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Library unveils newly-renovated second floor

Chelsea Bieker

Students looking for a place to study can expect to see many changes if they venture to the second floor of the Robert E. Kennedy library.

The space has been undergoing renovations throughout the summer as part of a plan to better accommodate student group work and provide a new home for Julian's Patisserie.

The transformation was almost complete with eight new glassed-in study rooms equipped with flat screen monitors and white boards, as well as many other group seating stations.

Julian's is scheduled to open Wednesday. Associated Students Inc. will be giving tours of the area from 2 to 4 p.m. as part of their "What's New" tour.

Anna Gold, associate dean for public services, said that the changes are not about computers or books, but rather about people interacting, conversing and working together.

"I'm just so excited to see how the students respond," Gold said. "It allows people to see each other and to really have a marvelous environment in which to study."

The renovations began as "a germ of an idea," incorporating the idea that a library is a place where learning happens and relationships are built now that students will not have to leave to fulfill their studying needs, Gold said.

"We expect there will be growth; we're going to see people staying longer," she said. "You can spend hours here and be comfortable and now that you can get food here, you won't have to leave even for that."

"Without this kind of space for students, I don't think anyone has really experienced what a learning commons could be," she added.

Mike Miller, dean of library services, said he has gotten positive feedback from students so far and joked that his favorite part of the renovations is the addition of pastries.

"I think the most fun for me is when students come back in and they get this perplexed look, like, 'It doesn't look like a library anymore, it looks kind of cool, I'm not sure if I'm allowed to be here,'" Miller said. "But we let them know they are, especially in the meeting rooms with the white boards and flat panels and comfortable chairs."

Miller said now that the renovations are in place, students will have all they need when studying long hours. A record 1.3 million visits were made to the library last year.

"Typically students come to work — you need food, you need sugar, you need caffeine to keep you going," he said. "Now we can provide that."

The area will be used as a science café as well, a space where people can discuss topics in an informal setting.

"What we want to do in our polytechnic environment is mix it up a little and not make it exclusively science," Miller said. "I'd like to have a speaker's venue where humanities students can learn about science topics, but I also want scientists and engineers to learn about the arts. I want all the disciplines to talk about ethical, political, and social issues, not in a highly structured academic way, but more in an informal accessible way."

Comfortable seating isn't the only thing to look forward to in the coming year. Dale Kohler, director of library information technology, said network upgrades can be expected.

"We're making more technology available, so we're expanding the number of work stations for students to use in the library—there is going to be around 300 now," said Kohler. "In addition to that, we're trying to make it more friendly for students to bring their own laptops, plug in, connect and get on the network without problems."

They are currently rolling out a common software image for all the computers in the library so that no matter where you go, you have access to the same software and the same capabilities.

"The machines have all been upgraded so that they are all within the last three years," he said. "It should be great."

Renovations in the library are still in motion, with plans to expand the 24-hour study space, provide a quiet section, expand Poly Connect and improve the atrium, Miller said.

"Whether it's an actual project for class, or whether its just the camaraderie of working together with friends, we're creating an environment that helps support people during their scholarship," he said.
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A formerly incoming men's basketball player was just weeks away from beginning his college career when he was arrested for his alleged involvement in the robbery of a Wisconsin bank Aug. 16. Anthony Di Lorenzo, a 7-foot, 215-pound 18-year-old Minstertonska, Minn., native, was arrested on suspicion of being the getaway driver and for allegedly providing his 16-year old accomplice with a shotgun. He appeared in court Sept. 12 to acknowledge the charges against him. He will not be attending Cal Poly.

Saudi contract signed
A controversial contract to develop and implement a new engineering program at Jubail University College (JUC) in Saudi Arabia was signed by Cal Poly in early July. However, JUC has yet to sign its portion so the contract is not finalized and remains private. The five-year contract would bring $5.9 million to Cal Poly, but opponents worry the deal will lead to discrimination against minority groups including Jews, women, gays and lesbians.

