting matter before making their decisions.

The polls will only be available from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. in an attempt to avoid any misusage of the system.

“We looked at it as vote anywhere — wherever you want. It doesn’t matter if you are studying abroad in London. You are still a part of this campus,” said Amanda Bankin, chair of the ASI elections committee and agribusiness senior. “Being able to vote at any computer is 65% of the convenience factor that students can do it at their leisure.”

“They can vote naked,” added Tony Guntermann, mechanical engineering senior and chair of the ASI Board of Directors.

Last year, ASI switched from paper ballots currently awaiting approval that was promoted by the removal of the red handprints in 2005.

Cornell Morton, vice president for Student Affairs, said the housing staff received a lot of questions from

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students about patients who display violent, suicidal or threatening behavior. Right now, such information is reported to state officials only on people who have been institutionalized, not on those who receive only outpatient treatment.

Illinois adopted the law last June, and the governor signed it in August.

Last month, President George W. Bush signed federal legislation requiring states to provide the mental-health information they gather for use in a national background-check system.

Virginia lawmakers, meanwhile, are still considering a package of bills to change state’s mental health system after the Virginia Tech tragedy. One bill would enshrine into law an order by Gov. Timothy M. Kaine that requires names of people ordered into outpatient treatment to also be reported to state authorities.

The proposals are attempts to alter a mental health system that came under increased scrutiny since a mentally disturbed student, Seung-Hui Cho, killed 32 people and himself at Virginia Tech

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stations on campus for students with five or six laptops at each location. Students would log into the my.calpoly.edu portal and would place their vote for ASI elections, Guntermann said.

The switch last year cut costs for ASI and made the whole voting process more efficient. This helped lead to the decision of the ASI elections committee to switch entirely to electronic voting this year.

"Switching to all electronic really will save ASI a substantial amount of money, and that is saving student fees," Guntermann said.

Having multiple polling locations on campus required ASI to pay for the work of the Information Technology Services (ITS) team through the use of a contract. ITS was reimbursed for their time and equipment during electronic elections and referendum each year, Guntermann said.

The decision to make the switch to electronic voting was made with students' needs in mind, and Rankin hopes this will increase voter turnout with the upcoming referendum.

"The biggest thing is getting students to vote," Rankin said. Although the switch may raise many "what if" scenarios, voter privacy is still a high priority for ASI.

"Even though you still have to be authenticated through the my.calpoly portal to be able to vote, the election is still anonymous. We are not keeping track of who voted yes or no," Guntermann said.

The new electronic voting method will be implemented in all future ASI elections and referendums at Cal Poly.

"ASI is really excited about this new program and getting more students involved in the process," Rankin said.

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parents about the painted prints. "They got a little frustrated with not being able to answer those questions as adequate as they wanted," he said, adding, "They act as independently and arbitrarily painted over or removed the prints.

Lightman offered more reasons for the prints' removal, saying, "Cal Poly staff were alerted to the fact that the students whose hand-prints they were supposed to represent were feeling revictimized by having to see them," she said.

She added that another factor was that the handprints misrepresented the figures. Lightman said that statistically one in four college women will be sexually assaulted during her college career. "We felt that it wasn't a good representation to have you supposed to represent were feeling revictimized by having to see them," she said.

The disappearance of the red handprints resulted in a march in front of Morton's office that drew the attention of local media outlets such as KSBY.

Morton said he then met with the housing staff and the housing director and asked them to put the prints back. He added that this request was fulfilled and that housing "then undertook, to their credit, an educational, informative campaign inside the halls for students." His next step was to ask a task force to come up with a set of recommendations as to how to amend the sexual assault policy.

"They said we have arrived at a place where it doesn't seem feasible anymore to simply place a red handprint on the sidewalk and simply go away from that," Morton said.

He added that the stenciled prints "don't carry with them information that, for the viewer or for the passerby, helps them to understand what it is.

The task force recommended the creation of new permanent installations as well as modifying the policy "to appeal more to the educational and prevention areas," he said.

Art and design professor Kathryn McCormick took the new red handprint policy and developed the permanent installations as well as modifying the physical appearance. She said she wanted to make monuments people would pass everyday and that could be a part of the campus environment as well as a representation of SAFER and the new red handprint policy.

Morton said pending approvals, the permanent monuments would be placed in two locations — adjacent to the Sandwich Factory in the grass planter and in the grass area next to the tables outside Campus Market.

According to McCormick's designs, each of these monuments will be 9 feet 6 inches tall and lit at night. "It's going to be lit from the inside so there will be a seam of light up the sides of it, and then the light will show through the red handprint," she said.

"I think they'll be quite beautiful at night.

Morton said the response to the design was very positive. "Everyone just kind of fell in love with it and thought that's a great illustration of what we want," he said.

He also noted that there are people who are "reluctant to see the red handprint policy as we currently implement it modified." Morton said that he understands and appreciates the emotional ties to the spray-painted prints but he hopes the new policy will "take the program to a level that makes this issue more visible to people on campus.

Morton foresees the new installations as becoming gathering places for events such as the "Take Back The Night" walk and vigil.

As far as the already painted prints are concerned, Morton said they will not be removed until their 10 years are over. "I don't want to do disservice to the folks who were the victims or survivors whose prints are still there," he said.

