As MTV celebrates 20 years of "Yo, MTV Raps," former hosts reflect on the show's influence.

As alcohol flows, credit cards swipe and cash exchanges hands. A little bit of this mixed with a little bit of that, and a splash of lime — the bartenders downtown have the power, and they control all bar patrons.

However, these are not your average bartenders — they are women working in an industry typically dominated by men.

Megan Murphy, a bartender at Mother's Tavern, said she has no real advantage over her male coworkers. Although she says she "can get more tips out of guys," Murphy said women are not as trusted behind the bar when situations get out of hand with intoxicated customers.

Murphy also said it can be harder for women to get bartending jobs unless they have previous connections with management. All of the major bars in downtown San Luis Obispo have at least two female bar-tenders on staff. The Library Lounge has the highest percentage with six of seven bartenders being women, while at Native Restaurant and Lounge, only two of 10 are women.

A female bartender who works at both Marti's Bar and Grill and the Library Lounge, and wished to remain anonymous, said she feels she "has an edge" over male bartenders. She admitted she can exploit her sexuality and femininity to get more tips from male customers. However, she said it is harder for women to "work their way up" in the male-dominated industry.

Lauren, a Library Lounge bartender who wanted to withhold her last name, said she felt there was "not really an advantage" to being a female bartender.

She said she knows "males make more money" than her while doing the same job but that it all comes down to the customers. Lauren explained that her customers know she does not "dress super-sexy to get tips," but added that she does sometimes see sexism within the company.

According to on-duty bartenders at various downtown establishments, women generally comprise less than half the bar-tenders on staff. Downtown Brewing Co. and Frog & Peach boast the highest percentages with women making up half of the total bartending employees.

But it is more common for women to account for approximately one-third of all bartenders, such as at the following bars: Marti's Bar and Grill, Bull's Tavern, McCarthy's Irish Pub, Black Sheep Bar & Grill, and Mother's Tavern.

A male bartender at McCarthy's Irish Pub who also wished to remain anonymous said bartending is a "sexist job" and that he has the advantage over female bartenders.

He explained that in terms of getting more tips, "guys can get along with guys, and gays can get along with girls," but "girls cannot get along with guys, but girls cannot get along with girls."

Pouring shots is just part of agribusiness senior Courtney Holcomb bartending job at Marti's Bar and Grill.

"Before I knew what was happening, this guy had locked the door and was grabbing the torch out of my hand, and I was determinedly clinging on," former chieft-n Kuhn said. "Tommie Hugall of British Broadcasting Corp. television."

"Do I feel for the cause," she said. "I think that China has a despicable human rights
Another demonstrator tried to smush the flame with a spray of white powder from a fire extinguisher, police said. Still others threw themselves in the torch's path. They were tackled or dragged off by police. Authorities said 37 protesters were arrested.

London's Metropolitan police said some 2,000 officers on foot, motorcycles, bikes, and on horseback tried to keep the procession under control.

One group of Tibetan protesters was corralled in metal barricades across from Bloomsbury Square.

"It feels like we are restrained like a sheep in a barn," said Pasang Dolbe, 27, a Tibetan national who works as a nurse in London. "It really hurts.

Chinese nationals about 100 yards away were allowed to move freely as they waved Chinese flags distributed by the Chinese Embassy and the Bank of China.

"We don't like the Tibet people who use this time against the Chinese. It's not a proper venue," said Ling Yaii, 27, a Tibetan national who works as a nurse in London. "It really hurts.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown briefly greeted the flame when it arrived outside his Downing Street residence.

Brown never handled the torch but watched as Olympic gold medalist Denise Lewis handed it to Paralympic powerlifter hopeful Ali Jawad. Pro-Tibet demonstrators and police clashed yards away near Britain's Parliament.

The torch was closely followed in east London by dozens of demonstrators shouting "Shame on China!