Prop 8 protested
More than 100 protestors gathered downtown on Sunday to demonstrate against Proposition 8, the initiative to ban same-sex marriage.

Rachel Glasz
MUSTANG DAILY

Downtown San Luis Obispo became a scene of political activism Sunday when more than 100 protestors surrounded the courthouse to demonstrate against Proposition 8, the general election initiative measure that would ban same-sex marriage if passed in November.

The protestors, many from gay and lesbian alliance organizations including the Cal Poly Pride Alliance, gathered to show their opposition to the initiative, which they say would be a step backward for California.

"If this measure passes, it will be the first time that discrimination has been written into the California constitution," said Michael Beck, president of the Central Coast chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance for Education, or SAFE. "We've seen as the liberal standard in the country, and if this measure passes, it will set a dangerous precedent."

Supporters of the initiative argue that Proposition 8 is crucial to protect the definition of marriage, which they say is solely a union between one man and one woman, according to the Yes-on-8 campaign's website, protectmarriage.com.

The protest started off with several speakers from various organizations, all of whom asked the audience to get involved to help keep the proposition from passing.

"I'm proud to say that you're part of one of the greatest civil rights movements our country has ever seen," Beck shouted to a cheering crowd. "Proposition 8 is just a small hurdle we must face."

After the speeches, the group marched down Monterey, Higuera and Marsh streets, carrying signs and chanting "No on 8" before reconvening on the courthouse lawn.

Most of the protestors then went to work a phone bank at the San Luis Obispo branch of United Staffing Associates.

"We're trying to educate people on what Proposition 8 is really about," industrial technology senior Thomas Maxhain said. "There's a lot of crazy propaganda going around; people are saying that this measure will lead to other things, that it's a slippery slope, but that's just not true."

Same-sex marriage has been legal in California since June 17, 2008 when the California Supreme Court's decision to overturn the state's ban on same-sex marriage took effect.

Opponents hope that with enough action on their parts, the measure will not pass.

"This was one of our most successful events, a lot of students got involved and there was a lot of coverage. We will make sure this proposition won't pass," Beck said.
Congress hairy to pass rail reform after crash

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge has barred opponents of a farm animal rights initiative from using public money for its campaign advertisement.

Monday's ruling was on a lawsuit by supporters of Proposition 2, which would require bigger cages for egg-laying hens.

... SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A woman whose dogs viciously attacked and killed her neighbor in the hallway of their apartment building seven years ago was sentenced Monday to 18 years in prison.

Majorie Knoller was convicted of second-degree murder in the 2001 mauling death of Diane Whipple, but a judge later reduced the charge to involuntary manslaughter and sentenced her in 2002 to a four-year prison term.

... LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Nevada man who got about $265,000 in free home furnishings by claiming he would put tombstones, "said Harry M. Sweedler, the former director of the NTSH's office of safety recommendations. "Every time there's an accident ... or if there were recurring accidents of a certain severity, there's a new regulation to cover it."

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The crash of Los Angeles Metrolink commuter train on Sept. 12 causes Congress to take a second look at transportation safety after 25 people died and 135 were injured.

The FRA says it can do its job without new safety inspectors, and while both the FRA and the railroad industry claim they support so-called positive train control technology, neither wants it to come with a constitutionally opposed timeline.

The FRA also wants to set work hours for rail employees, something Congress does under a 1907 law. But Congress wants to retain much of that control and dramatically reduce the number of weekly hours engineers can work.

Train crews are now allowed to work 412 hours per month, compared to 100 hours per month for commercial airline pilots; Lautenberg's bill would cap work at 276 hours per month.

Part of the tension between the FRA, Congress and the industry is an artifact of the long history of railroads in this country, which existed for decades before the FRA was created. Railroads are still responsible for overseeing their own locomotive engineers and have primary responsibility for safety.