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12:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

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Thursday

February 21

III Outreach/Freshman Seminar Speaker (FREE hot dog lunch)

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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III Tom Bishop (M E '66), V P of Strategic Development, URS Corp.

1:00-4:00 p.m. Local Schools

III Engineers in the Community—CENG Club Booths at Farmers Market 5:00-9:00 p.m. Downtown SLO

6:00-9:00 p.m. ATL

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February 22

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3 p.m.

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Pakistan opposition heading toward victory

Robert H. Reid

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan opposition parties headed toward a convincing victory in Parliamentary elections according to unofficial returns early Tuesday, threatening President Pervez Musharraf's rule, eight years after he seized power in a military coup.

Musharraf was accused of bolstering democracy and ending a years-long political crisis, but fear and apathy kept millions of voters at home.

The government confirmed 24 election-related deaths over the past 36 hours. But the country was spared the type of Islamic militant violence that scarred the campaigns — mostly notably the assassination of the charismatic opposition leader, Benazir Bhutto.

State-run television early Tuesday gave the two major opposition parties commanding leads in early unofficial tallies, a trend conceded by the president's Pakistan Muslim League-Q party. Final official results were not expected before Tuesday evening.

"As far as we are concerned, we will be willing to sit on opposition benches if final results prove that we have lost. This is the trend," party spokesman Tarig Aziz said.

About 15 hours after voting began, the private Geo TV network said unofficial tallies from 169 of the 268 National Assembly seats being contested showed former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's opposition Pakistan Muslim League-N with 32 percent of the vote and Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party with 29 percent. The pro-Musharraf PML-Q was third with 12 percent.

The outgoing government led by Musharraf had 24 seats declared in its favor. The highly regionalized nature of Pakistani politics made it difficult to project the final make-up of parliament based on those results.

The Inter-Party Commission Web site had posted results for only 73 seats, with Sharif's party on 36 percent, Bhutto's party on 27 percent and the PML-Q with 5 percent.

Voter turnout was estimated at 50 percent on the ballot, but the election was widely seen as a referendum on his eight-year rule — including his alliance with the United States in the war against terrorist groups that many Pakistanis oppose.

Opposition parties can garner a two-thirds majority, they could impeach Musharraf.

Several ministers in the outgoing Cabinet were electoral casualties. Two of Musharraf's allies — the chairman of the ruling party, and the outgoing railways minister — both lost seats in Punjab, the most populous province and a key electoral battleground.

Though balloting proceeded without major attacks, Bhutto's party claimed that 15 of its members had been killed and hundreds injured in scattered violence "deliberately engineered to deter voters." Officials confirmed 24 deaths in election-related violence over the previous 24 hours, mostly in the country's biggest province of Punjab, the key electoral battleground.

Musharraf's approval ratings have plummeted since his declaration of emergency rule in November and his purge of the judiciary to safeguard his role, especially after his alliance with the United States is pressing him to take more robust action against al-Qaida and Taliban fighters based in Pakistan's restive northwestern region along the Afghan border.

With his political future in the balance, Musharraf pledged to work with the new government regardless of which party wins.

"I will give them full cooperation as president, whatever is my role," Musharraf said after casting his ballot in Rawalpindi. "Confrontationist policies ... should end and we should come into conciliatory politics in the interest of Pakistan. The situation demands this."

Religious parties also fared badly, and were set to lose their control of the North West Frontier Province gained in the last parliamentary elections in 2002 when they benefited from Pakistanis anger over the U.S.-led invasion to toppled the Taliban in Afghanistan.

"I'm very happy, but we have to struggle," said Javed al-Faraq, a senior official in Sharif's party, said of the strong election showing. "We face serious problems — the economy, law and order and then the problem of terrorism, which is 70 percent because of President Musharraf. He has to go."

The U.S. government, Musharraf's strongest international backer, was anxious for a credible election to shake up democratic forces at a time of mounting concern over political unrest in this nuclear-armed nation and a growing al-Qaida and Taliban presence in the northwest.

"Every single vote must be counted fairly, and the numbers must be transmitted so decisions can be made," said Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, a Texas Democrat who was one of several American lawmakers monitoring the election. Lee said that "an effective government for the people of Pakistan was America's great concern."

Despite the stakes, it appeared most of the country's 81 million voters stayed home — either out of fear of extremist attacks or lack of enthusiasm for the candidates, many of whom waged lackluster campaigns.

"The British aristocracy played the role of a Corporate Sponsor

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in April.

Unlike Cho, Kazmierezak showed few outward signs of trouble. He passed repeated criminal background checks and had a state firearm owner's identification card, which requires applicants to answer a series of questions, including whether they have been in a mental hospital in the preceding five years. Authorities say they verify what the applicants put down.

Kazmierezak bought four guns at Tony's Guns and Ammo in Champagne. He bought a High Point 380 pistol on Aug. 6, a Sig Sauer 9 mm pistol on Dec. 30, and a Remington 870 shotgun and Glock 9 mm pistol on Feb. 9, authorities have said.

A former employee at a Chicago psychiatric treatment center said last week that Kazmierezak was placed there after high school by his parent. She said he used to cut himself and had resisted taking medications. And Kazmierezak's girlfriend, Jessica Baty, told CNN on Sunday that he had been on antidepressants but had stopped taking it about three weeks ago because "it made him feel like a zombie."

But even under Illinois' new law, it's not clear whether Kazmierezak said or did anything that would have triggered the reporting requirement and made him ineligible to buy guns.