British police officers apprehend an anti-China, pro-Tibet demonstrator as he tried to interrupt the Olympic torch parade in London.
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charlton Heston, who died Saturday night at 84, was a towering figure both in politics and on screen, where his characters had the ear of God (Moses in "The Ten Commandments"), survived apocalyptic plagues ("The Omega Man") and endured one of Hollywood's most grueling action sequences (the chariot race in "Ben-Hur," which earned him the best-actor Academy Award).

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Authorities say they arrested a 35-year-old man after the Los Angeles Animal cruelty Task Force allegedly found fighting roosters, cockfighting paraphernalia and large quantities of cash at a Chatsworth residence.

Authorities say they arrested Leopoldo Barron on Tuesday after they received a tip that cockfighting was taking place at the site.

A statement from the agency says they also found large quantities of methamphetamine, more than a pound of marijuana and several loaded firearms.

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ANGELA CORDOVA, Texas (AP) — Authorities who removed 219 women and children from a polygamous compound were struggling Sunday to determine whether they had the 16-year-old girl whose report of an underage marriage led them to raid the sprawling rural property.

Many people at the compound, built by followers of jailed polygamist leader Warren Jeffs, are related to one another and share similar names; investigators said in some cases they were giving different names at different times.

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Police say they got a major clue to the identity of a suspect in the armed robbery of a convenience store — his job application.

Investigators in Athens, Ga., say Demetrius Robinson filled out the application to kill time while waiting for the Golden Pantry store to open up to customers.

Authorities say it was Robinson who then produced a knife and held up the store last week.

The job application gave Robinson's name and an uncle's phone number but a phony address.

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MTV has launched a month-long campaign commemorating the 20th anniversary of the "Yo! MTV Raps" music show's premier. The program is praised by much of the hip-hop industry as the first to bring such music to the masses.

The celebration includes all mediums in the MTV network — television, radio, the Internet and mobile phone access — and features new and old "Yo! MTV Raps" programming as retrospective hubs in honor of the program.

The program's original hosts, Fab Five Freddy and Doctor Dre (not to be confused with rapper and producer Dr. Dre), expressed their enthusiasm for the program's 20th anniversary and took stock in the groundbreaking nature of the show in a recent conference call interview.

"It really was a great thing at a great point in time," Fab Five Freddy said. "Prior to 'Yo!,' MTV was video apartheid for hip-hop videos. The show allowed the showcasing of an era with so much diversity and culture in the hip-hop movement; it played a big part in hip-hop's golden age."

"There was a really huge reaction to MTV deciding to play hip-hop videos," Doctor Dre concurred in the same interview. "We all looked at it as sort of a summer job — one that we were always excited about and grateful to go back to when we found out we still had it. Before 'Yo!,' the biggest video by a black artist on MTV was 'Hilly Jean' by Michael Jackson."

The introduction of the program, one of the highest-rated to air on MTV in the 1980s, spawned a number of similarly minded shows, most notably BET's "Rap City," which still airs today.

"Someone always goes out on a limb and does it first," Fab Five Freddy remarked. "Afterward, everyone's trying to catch up and get on the boat, especially with a cultural revolution such as this. It was literally an avalanche coming down the mountain. Young black males had a presence on TV that they'd never had before, and it was a 'get with it or get out of the way' situation."

"Yo! MTV Raps" set a major precedent for other shows as well.

"The difference between 'Yo!' and what followed was the budget, among other things," Doctor Dre added. "We were given a blank slate and asked, 'What are you gonna do with this?' Those other shows which followed did well because 'Yo!' had already cast the mold."

Both Fab Five Freddy and Doctor Dre agreed that "Yo! MTV Raps" was a major catalyst for the hip-hop industry's proliferation, observing that it leveled the playing field for many artists as major record labels tried to catch up.

"It really was a renaissance in its own right, a stage of music much like when the jazz age allowed many black musicians to achieve prominence," Fab Five Freddy said. "It helped bring in the hip-hop era, which is still going strong some 25-plus years later."

Particularly noteworthy programs that will air in celebration of "Yo! MTV Raps" are countdowns of top artists, episodes, videos and moments from the program's seven-year span.