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"Over the years, on a piecemeal basis the FRA would issue regulations to specific problems. George Ciavalla, a railroad safety consultant, said there are large areas of railroad activity that are not subject to federal regulation. "A 21st century rail system cannot run safely on laws, technology and infrastructure from decades ago," complained Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., author of the Senate version of legislation that would reauthorize the FRA, give it hundreds of new safety inspectors and add a host of new safety rules.

The FRA, which cites a view of too compli-
"Are you worried about the current state of the U.S. economy?"

"No, not really. I think it will catch up and everything will work itself out like it has in the past."

-Megan Wearin, chemistry junior

"I am very worried about the current economy since it seems very cyclic, but I have confidence that we will get out of it."

-Adam Coeffler, mechanical engineering senior

"At the moment I'm not worried because I'm sure (Congress) will figure out something."

-Henry Lu, aerospace engineering freshman

"Definitely, I hope it gets better ... a lot of my friends are unemployed especially artists in San Francisco and even those who have real jobs like accountants."

-Maira Simas, nutrition senior

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**Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., speaks to reporters after members of Congress met with government officials to discuss the economy last week in Washington. Congress is looking at options on a bailout as they confront the gravest threat to Americans' standard of living since the Great Depression.**

**Bush seeks to assure leaders about bailout plan**

**Terence Hunt**

President Bush sought to assure anxious world leaders on Monday that the United States is taking "bold, aggressive, decisive action" to rescue the crisis-ridden economy with a $700 billion bailout package.

"The whole world is watching to see if we can act quickly," Bush said, prodding lawmakers in Washington to approve his plan.

Bush balanced the economic lockdown with foreign policy problems from Pakistan and North Korea to Russia and Iran as he opened three days of diplomacy with presidents and prime ministers assembled for the annual ministerial meeting of the U.N. General Assembly.

The activities were opening with a reception Monday night for foreign delegations hosted by Bush and his wife, Laura, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

After seven years of criticizing the U.N. for its huge, costly bureaucracy and indecisiveness in the face of grave problems, Bush will make his final address to the General Assembly today. His speech, scheduled to last 15 minutes, was to stress the need for multinational diplomacy.

The nation's burgeoning financial crisis, anchored on Wall Street not far from Bush's hotel, overshadowed his visit. Bush is in the awkward position of advocating capitalism, free trade and deregulation throughout this presidency but then overseeing see Bush, page 5
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Oliver Stone's 'W.' humanizes Bush into a mythic figure

Erik Hinton

I'm sure you're all chewing your fingernails to a pulp waiting for the movie that is being released next month. I am speaking of neither the Marky Mark goes-gamer-nerd fantasy "Max Payne" nor the shining "Beverly Hills Chihuahua," a movie which will doubtlessly spark a wave of never-before-seen anti-Disney violence.

Actually, I am referring to Oliver Stone's new epic, "W." In case you were unaware of this upcoming release, please take a moment to soak it in. Yes, it's about George W. Bush. I am not here, though, to lament Stone's bomb. I am taking umbrage with the fact that the film is being universally described as humanizing. Both the studio and critics are scrambling to detail just how human the film makes Bush and why the lame duck deserves this treatment.

Such a tactic is by no means a new one for Stone (see his 1995 "Nixon") but that does not mean it is an entirely benign one. Sure, looking at the personal life of a public figure can be edifying, but what does it mean to humanize him, and what are the side effects?

The prickly side of humanization is that it always succeeds in creating exactly what it aims to undo; mythologv. The driving force behind the will to humanize is the idea that a sufficiently capable artist can cut through the mythic pomp around a figure and sketch out his needs humanization. Saying that Stone's "W." humanizes Bush is tantamount to arguing that wc might encounter in the world could similarly perform this task. Such a claim is not terribly wrong in cases of a historical figure like Alexander the Great or a more-than-famous celebrity such as Marlon Brando. However, we are talking about a man whose very human faults have been plastered all over the national media for eight years.