Some argue the more stringent reporting rules could make it even harder to identify people who might be about to snap. Kerry Stenmark of the Chicago Project for Violence Prevention at the University of Illinois said the rules could have the unintended consequence of discouraging people from seeking help out of fear of being reported. He said that might be especially likely to happen in the case of someone fantasizing about going on a killing spree.

Health workers may also find themselves torn over confidentiality issues, while relatives of someone who confides in them about serious mental health problems may also fear the consequences of taking action outside the family, Shinkin added.

"They may ask: 'What's left? Is there anyone I call who is not part of the punitive system?'" he said.

Pro-gun forces also expressed skepticism that such laws could stop someone like Kazmierezak.

Jake Bosch, like many other gun-rights activists in Illinois, said the answer is the state to loosen its gun laws, not tighten them, so that students might have shot back during the NIU attack. Illinois is one of only two states with an outright ban on carrying concealed weapons. Wisconsin is the other.

"This guy at NIU committed murder, for God's sake," Bosch said. "What are a few more gun laws going to do to protect human life? There are a lot of laws he violated in killing those kids, but one more law won't make a difference to guys like that."

Family members follow the casket after a funeral for one of the five shooting victims on the NIU campus.

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President Bush gets hugs and a warrior dance in thanks for Africal aid programs

Jennifer Loven

President Bush was swept up in an outpouring of affection Monday in Tanzania's rural north, where tens of thousands lined the road to see him, a woman burst into a dance of joy just from a hug and fierce-looking Maasai warriors kapt and chanted in his honor.

Midway through a trek through five African nations that have benefited from U.S. largess, Bush spent the day in Mount Kilimanjaro's massive shadow to reinforce the strides being made with his malaria program. During stops at both a rural health complex and on a gleaming factory floor, Bush showcased real-life benefits of the U.S.-led fight against the mosquito-borne disease that kills a million children each year in impoverished tropical countries.

The president launched a five-year $1.2 billion plan in 2004 to cut malaria deaths in half in the hardest-hit countries, most of them in sub-Saharan Africa. It leverages a drive of joy just from a hug and fierce-looking Maasai warriors leapt and chanted in his honor.

But the region's effective demonstration of thanks for the U.S. drive to improve African lives dominated the day. As Bush's motorcade sped back and forth across the region, people lined almost the entire route several deep just to watch him pass. On one stretch, locals had even strewn flowers in the road.

The president landed at the airport to a performance of the tip of its dramatic snow-capped peak shrouded in clouds for all but the start of the day. Though the area is extremely poor, it also — with its proximity to the mountain's climbing trails and famed game parks — is a cradle of African tourism.

Talk of Sen. Barack Obama, whose Kenyan father has made his U.S. presidential campaign a subject of intense fascination here, also followed Bush to Arusha. Three black-and-white "Obama '08" signs were spotted in onlookers' hands along the road — a reminder not only of the Democrat's chance to take the White House from Bush's Republican Party but that the president's administration is coming to an end.

"I'm from Southern California, so I like the warm weather, but the transactions between heat and rain have been hard." — Kyle Hayhoe, construction management sophomore

"I don't like it when the wind blows me over." — Doug Toy, business junior

"What do you think about the current weather conditions?" — Valerie Hester, social sciences senior

"It sucks. It's not warm enough!" — Jamie Nguyen, economics junior

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CUPERTINO (AP) — Fans of "American Idol" will be able to download your favorite performances thanks to a new agreement between the hit television show and Apple Inc.

The show's producers and CUPERTINO-based Apple announced Monday that music performances of Idol's semifinalists will go on sale this week on iTunes for 99 cents per song.

ALBANY (AP) — Albany schools are considering tightening rules for volunteers after two incidents, including an alleged sexual assault.

The school district is in the middle of devising a comprehensive policy that would include screening for tubalities, fingerprinting and requiring background checks for certain volunteers depending on their interaction with students.

FONTANA (AP) — A hunger for carnitas nearly led to some carnage after a Fontana man was robbed of a bag of tacos at gunpoint.

Police Sergeant Jeff Decker says the 35-year-old victim had just bought about $20 in tacos from a street-corner stand Sunday night and was bicycling home when the suspect confronted him and said, "Give me your tacos."

Decker says the suspect grabbed the bag of food, punched the victim in the face and began to flee.

When the victim demanded his tacos back, the suspect pointed what appeared to be a handgun at the man and threatened to kill him before running away.

FREMONT (AP) — Police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man at a wedding reception in Fremont.

Two men were shot at the Niles Banquet Hall Saturday night. They were taken to a nearby hospital, where one of them died.

Fremont police say the shooting happened after a group of unruly guests were turned away from the event.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An airline passenger was in FBI custody Sunday after making a "suspicious comment" and forced a terminal at Los Angeles International Airport to be evacuated for two hours, authorities said.

A police bomb squad searched the man and his luggage as he got off the plane, but no weapons or explosives were found, Rodriguez said.
National Briefs

DALLAS (AP) — Long-hidden items and documents relating to the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy are being revealed for the first time in decades.

Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins presented the items at a news conference Monday. Watkins says they were locked in a safe for nearly two decades and that investigators had made him aware of them after he took office in 2006.