Some of the more memorable moments from the show include Tupac Shakur boldly declaring that he physically assaulted the Hughes Brothers after being cut from their film "Menace II Society" (which was included in the Tupac documentary "Resurrection"), and the freestyle rapping of an apparently drunk O.F. Dirty Bastard, despite host Ed Lover's attempts to stop him.

Both Doctor Dre and Fab Five Freddy expressed their gratitude for being able to take part in a groundbreaking program at such a pivotal time in the history of hip-hop music and culture.

"'Yo!' did it first and better than anybody else; this has to date," Fab Five Freddy said. "You can't really know how big of an impact it had until enough time has passed and you can reflect back on it. 'Yo!' as a forum, instigated the eventual study of rap music's history as well as the fine-tuning of form in terms of music and culture."

Over the years, Fab Five Freddy (above) and Doctor Dre (inset, right) have made their marks on the prolific show.
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Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been... well, let's just call it "a long time" since my last confession, but I really need to get this off my chest. I laughed at a joke about the Pope farting. I laughed hard, and now I'm probably going to hell. But at least I won't be alone.

Saturday's opening of "POPE II: A Holy, Political, Musical Cabaret" was so packed with laughs at the expense of the Catholic Church and the American political machine that the majority of the audience will probably join me in that lake of fire in the near future.

Straddling the line between the highest of highbrow and the lowest of lowbrow humor, the unique musical satire starts out full-speed and doesn't let up until the curtain call. In fact, the opening line, "Dick Cheney is dead," spoken by an unseen narrator, had the audience cheering before a single actor set foot on the stage.

In the show, Dubya, played by writer and director Gale McNeeley, is left to the wolves when Cheney dies during their last year in the White House. He fears the repercussions of the scandal that threatens to destroy his presidency and is in desperate need of a safe haven.

After the ghosts of politics past, present and future visit him, Dubya has an epiphany (which he pronounces "sprotopah") and comes to the realization that the only way he stands a chance is by seeking out the power of the Pope (pronounced "Popie").

The sitting Pope, Papa Ratz, is happy to help and dubbs Dubya Cardinal Wunderbar, absolving his sins. Not long after, Papa Ratz is kidnapped and locked away in a secret prison in Eastern Europe, leaving the position of Pope open for the right puppet.

Dubya's unopposed run doesn't last very long. A group of rebelious nuns come to the realization that "The Bible doesn't say you need a penis to be the Pope," and they nominate their own candidate, Sister Dominique-singe-nique (she's quite unique-singe-nique), the world-famous singing nun. Hilarity ensues.

McNeeley's portrayal of the commander in chief ranges from blantly idiotic to subtly sympathetic. He has Bush's mannerisms down pat, and it is hard not to gag when he poses for the audience.

What is more interesting about the performance is McNeeley's ability to make the audience almost feel bad for Dubya, who has just been a pawn of his entire life. In one scene, he clutches and chews at his security blanket while an overbearing Barbara Bush demands that he read "My Pet Goat." One can't help but feel a little sorry for the guy; after all, as he so delicately put it himself, "That is one scary woman."

The musical numbers are what really make "POPE II" shine. The small cast of four actors and scene-stealing accompanist Sister Betty, played by Betty Faas, perform parody after parody and switch genres and styles without ever missing a beat.

A few musical high notes include the Ghost of Cheney's warning to Dubya "Chain, Chain, Chain," performed by Joslyn Lute; "Don't Cry for Me All Good Women," a deliciously satri­ cal take on Hillary Clinton's famous emotional outburst, performed by Christina Lenoe, and a portrait of the presidential hopeful, Sister Dominique-singe-nique's somewhat controversial proposal for sex education called "The Sound of Harmonies," performed by Bri Leathem; and, of course, McNeeley's "I Am the Great Decider.

Aside from a few opening night blips and a little obligatory liberal pandering via buzzwords like "socialized healthcare" and "impeachment," the cast put on one hell of a show. There was singing, dancing and split-second costume changes, and in the end the kidnapped Pope even made an appearance to sanctify the audience and deem us all cardinals of the Catholic Church so we could vote for the new Pope.