Mythology surrounds chiseled Greek warriors, not inarticulate good ol' boys. The humanizing objective of Stone's biopic is to convince us that we see Bush as a face of evil in a 10-gallon hat or some other mythic character. The danger is that the media and the audience are not to be trusted to make a public figure into just another person. This is impossible by the sheer fact that the ordinary person does not have one of the biggest directors in Hollywood attach his name to his story and pour $30 million into the endeavor.

To say that your film humanizes a figure is to do nothing more than try to win audience over subtly to believe that your version of a person's life is an authentic one. But what is the actual danger of this whole mess? Mythology is not problematic in itself, so why should a new myth be anything to worry about? The issue is two-fold. Mythology identifies itself as myth, and we can then deal with them accordingly. Instead, I am taking umbrage with the fact that the film is being universally described as humanizing. Both the studio and critics are scrambling to detail just how human the film makes Bush and why the lame duck deserves this treatment.

There are two reasons why Bush is a good target for this criticism. First, the one that the media instills in them. Audiences cannot separate Hollywood from reality, but rather, that audiences cannot view their that what they are watching is actually a myth. I am not saying that viewers know that what they are watching is actually a myth. I am not saying that the movie is bad, but rather, that audiences cannot separate the images they have of public figures that they develop for themselves from the one that the media instills in them.

And, tradition is myths are products of a collective culture. The myths that humanizing movies create are products of a few men and their crews. When culture is creating myths, there is some democratic filter. In film, we lose control.

The take-home message: When you go to see "W." or, more likely, when you stay home from the theater, keep a keen eye on the myth you are being sold. Take humanization with a grain of salt and demand a say in your mythology.
Books with power: fall quarter must-reads

Read and reread these modern classics

He, my name is Chebza and I am a book-o-holic. I love beginnings, middles and ends, the anticipation of what happens next, and, of course, the way the pages smell. (Is that only me?) Reading offers a calm escape in today's fast-paced world, and should not be put on the back burner now that the rigors of fall quarter are bestowed upon us.

Consuming an amazing book is a rich and rewarding experience that no amount of television or video games can replace. I have found that in the course of my reading career, there are a handful of books that never manage to lose their places as my favorites. It is because of these books that I continue to read, always searching for my next favorite.

With this column, I hope to inspire you to find some favorites of your own, or at least read some of mine. I will do my best to examine great new writers, and interesting new releases, and maybe even throw in some award winning best-sellers here and there. But overall, I want to tell you about books that are worth your time and thought. I won't rant and rave about a book I hated; I don't see the point here. It is to read, absorb and enjoy. Books are powerful; let them move you.

Here is a short list of books that I feel are worth a read:

- "Dry," by Augusten Burroughs — Always a sucker for the hilarious memoir, I am never disappointed with Burroughs' writing. He has an ability to make an everyday situation a laughfest while still conveying a deeper emotion throughout. I have found myself literally laughing out loud at this book, as well as his other non-fiction works of comedic genius.

- "The Interpreter of Maladies," by Jhumpa Lahiri — I have not read this Pulitzer Prize-winning collection of short stories, you have some catching up to do. Between the delicate yet powerful tone of Lahiri's writing and her undeniable talent for weaving a heartbreaking tale, there is something in this collection for everyone. I have read and reread each story and always find something new.

- "The Kite Runner," by Khaled Hosseini — There is something haunting about Hosseini's writing; I found it impossible to remove his characters from my mind long after closing the book. This led to some undeniable crying while reading the novel. It was worth every tear, let me tell you. Also don't miss "A Thousand Splendid Suns," an equally beautiful vision of Hosseini's literary grace.

- "The Time Traveler's Wife," by Audrey Niffenegger — I have read this book about five times, and have not been dissatisfied to date. Read it. And guys, don't be thwarted by the semi-feminine cover; it's for you too.

- "Apathy and Other Small Victories," by Paul Neilan — If you aren't hooked by this funny little number after the opening line, there is no hope for you. This book is off-the-wall hilarious, no matter who you are.