Among the items are documents relating to Kennedy assassin Lee Harvey Oswald and his killer, Jack Ruby, including a transcript of a purported conversation between them about killing the president. Curator Mary Mack of the Sixth Floor Museum near where the president was shot hasn't seen the transcript but doubts it is real.

BIG SPRING, Texas (AP) — An explosion rocked an oil refinery Monday in a violent blast that shook buildings miles away and injured at least one person, the company said.

All workers were accounted for about an hour after the explosion, said Blake Lewis, spokesman for refinery owner Alon USA. The injured worker was in the hospital, but the person's condition was not known, Lewis said.

CHICAGO (AP) — Illinois lawmakers moved swiftly after last year's massacre at Virginia Tech to make it harder for anyone with a history of mental illness to buy guns, fortifying what were already some of the nation's toughest weapons laws.

But the new measure does not take effect until June. And whether it would have prevented last week's bloodbath at Northern Illinois University is far from clear.

Steven Kazmierczak, the 27-year-old grad student who bought an arsenal of guns in recent months and used them to kill five people and commit suicide, had been on medication and was said to have spent time in a psychiatric center as a teen in the late 1990s.

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. (AP) — The Campbell Soup Co.'s kid-oriented soups, which feature characters such as Dora the Explorer and Batman on the cans, are getting their second sodium reduction in three years, the company announced Monday.

This time, the 12 soups for kids will have 450 milligrams per serving, which means the company can legally label them as healthy foods for the first time.
Anti-AIDS gel disappoints, failing to prevent HIV infection in African women

Marilyn Machiome
distributed press

The first anti-AIDS vaginal gel to make it through late-stage testing failed to stop HIV infection in a study of 6,000 South African women, disappointed researchers announced Monday.

The study was marred by low use of the gel, which could have undermined results, they said. Women used it less than half the number of times they had sex, and only 10 percent said they used it every time as directed.

Scientists are still analyzing the results to see if this made a difference. They also plan more tests on a revamped gel containing an AIDS drug that they hope will work better.

The gel used in the current study did prove safe, however, and researchers called that a watershed event.

But for now, the effort is the latest disappointment in two decades of trying to develop a microbicide — a cream or gel women could use to lower their risk of getting HIV through sex. A female-controlled method is especially needed in poor countries where women often can’t persuade men to use condoms.

A year ago, scientists stopped two late-stage tests of a different gel after early results suggested it might raise the risk of HIV infection instead of lowering it.

The new study tested Carraguard, a microbicide developed by the non-profit, New York-based Population Council. It contains carrageenan, which comes from seaweed and is widely used in the food and cosmetics industries as a gel, stabilizer and thickening agent. Lab animal and early human tests suggested it might prevent HIV and other sexually spread infections.

The latest study was done from March 2004 through March 2007 in Gugulethu, Soshanguve, and Pretoria, all in South Africa.

Researchers were still analyzing the statistics of the study, where 56 percent dropped out, often because they became pregnant and the gel is not known to be safe for use in pregnancy. Another 13 percent could not be found for follow-up information.

At the end of the study, there were 134 new HIV infections in the Carraguard group and 151 in the placebo group. The results were adjusted for 100 women each year in the microbicide group and 3.7 for the placebo group.

The results are comparable, with no statistically significant differences, said Khutsa Ahmed, a microbiologist who headed the study's Soweto Research Centre site near Pretoria.

However, women in the study used the gel only 44 percent of the time, and some used it hardly at all. Researchers are still analyzing the numbers to see what that means. It wasn't far greater in the microbicide group than the placebo group, "It could have had an impact on our final study results," said Barbara Fredrickson, the study's behavioral coordinator.

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More than 9,000 women, average age 31, volunteered for the study. About 27 percent tested positive for HIV and were disqualified. In all, 8,202 women were randomly given either Carraguard or a placebo gel. Neither the women nor the study staff knew who received what.

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LONDON (AP) — Mohammed Al Fayed testified Monday that the delay by police in revealing a note recording Princess Diana's fears for her safety proves that she and his son Dodi were murdered in Paris in 1997.}

Al Fayed referred to a lawyer's note of a conversation with Diana in 1995, which was handed to police after her death but not disclosed for six years.

"She said that she is going to die or be killed in a car crash and that is what happened to her and my son," Al Fayed testified at a coroner's inquest into the couple's death.

The latest trial was done from March 2004 through March 2007 in Gugulethu, Soshanguve, and Pretoria, all in South Africa.

More than 9,000 women, average age 31, volunteered for the study. About 27 percent tested positive for HIV and were disqualified. In all, 8,202 women were randomly given either Carraguard or a placebo gel. Neither the women nor the study staff knew who received what.

Researchers are still analyzing the statistics of the study, where 56 percent dropped out, often because they became pregnant and the gel is not known to be safe for use in pregnancy. Another 13 percent could not be found for follow-up information.

At the end of the study, there were 134 new HIV infections in the Carraguard group and 151 in the placebo group. The results were adjusted for 100 women each year in the microbicide group and 3.7 for the placebo group.

The results are comparable, with no statistically significant differences, said Khutsa Ahmed, a microbiologist who headed the study's Soweto Research Centre site near Pretoria.

However, women in the study used the gel only 44 percent of the time, and some used it hardly at all. Researchers are still analyzing the numbers to see what that means. If nonuse was far greater in the microbicide group than the placebo group, "it could have had an impact on our final study results," said Barbara Fredrickson, the study's behavioral coordinator.