One of the most enjoyable community theater experiences I can remember, "POPE II" is well worth the suggested donation ($5 for students, $15 for general public), and the cookies served at intermission were delicious, even though I couldn't get them to transub­stantiate.

The musical will play at the World Rhythm and Motion Center Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through April 20, when the cast will relocate to Santa Maria. Curtain is 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. runtime on Sundays.

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less offensive.

**Wrong!** There used to be a system by which your stupid video had to be proven as entertaining before others could watch it. That system was very high-tech and known as "America's Funniest Home Videos." Sometimes I wish Bob Saget would narrate all of the videos I watch online. That would be heaven drizzled with syrup and candied pecans.

So if you want to get viral, put up some videos and get original—we can hear you sing Alco Keys at the karaoke bar if you're going to rap, be sure you can rap.

And don't try to make a parody about something like poo or sex; I don't care how funny the TRENDASAURUS thinks the word "caca" is.

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**Bored with facebook?**

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From the looks of it, we are in a recession. The value of the dollar is dropping overseas, house prices are falling and companies are cutting back. Experts argue that what we are experiencing now could be the worst since World War II. So what does that mean for the average college student? Not much, unless you’re graduating.

Economists define a recession as two consecutive quarters of economic decline (a drop in the country’s gross domestic product). Since 1980, there have only been four recessions, the last of which was in 2001. Being young teens then, I doubt many of us remember much about it. We are what the U.K.’s Motley Fool calls “recession virgins,” and for those of us who are graduating, it could be a pretty painful first time.

As a student enrolled in my last quarter of college, much of my attention, beyond completing my senior project, has turned to the inevitable future. In all honesty, I hadn’t given much thought to the looming recession (like most college students, I am assum­ingly until I read an article last week about its effects on the job market, specifi­cally for recent grads. Since then, my already questionable “choosen career path” seems even more unclear.

According to the Baltic Times, the federal government released in­formation last week that said U.S. employers have cut over 232,000 jobs in the past three months. Of those roughly a quarter of a mil­lion jobs, the 80,000 lost in March was the big­gest employment drop in five years. Moreover, in the midst of the worst recession in decades, many employees are suspending their employee training pro­grams, falling away from hiring new graduates.

Online career sites report a full in job postings and many students (like myself) who do not have jobs already lined up, experience a fairly negative response to employment in­quiries. It’s true, 2008 grad will have more opportunities than peers that graduated a year before; but the increase originally anticipated is much less, an estimated eight percent rise according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

If you’re not depressed already, here is another interesting tidbit. To make matters worse, especially for those among us counting calories, recessions and falling economies tend to decrease a person’s willpower to lose weight, among other things. According to an editorial featured in the New York Times (“Tighten Your Belt, Strengthen Your Mind”), the brain is limited in its ability to self-regulate. When willpower is focused on one particular goal, say, spending less money, then other areas of self-control (i.e. eating less) often lose out. Overweight and unemployed. Sucks for us.

So what’s a young college graduate to do? There are roughly 1.5 million of us out there graduating this spring, ready to dip a toe into the career pool, and interestingly enough, we began our college education during an optimi­stic economy.

Many grads are reaching out overseas for employment. These less motivated are using the pessimistic job market as an excuse to crash on Mom and Dad’s couch. There are also the thousands who seek shelter in the recession proof place known as graduate school. If none of these options are appealing, there is some good news to keep you on the job hunt. CollegeGrad.com reports that the first people to be hired after recessions are college gradu­ates. Additionally, the young, tech-savy gen­eration we are exactly what employers want.

I might be overheating a bit, but I feel that when we graduate, we all are in the same boat: broke, cheap and in pursuit of a successful future. If anything, it’s better to get this sooner than later and enjoy it while we’re young. When else do we have the opportunity to shamelessly enjoy ugly furniture, nauseating living arrangements and empty refrigerators? So really, the “R” word isn’t all that scary. Sure, there are a few battles ahead of us, but regardless, graduating from college is going to be a big reality check. I really don’t think that throwing this added challenge in the mix will faze us too much.