- "The Gum Thief" by Douglas Coupland — This book is unique, incorporating a novel-with-in-a-novel approach. Witty and original, like most of Coupland's adventures, and told from various points of view, it is impossible to be bored.

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For those who hate their taste buds...the spiciest foods downtown

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With several delis, taquerias, sushi bars and a variety of restaurants, San Luis Obispo has several options capable of pleasing the palate. However, anyone interested in setting a little fire to that palate may have a harder time finding something that can do the job. The Mustang Daily went to several caterers in search of the spiciest food in town, and here are our spiciest four picks.

Taj Palace- Chicken Curry

Many students already know Taj Palace solely for its delicious buffet, but the Indian restaurant also has a menu for those who seek dinner and lunch as more than an eating contest.

One of the spiciest dishes on the menu is the chicken curry, which tastes just as good as anything in the buffet, but is spicy enough to make an appearance in this article. The chicken is moist, tender and full of curry flavor. The spiciness doesn't drown out the other flavors, but instead compliments them. This creates a wonderful taste that provides an excellent distraction from lips, mouth, tongue and throat all in dire need of soothing water.

Taj Palace isn't the spiciest place to get hot food, but it does do a commendable job. Its football location provides a close-to-campus alternative for anyone who doesn't want the hassle of going downtown to eat dinner.

A word of caution though: if you're going to try dishes this hot, take a group of friends and let everyone sample the spicy stuff. No one wants to suffer alone.

Hanabi Sushi- The Heart Attack

Most sushi restaurants downtown don't offer anything seriously potent. Often, the spiciest menu item is a variation of the California roll with chili oil added in excessive amounts. This is where Hanabi stands out.

The Hanabi appetizer menu has the Heart Attack, easily capable of beating any spicy sushi roll offered elsewhere. The Heart Attack is a jalapeño filled with cream cheese and spicy tuna, then battered and deep-fried. Definitely not for the weak of heart, the intense spiciness of the dish makes its name sake a definite possibility.

The first bite is a pleasant sensation, due to the mixture of the crunchy exterior and the creamy center, but the jalapeño kicks in moments later. While it's fiery enough to not be extinguished by several glasses of water, it doesn't overwhelm the flavor of the actual ingredients.

The appetizer has several stuffed peppers, allowing for one person to endure severe torment or for the anxious to be spread amongst a large party.

Thai Palace- Spicy Pad Garee Goong Muerk

It shouldn't be a surprise to anyone that a Thai restaurant has made this list, and Thai Palace has definitely earned its spot. The Pad Garee Goong Muerk—a mixture of prawns, calamari, and vegetables sauteed with yellow curry powder—is just one of many dishes that Thai Palace offers in either mild, medium or hot, and it's excellent. The seafood is fresh and well prepared, the prawns are crisp and the calamari is soft, not chewy. The vegetables are crunchy and the curry flavor is prevalent, which is impressive considering the dish's overwhelming spiciness.

While the first bite is merely spicy, continuing to eat it has side effects beyond any else considered spicy. Instead of a burning feeling in just the mouth and throat, the entire body responds as though it is close to a blazing bonfire. Limbs get uncomfortably warm and pores open and form droplets of sweat. Asking the waiter for a glass of milk to stop the torture isn't just a good idea, it's necessary for survival.

More than just spicy food, Thai Palace is a great place to eat. It has an incredible amount of choices and great atmosphere.

Flame Bay- Extra Hot Kung Pao Stir-Fry

Located at the far end of the Network on Higuera, Flame Bay offers some of the spiciest food downtown. Based on the Mongolian barbecue, the restaurant lets customers pick out a variety of meat and vegetables of their own choosing, which are then stir-fried in a giant wok.