A plus reported condom use doubled, from 33 percent at the start of the study to 64 percent during it. Other sexually spread infections declined.

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Pinback has made quite a name for itself over the last years. The success of the band's third full-length album, and particularly the single "Fortress," propelled the San Diego-based duo and particularly the single "Fortress," itself over the last years. The success of "Fortress," has owned a variety of musical categories including indie, pop, electro-rock, alternative and emo.

I asked Smith to describe the band's style of music, he responded, "I'll skip that one," he said, explaining, "I think one of our biggest influences as a whole ... or infinitely easy depending on what you look at.

But maybe that's not entirely fair. Pinback's instrumentation, though unoriginal, is anything but boring. Crow and Smith play with layers, building intensity under guitar riffs and then contrasting it with lighter piano melodies. The contrast and harmony within each song emits a vibe that can be both sad and hopeful at the same — everything an indie kid needs.

One thing I noticed about this album is that it's more than just a record collector, and he goes and seeks influences as a whole?

MD: I think it's not really like, "That band, you know? I think it's just sort of certain things, like you know we've said in the past that we both like The Police and we both like things like Devo and there (are) all kinds of things ... Gary Newman is one that I'm getting into that he likes a lot. And there's Beethoven; there's certain things about the way Captain Beefheart does things, and Rob's a huge fan of them, and certain things about (them) that I can really appreciate that are sort of an influence on how we do things. But nothing specific and nothing that is more than just a subconscious influence; we do stuff on our own and create our own thing.

MD: Now, it's also been said that neither you nor Rob like The Beatles or The Rolling Stones. What'd they do wrong?

ZS: Uh-uh. That's not true. Maybe Rob was speaking for me on that one.

MD: Actually I listened to a podcast and you guys were both talking about it.

ZS: I think I might even know which one you're talking about, and I brought up "Revolver," a Beatles' album that I do like. There are certain songs that The Rolling Stones have written that are great, you know? In general am I going to put The Beatles or The Rolling Stones on? No. It's not because I don't think they're great, but it's not something that I gravitate toward. But he flat-out hates that stuff.

One thing I can say about The Beatles is that they were lucky that they were one of the first bands in a sense, as how we look at bands nowadays. They had a whole world of things they could get away with ... You know, you'll write a song and then you'll come across something and be like, "Oh wait, it sounds really like this." They didn't have to deal with that so much I don't think; there wasn't 20 years of bands before them as a traditional rock band goes. That's one thing they had going for them ... They didn't go, "Oh jeez, wait this sounds like Pink Floyd, we can't write this song." Where the kind of stuff will happen to us. That's happened to me in the past where I'll have an idea and then realize, "Oh jeez, that's this song." And I can't go any further with it.

The Beatle had all the luck
Marry and fatherhood have diluted Jack Johnson's familiar youth in his earlier records. The 32-year-old parent tries to explore darker themes and heavier instrumentals in "Sleepimimjh The Static," in a mediocre attempt to break the laidback formula that garnered the former surfer his mainstream popularity.

Jone are the affable and inventive favorites like "banana Pancakes" and "Upside Down" from Johnson, whose maturity is expressed by songs of contemporary fears and realities. The opening, "A II at Once" is about the Iraq War and sets a tone when he muses, "Sometimes it feels like the heart is no place to be singing from at all."

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To describe a young adult novel (or any novel, I suppose) as "sensitive," "sincere" and "insightful," might very well risk sounding as if you're darning it with faint praise, not unlike recommending someone go on a blind date because the date "has a pleasant personality." So while Paul Zindel's classic (if dated ... more on that later) book "The Pigman" is indeed sensitive, sincere and insightful, a fair description might start there, but it wouldn't end there: A story of loneliness, friendship and loss, it is also poignant, humorous and haunting. It's a book that envelops rather than dazzles the reader in a low-key story that is ultimately all the more resonant for its gentle approach.

Published in 1968, Zindel's book centers on John and Lorraine, two emotionally isolated high school students whose friendship forms a protective barrier against a world they believe is indifferent at best and hostile at worst. There are hints of attraction between them, but, for the most part, the friendship is so rewarding that they're wary of asking for more.

Told in chapters alternating between his point of view and hers, the book wisely takes its time letting us settle into John and Lorraine's activities. To help pass time and release some of their adolescent energy, they occasionally make prank phone calls (hey, I told you this was dated). One day they happen to call one Angelo Pignati, "The Pigman," an aging widower whose only "friend" is a baboon at the local zoo. So eager for human contact that he's willing to overlook the obvious nature of the prank, Pignati invites John and Lorraine to come by his house, and thus begins a deceptively simple story of a friendship that is both stronger and more fragile that it appears at any given moment.

As mentioned, the book's 1968 copyright is evident throughout the pages. Although it may be hard to believe there was ever a world without cell phones, e-mail or MTV, there was, and it's in that world that the book's characters struggle between their better natures and their more immediate desires. But if the nature of the world John, Lorraine and The Pigman inhabit seems, at times, hopelessly quaint, their emotional wounds and longings feel as fresh and deep as those of our closest friends or, more to the point, as our own.

Make no mistake, if you read "The Pigman" today, you will likely roll your eyes at some of the anachronistic touches. But make no mistake, you will also likely feel your heart ache at the way youth and age and exploitation and generosity inevitably collide and reveal the potential and limitations of three confused and complex human beings.