Taylor Moore is a journalism senior and a Mus­tant Daily current events columnist. 

Embrace diversity, or my foot in your ass

On April 2, after grabbing a fresh copy of the Mustang Daily and gracing a bench with my ass, I was slapped in the face with a full-page letter of how and why I should embrace diversity written by President Baker.

The letter starts out explain­ing why our university needs to address the issue of diversity and how the academic community will play a role shaping a diverse future. Yet, the letter was written so vaguely; it could make the most sinister politician’s panties moist.

I think the term “diversity” in this article was used to confuse the public.

If it is Cal Poly’s goal to allow different ideas to clash so that the Cal Poly community can learn from the consequences, so be it. I honestly don’t care.

But when an issue such as di­versity is pushed, and opposing viewpoints are unacceptable or offensive, I believe there are ul­terior motives. Therefore “divers­i­ty” (as used by this article) can kiss my ass.

I think the letter acts as a safety blanket to prevent the admin­istration from looking obstinate as viewed from the outside. The same day the article was published, the entire school received an e-mail that prompted the campus to nominate a said “campus unit” for an excellent commitment to diversity. Cal Poly will reward a group of people $1,000 for such a commitment to diversity.

Conversely, Cal Poly will be rewarded with $5.9 million! Embrace the controversial Saudi Arabia cultural influence with the new Saudi engineers? Apparently embracing diversity can be influenced with money.

Are these letters geared to soften the school with intentions of goodwill and positive moral values to get acceptance covering a racial sensitive issue? Look past the conflicting rhetoric and make your own decision.

Macedo 1, Baker 0. Count it.

Michael Macedo is a manufacturing engineer senior and a guest columnist for the Mustang Daily. 

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bright spot, seeing his progression from the
beginning of the year," McGrath said.

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Day wins high jump at Texas Relays
Cal Poly senior Sharon Day won the women's high jump at the 85th Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays in Austin, Texas on Saturday by clearing 5 feet, 8 1/4 inches. Junior Johanna Duarte, an NCAA West Regional-qualifying discus thrower, came in 10th in that event at 153-5.

The Mustangs' only other mark came on behalf of junior sprinter Toddle Tovert, who clocked a 10.84-second time in the 100-meter dash to come in 31st place.

At the Mantiota Invitational, sophomore Carl Dargitz qualified regionally Friday in the steeplechase with a time of 9:06.66, coming in a seventh-place tie in the "B" section.

Freshman Alfred Hines Jr. took second in his 110 hurdles heat Friday at 14.6, before coming in eighth in Saturday's finals at 14.88.

The Mustangs will travel to the Jackie Joyner-Kersee/Kater Johnson Invitational held at UCLA from Thursday through Saturday.

Baseball team swept in Northridge
The Cal State Northridge baseball team completed its first Big West Conference series sweep since 2004 on Sunday by routing Cal Poly 8-3 at Matador Field.

In their fourth-straight loss, the Cal Poly Mustangs (9-17, 1-5) stranded 12 baserunners and committed three errors.

In singles, Blalock (7-10) once again faced Grady (13-3), who took the lead at the beginning of each set and ultimately won 6-2, 6-0.

Cal Poly (10-10, 3-3 Big West) hosts two more conference foes this upcoming weekend, facing UC Davis at 11 a.m. Saturday and UC Santa Barbara at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Bream still believes there is plenty of time for the Mustangs to correct their struggles.

"We've got three weeks left in the season, so I think that we really have to dig deep and, with a bit of a sense of urgency, take advantage of the opportunities that we have," he said. "To be honest, I feel like we have another gear that we are capable to go to."

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Mustang sophomores Steffi Wong, left, and Britney Bladock lost 8-4 in doubles play Friday to fall to 11-4 for the season.

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"It was just a matter of a couple of points, or changing a few things," she said. "We get another chance at them at the end of the month.