The result is a dish with varying textures, but the same extra flavor throughout. The lack of variety in taste is compensated for by the overwhelming spiciness of the sauce. The first taste may induce choking if the customer isn't prepared. Later bites may lead to tears. The sauce burns the entire mouth and continues to do so for several minutes after eating. Luckily, it comes with a side of rice that provides a bland haven for taste buds scorched by the extra hot Kung Pao. Although Flame Bay's stir-fry is the least tasty food of the five restaurants reviewed, it is by far, the spiciest, making it ideal for an enjoyable dinner, but ideal for hazing fraternity pledges.

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TUESDAY’S NEW RELEASES

Movies:
Title: Leatherheads
Director: George Clooney
Starring: George Clooney and Renée Zellweger

Title: Run, Fat Boy, Run
Director: David Schwimmer
Starring: Simon Pegg, Thandie Newton, and an appearance by Hank Azaria

Title: Sex and the City
Director: Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis, Cynthia Nixon, and Chris Noth

Music:
Album: Time the Conqueror
Artist: Jackson Browne

Album: Rambling Boy
Artist: Charlie Haden

Album: Only By the Night
Artist: Kings of Leon

Literature:
Title: Brisingr
(Inheritance, Book 3)
Author: Christopher Paolini
(Released 9/20/08)

Title: One Fifth Avenue
Author: Candace Bushnell
(Released 9/20/08)

Compiled by Emilie Eggert, Arts Editor

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Looking into the crystal ball of the American economic future is a frightening, but necessary task for a college student both less than one year away from graduation. Exactly what kind of economy are we as young Americans inheriting and will we stand in the world marketplace in a few years?

More importantly will — as the country's future entrepreneurs, innovators and workers — be allowed our chance at the American Dream? Will the United States still be the shining beacon of free enterprise and industry by the time the government is through?

The outlook doesn't look pretty.

Since March, the Federal Reserve has bailed out investment bank Bear Stearns, essentially nationalized mortgage giants Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae and taken over insurance giant AIG — all at the expense of innocent taxpayers.

Operating in full crisis-control mode, it now looks to further expand its regulatory powers and the Federal Reserve's unprecedented power to nationalize companies and regulate industry at the cost of a proposed $700 billion bailout for Wall Street firms.

When does it end?

Certainly not on November 4.

Although the economy has supposedly been the presidential race's hot-button topic, hope is not imminent on the horizon.

Sen. Barack Obama tentatively backs the proposed bailout legislation, but is also in favor of taxing private industry more. In addition to the $700 billion bailout, he also wants to tack on a $15 billion economic "stimulus" package and taxes for the middle class (where does all this money come from)?

He went on to say that he wouldn't support giving a "blank check to Washington with no oversight and accountability when no oversight and accountability is what got us into this mess in the first place."

But "overreach" of financial regulations is not the solution to our economic problems; it's the cause. The legislation on the table is presented as a cure for future meltdowns when in fact it's just more of the same interventionist technique that landed us in hot water in the first place.

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How to play the Daily Dots

1. Find a playing partner.
2. Each person takes a turn drawing one line connecting two dots. Only horizontal and vertical lines can be drawn.
3. The first person to close a square wins that square. To keep track, place winners' initials in the box. They continue until no more squares can be closed.
4. Player with the most squares wins.
Kiffin has stressed to the players to tune out the distraction of his job security and focus solely on their performance on the field. He was proud of how his players performed last week in winning at Kansas City and for the first three quarters of their loss at Buffalo on Sunday. But they were unable to hold on to a one-point fourth-quarter lead, giving Kiffin reason for a sleepless night.

"I think it's the first week of school, and we've been through two or three causes, the coach discounted that as a distraction," Tomlinson said. "It doesn't help. But I can't help but be pumped up. I think it's a positive." Cooper said. "It's the first week of school, and we've been focusing on our sport, and home down on that, without too much haddles. It'll be a good opportunity to be able to get a step ahead physically, with some rest and extra conditioning time in the weight room."

A break from game day probably won't be seen as a hindrance by his players whose camaraderie has been largely built because of world of its key components — including Law and fellow starters Ryan Stote (also at end) and linebacker Carbon Gillipson and Eamon Pasz — were all part of the same recruiting class in 2005.