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Resuming with producer JP Plunier, who composed Johnson's 2001 debut, "Brodoire Fairytales," the new album searches for disparate sounds and qualities by dropping acoustic guitar for electric.

The melodies and lullabies from "Static" don't stray from the zen-like perspective Johnson has drawn on from surfing or living under the Hawaiian sun. In fact, the album's lyrics don't cast itself into any new territories, providing the same bland, gentle and nature-inspired rhymes from his past four records, despite the deeper themes.

The monotonous "Hope" and "Losing Keys" are bland and suffer from Johnson's transition to the electric guitar, as the instrument sounds oddly constricted to slow rhythms in pacing with low-key vocals.

"Sleep Though The Static," as a whole, is lost while Johnson tries to maintain a relaxed vibe while attempting to add greater depth through instrumentals. Instead, "Static" could benefit by giving other instruments the liberty to contribute to Johnson's compositions.

The addition of keyboardist Zach Gill gives a layer of texture, and drummer Adam Topol provides an up-tempo contrast to guitar chords, but listeners can hear Johnson and Plunier are holding them back. When instruments blend well with Johnson's lazy voice, his ambitious lyrics fall flat from trying too hard. Clustered lyrics such as, "To listen is to learn, and too much is what we deserve," from "They Do, They Don't" aim toward vague ideologies without much meaning.

Light-hearted and foolish, "What You Thought You Needed" adds a departure from Johnson's typical style — like the "woo-woo's" at the end of "If I Had Eyes" — with an introductory drum roll and humming. Yet the contrasts come only to back up Johnson's vocals instead of permeating into the song and fail to provide the variety needed in his songs.

"Sleep Through The Static," the album's title track, is a glimpse in the right direction. The harmonica and blues provides variety, while delivering a political tone about the consequences of ambivalence: "Who needs please when we've got guns? Who needs keys when we've got clubs?"

But Johnson's most successful songs are those stripped of instrumentals and ambitious lyrics. On "Static," the simple melodies of "Angel" and "Cio On" are his most focused and show the most maturity instrumentally.

Though an experimental album in pursuit of more meaningful musical tones, Johnson's best musical achievements and chart-topping songs are those from his latest debut.
The civil rights era, through photographs

Coral Snyder
MUSTANG DAILY

Walking into what seems like an empty corridor from afar in the Kennedy Library turns out to be an exhibit that provides a glimpse into a time where some Americans struggled to gain their civil rights.

"Snapshots of Equality," a special month-long exhibit hosted by the Kennedy Library, is an attempt to endorse the preservation of local and regional manuscript collections that recognize black history and events in honor of Black History Month.

"I think it's important because it will stimulate the preservation of history in our own families and help with research in our own pursuits or areas of study," said Catherine Trujillo, assistant in special collections.

The exhibit has several black-and-white photographs from the 40th annual National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) convention held in Los Angeles in July 1949.

An unknown amateur photographer, who was an attendee of the convention and was speculated to have been a delegate, took the snapshots.

The photographs are of various attendees as well as the venues where some of the meetings were held.

The convention had approximately 500 delegates who attended from more than 40 different states. Attendees of the convention advocated for the advancement of civil rights in the United States for all groups and especially for the rights of blacks.

The NAACP was founded in 1909 and is the oldest civil rights organization in America. Their goal is to ensure equality for all and eliminate racial discrimination and the hatred that comes along with it.

The gallery also had newspaper clippings written about the convention and published primarily in the Los Angeles Times during the time period.

"What makes the snapshots unique and historical is that they were taken from the perspective of the attendees," Trujillo said.

The other main portion of the exhibit is a section dedicated to Alice Mae Martin, a black woman who was known for her extensive community service in San Luis Obispo.

"She was very interesting because she came to San Luis Obispo during World War II and took it upon herself to go out and help within the community," project curator Judy Drake said.

Martin had only a sixth-grade education but was an avid reader and is credited for serving more than 10,000 hours of community service for San Luis Obispo.

The exhibit includes things that represent her life, such as letters, poetry, photographs and personal items that were found at a swap meet.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Kadzo to the Tri Team

I would like to compliment the triathlon team for an amazing race last Sunday. The Champs of Love was well organized, fun and a great reflection of college athletics and positive student involvement. I was once a part of this team (1994-1997) and now train a running group for moms. This was the second year we participated and I am already planning for us to be there in 2009.

Thanks for a great race.
Liz Wilson
Liberal studies aluna ‘97

Registration crap-shoot

During my three years at Cal Poly, I have continuously tried to improve our registration and e-mail systems. Unfortunately, these "improvements" have made things worse. Every year I get more and more spam through my Oracle e-mail account, and registering has become harder than half the classes I am trying to enroll in. Not to mention the system that has been implemented can't hold the amount of people trying to register and crashed numerous times throughout the day on Monday. Instead of e-mails titled "Important Registration Information," you should be getting emails titled "Registration is Here: You're Fucked" because with our current system, that is the reality. It took me 30 minutes to register for four classes on Monday. Not to mention I lost two of my classes because your system blows. Why don't we just go back to the registration where I type my name and password in, type in my class numbers, hit send and be done?
I don't need a green stoplight to let me know the class is open or a yellow one to let me know I'm waitlisted. In case you didn't realize, we are in college and don't need some crazy color-coordinated PeopleSoft bullshit to register for classes. Stop trying to make these things more hi-tech than they need to be so we don't have to sit around and twiddle our thumbs while your shifty computer program is "processing" for 10 minutes for each class.