"We learned a lot from today, competitively and strategically," Wong added. "We're going to get more match experience and that'll make us tougher, which is what we want.

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Cal Poly sophomore Marty Mohamed (17), shown in a 24-17 win over Western Oregon on Sept. 22, 2007, has been moved to outside linebacker.

Donovan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

From a superficial standpoint, the comparison is almost too obvious to resist. Time and again during Saturday's annual Cal Poly spring football game, No. 17 shot into the backfield and made tackle after tackle, repeatedly disrupting opposing rushing attempts.

Only this time, the defender always around the ball wasn't Kyle Shotwell, but rather Marty Mohamed.

A year after occupying the Mike linebacker spot vacated by Shotwell, Mohamed has been moved to the edge, where he can make plays as a free safety before redshirting, made 70 tackles as a freshman in 2007, trailing only then-senior Jason Relyea's 71 and then-junior Mark Reitnaufer's 73.

"I felt like that was one of the successes (of spring practices)," Mustangs head coach Justin McMorath said.

Regardless of where he officially fits in this spring game. No. 17 is almost too obvious to resist. Fimebacker spot vacated by Shotwell, Mohamed's white-jersey just entered the spring game. No. 17 is around the ball wasn't Kyle Shotwell, but rather Marty Mohamed.

Regardless of where he officially fits in that defense, as only one starter from a year ago was scheduled to return in total offense in the FCS behind only national champion Appalachian State. It seems a reversal from previous springs, when Cal Poly was renewed on a national level for its stalwart defense, which led the nation in rushing defense in 2004, finished sixth overall in 2006 and along the way produced three consecutive NFL-bound recipients of the Buck Buchanan Award, given to the country's best defender (Shotwell was bestowed the most recent one, in 2006).

Six in this conference five years in a row," he said.

Right from the start, the 49ers cruised, and won the doubles point.

The No. 1 and No. 2 contests were swept by Long Beach State, ranked 35th nationally by the ITA. The No. 1 and No. 2 contests were won back-to-back by Long Beach State (13-6, 6-0 Big West), but Amy Markhoff and Diane Filip of the Mustangs were able to win the third, 8-4, against Deborah Armstrong and Lisa Sutton.

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The combined score of the Mustangs' four consecutive losses, which have come on the heels of a five-match winning streak.

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The Cal Poly women's tennis team lost its fourth-straight match Friday, 7-0 to Big West Conference power Long Beach State at Mustang Courts.

"It was a tough match," said Mustangs sophomore Brittany Blalock.

"But we're a bunch of perfectionists, so there's a bunch of things we can work on and improve upon."

Long Beach State, No. 35 in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings and undefeated in conference play, lived up to its billing, said Cal Poly head coach Hugh Brown.

"They showed why they've won this conference five years in a row," he said.

From a superficial standpoint, the comparison is almost too obvious to resist. Time and again during Saturday's annual Cal Poly spring football game, No. 17 shot into the backfield and made tackle after tackle, repeatedly disrupting opposing rushing attempts.

Only this time, the defender always around the ball wasn't Kyle Shotwell, but rather Marty Mohamed.

A year after occupying the Mike linebacker spot vacated by Shotwell, Mohamed has been moved to the edge, where he can make plays as a free safety before redshirting, made 70 tackles as a freshman in 2007, trailing only then-senior Jason Relyea's 71 and then-junior Mark Reitnaufer's 73.

"I felt like that was one of the successes (of spring practices)," Mustangs head coach Justin McMorath said.

Regardless of where he officially fits in that defense, as only one starter from a year ago was scheduled to return in total offense in the FCS behind only national champion Appalachian State. It seems a reversal from previous springs, when Cal Poly was renewed on a national level for its stalwart defense, which led the nation in rushing defense in 2004, finished sixth overall in 2006 and along the way produced three consecutive NFL-bound recipients of the Buck Buchanan Award, given to the country's best defender (Shotwell was bestowed the most recent one, in 2006).

Six in this conference five years in a row," he said.

Right from the start, the 49ers cruised, and won the doubles point.

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