Will Harley
Business junior
San Luis Obispo: As safe as it seems?

I imagine this: You will meet late with your friends on a Saturday night, and instead of going home, one of your friends decides to crash at your house near the university. You lend her some pajamas, give her a teddy bear to use as a pillow and say “goodnight” at about 4 a.m.

Sounds pretty typical, right? Now picture that when you wake up, your friend is gone, there is blood on the closet and seeing the chartreuse, tomatoes? I think not.

For some students at the University of Nevada, Reno, this isn’t the stuff of their imagination, it’s reality. Their friend, 19-year-old Brianna Denison, had been missing for more than a month until her body was found in a field eight miles from campus on Friday. Since then, police have stated that she was strangled by a serial rapist who has found in a field eight miles from campus on Friday. She was turning 31 years old on Wednesday.

As safe as it seems?

So, the next time you find yourself in a frustrating position regarding green color and environmental policies, just think of the Wicked Witch of the West because frankly, green and I are not ready to end our relationship.

The Wicked Witch of the West was green, you say? Sounds pretty typical, right? Now picture that when you wake up, your friend is gone, there is blood on the closet and seeing the chartreuse, tomatoes? I think not.

According to the National Crime Information Center’s Missing Person File, there were 110,484 active missing persons records as of Dec. 31, 2006. That’s more than twice the size of San Luis Obispo. Though adolescents aged 18 and younger accounted for the bulk of that number, approximately 12,657 of those records represent people between the ages of 18 and 20, aka the ages of a good portion of Cal Poly’s student population. Furthermore, females under the age of 21 are more than twice as likely to be abducted than a male of the same age.

We can all agree that the quiet city of San Luis Obispo is generally a pretty safe place, but you can never be completely sure. After a series of sexual assaults that took place in the last year within blocks of campus, and the alleged rape of an 18-year-old a couple of weeks ago in the San Luis Obispo Creek area, we can’t help but wonder what will it take? One student told the Associated Press that most of her peers now carry some form of defense, such as a Tazer or pepper spray. And even if there isn’t a serial rapist on the loose in San Luis Obispo, it’s still not a bad idea.

Regardless of our blue light system and the escort van service, there comes a point where each student needs to be responsible for himself or herself and the people around them — and I don’t see that a whole lot. Nothing makes me more nervous than seeing freshmen girls walking around Grand Avenue and off campus late at night — and I see it ALL THE TIME. If you’re not learning now, when will you? It’s a big world out there and this is only the beginning. Everyone deserves to at least make it to their 31st birthday.

Kristen Marschall is a journalism senior and the editor in chief of the Mustang Daily.
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play into the sixth-place Mustangs' hand.

"For us it's not too bad, because he plays in the high post and they stick him out a lot," Bromley clarified.

The Aggies (8-17, 2-10) enter the contest led in scoring by junior guard Vince Oliver, who averages 12.1 points per outing on 42.1-percent shooting from the floor. He has started all 25 of UC Davis' games and is second in the conference in minutes per game, with 32.2.

"We'll have a tough time matching up a little bit because of our speed, so we'll have to play zone, which kind of plays into their hands a little bit because they shoot the 3 pretty well," Bromley said.

UC Davis, meanwhile, will be looking to capitalize on its quickness advantage.

In the teams' previous meeting, Thomas made 6 of 8 shots from the floor, including 4 of 5 from 3-point range in the Mustangs' 70-67 win Jan. 24.

"Just from what Thomas did against us alone, they're obviously going to try to get him under control," Clink said.

Also key in Cal Poly's win was Vance, who dunked seven times on route to an 8-for-9 performance on his way to a career-high 19 points.

"He was a tough match-up for us," Clink said. "A lot of those (eight baskets) were point-blank. We've got to try to make him catch it farther from the basket and make him work harder for his points."

Shelton could also attract extra defensive attention from the Aggies.

"He's kind of the backbone of that team," Clink said. "He's strong inside, and a good post presence. We anticipate them going to him more now than (the three guards) are out."

The Aggies have struggled to stay healthy in their own right, and have recently been without the services of junior forward Michael Boone and junior forward Jose Lopez, who combined for more than 16 minutes per game through the 14 contests each of them played this season.

On Saturday, six Aggies played at least 23 minutes, while only one other player played more than seven.

"Because of our lack of depth we haven't been able to find four or five guys playing well right at the same time," Clink said.

Cal Poly (9-14, 4-7) knows all too well about dwindling depth charts, but has to stay upbeat, Bromley said, especially in a conference in which there is no apparent clear-cut favorite.

"You never know," he said. "That's why I don't want them to pout and have this pity party."
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for surprises out then,' he said. "That's else. I testified about my dad in part a congressional committee two weeks ing drugs.

In addition, Pettitte testified McNamee, the former personal trainer for Clemens and Pettitte, had spoken in 2003 or 2004 about stents used by Clemens.

Pettitte claims Pettine "misrep... "I'm just not going to go there," Pettitte said. "I've had to testify under oath. So has Roger. And, you know, I don't think that's anything I need to sit here and try to elaborate on with anyone else."

"He proved awfully hard" to be dropped from testifying at last Wednesday's hearing. Pettitte was ex... his father.

"I'm sorry for not telling the whole truth in my original statement," Pettitte said. "I never wanted to bring my dad into a situation like this. This was between him and me, and no one else. I testified about my dad in part because I felt in my heart I had to, but mainly because he urged me to tell the truth, even if it hurt him."

Pettitte said there were no other times he used performance-enhancing drugs. "There are no other surprises out there," he said. "That's all there is and anything that would come up would be definitely false allegations."

McNamee said he injected Clem... 4 minutes for the announcement. But I agree with him a little on that."

Pettitte realizes he may have to testify again, either in Clemens' defamation suit against McNamee or if the Justice Department launches a criminal case against Clemens or McNamee. "He can't put this behind him because of Roger's selfishness and inability to admit the facts," Richard Emery, one of McNamee's lawyers, said in a telephone interview. "Clemens is putting Andy in the middle of a neat-grander again. He's going to have to testify again in a deposition, probably this summer, and it's going to be far more extensive than anything Cong... Clemens did. He is the key witness."

Joel Hrushefski, Clemens' spokes... declared comment.

Green permission to report four days after other Yankees pitchers, Pet... 35 pitches during a bullpen session at the minor league complex before the news conference. He acknowledged he had considered not playing because of the ongoing situation.

Pettitte plans to apologize to his teammates. He met with George Steinbrenner and the owner's sons, Hank and Hal, before facing report..."I just wanted to tell them face to face that I'm sorry and apologize to him, you know, for the embarrassment that this has brought," Pettitte said. "He was a little stubborn in accepting my apology and said that he's behind me 1 percent, tried to tell me that I haven't brought any embarrassment to the organization. But I disagree with him a little on that."

The 35-year-old lefty with 201 career-... 20 regular-season wins and four World Series championship rings said he felt just as if he accomplished them were tainted. He said he used HGH only because he felt pressure to pitch while injured.

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Mustangs caught off guard again

Keeler, second-leading scorer, joins Whiten and Thomas as Cal Poly guards sidelined indefinitely

Just when it seemed as if the Cal Poly men’s basketball team couldn’t have any worse luck, it was struck with another blow — or more specifically, another injury.

Mustangs sophomore guard Lorenzo Keeler is out indefinitely with a possible stress fracture, Cal Poly head coach Kevin Bromley said Monday.

Keeler joins senior Dawin Whiten and junior Chaz Thomas as injured Cal Poly guards sidelined indefinitely. The three have combined for 39 starts this season.

“It’s right now I have two guards in the program,” Bromley said. “I have a walk-on (sophomore Rick Higgins) and a starting guard in Tristan Clark. So right now we’re really low in guards. And it’s just what was supposed to be the strength of this basketball team.”

Bromley said Keeler, who limped in practice Saturday and can’t even walk on the foot and is now wearing a protective boot, first suffered pain against Cal State Fullerton on Feb. 9. He also underwent an MRI Monday.

“It has all the signs of a stress fracture,” Bromley said. “They don’t think it’s a stress fracture but there’s inflammation around the bone.”

Whiten has missed four-straight games because of a stress fracture in his right foot, for which season-ending surgery has been scheduled for Monday, Bromley said.

Thomas, who was on the bench in street clothes Thursday in a 60-47 loss at UC Santa Barbara, because of what was initially described as ankle pain and can barely walk. "It’s pretty wide open still,” Bromley said. “We covered a lot of ground; we rebounded it the basketball well. It might work pretty well.”

Bromley admitted the Mustangs were feeling sorry for themselves, because they see Clark can barely even walk and Lorenzo came out in a boot, so obviously they’re like, ‘Now what? You can either feel sorry for yourself and have a pity party, or we can rally.’

Cal Poly will get its first chance without all three at 7 p.m. Wednesday at UC Davis.

“They’re definitely at a disadvantage without those three guys,” said UC Davis associate head coach Greg Clark. “They can get you double-figures (in points) any night.”

To compensate for the backcourt void, Bromley said the Mustangs will likely resort to playing a defensive zone more often, and turn to Higgins, freshman guard Shawn Lewis and sophomore forward Charles Anderson to fill in at shooting guard and Clark.

Helping out at small forward could be 6-foot-8 senior Dreshawn Vance, Bromley explained, while senior Matt Hanson and junior Timo Shelton will continue to man their respective starting power forward and center spots.

“We’re just going to have to slow it down and play big,” Bromley said. “This conference is crazy. Night-in, night-out, the are close games. It’s almost got” as a walk-on, Bromley said, could start for comment.

In the absence of Whiten and Thomas on Thursday, the Mustangs committed a season-high 24 turnovers. Clark distributed five of their eight assists, but no other starters had any, and no one else had more than one.

“I had to jump their butt pretty good in practice today,” Bromley said Monday. “I thought they were feeling sorry for themselves, because they see Clark can barely even walk and Lorenzo came out in a boot, so obviously they’re like, ‘Now what? You can either feel sorry for yourself and have a pity party, or we can rally.’

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Exemplifying the conference’s unreliability is sophomore Aggies forward Dominic Calegua, who scored at least 10 points just once in his first 15 games this season, but has established back-to-back career highs by netting 25 and 26 points Thursday and Saturday.

“Hey, he’s playing with a lot of confidence and shooting the ball really well,” Clark said. “He’s a good athlete and can score inside and out. He’s long, quick and athletic and does a good job of creating shots for himself.”

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