"It's a really close-knit group of players," Lawyer explained. "We're all good friends off the field and that allows us to understand each others' strengths and weaknesses and who's around you, and know the man next to you can get it done."

The Chargers could have had two more picks, but safety Clinton Hart dropped Favre's fourth-down pass in the end zone late in the third quarter and Cromartie let an interception and a sure touchdown clang off his hands in the first quarter. Cromartie intercepted backup QB Kellen Clemens in the end zone in the final minutes.

The Chargers scored three times and the Jets once in a crazy span of five minutes, 46 seconds spanning the first and second quarters. Rivers recovered from an early blunder to throw a 1-yard touchdown pass to rookie fullback Mike Tolbert for a 17-7 lead late with 2:03 left in the first quarter. On the fourth play of the next Jets' drive, Cromartie overpowered Laverenzus Cooks and took the ball away, racing 32 yards for a 17-7 lead.

Leon Washington returned the kickoff 94 yards to the San Diego 5. Two plays later, Favre hit Coles on a 3-yard TD pass to pull the Jets within 17-14. San Diego's Marcus Harris recovered an onside kick at the Jets 44 to set up a 27-yard scoring pass from Rivers to Chris Chambers that made it 24-1411:17 before halftime.

Eric Weddle intercepted Favre to set up Rivers' 6-yard scoring pass to tight end Antonio Gates for a 31-14 lead late with 2:03 left in the first quarter.

Jets' cornerback David Barrett stunned the Chargers and quieted the crowd at Qualcomm Stadium when he jumped in front of Gates for an interception he returned 25 yards for a touchdown less than four minutes into the game.
Every time Cal Poly football players enter Alex G. Spanos Stadium, they know the bar — or rather, a recurring sort of banner — is set high.

The trio of commemorative banners honoring Jordan Beck, Chris Googrc and Kyle Shotwell remind of a golden age of Cal Poly defense, when those three won the Buck Buchanan Award — given to the best defender in the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) — from 2004 to 2006.

"It's a good point for us to reach for — the Chris Googrc, Jordan Beck, Kyle Shotwell and Courtney Brown," Mustangs senior defender and Game Lawer said of an NFL-bound foursome that in 2004 had a hand in the FCS No. 1 rushing defense. "We want to make sure we're living up to their standards, and I'm sure they keep an eye on us and want us to do well."

The Mustangs followed during a 52-18 win Saturday at Northwestern State. They don't want their predecessors' legacy to become too much of a distant memory.

Two years after leading the FCS with 62 sacks, and one removed from finishing sixth in total defense, the Mustangs finished 63rd in the latter category last season, when they finished 7-4 and missed the playoffs.

"Although their defense, their future is going to be better than pretty good," Googrc said. "Quite honestly, they're pretty good, but we've got to be a little better than we are right now."

Strides seem to have been taken thanks in part to the effort of a quicker, more explosive second featuring new stars like cornerbacks Asa Jackson (a true freshman) and Eric Gardley (a sophomore converted from receiver), and first safety Greg Francis (a redshirt freshman).

"A lot of the (six sacks Saturday) were just coverage sacks," Lawyer explained. "The quarterback had nothing to do and we just smelted over him. We just have to stick with our package every single week because they're pretty bullishproof if you run them correctly.

Coverage sacks or not, the front's resurgence has been aided by the return of nose tackle James Chen, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in the opener of 2007, his freshman season.

Chen's unselshness in freest up around him exemplifies the line's mindset, according to defensive end Gavin Cooper, whose seven sacks and two sacks Saturday earned him Great West Conference Defensive Player of the Week honors — which Lawyer received two weeks prior.

"That's the great thing about our d-line," Cooper said. "(Chen) doesn't care if he gets a sack as long as he can help someone else get one. He draws double teams non-stop and just loves what he does."

Unselfishness aside, a little friendly rivalry hasn't seemed to hurt.

Defensive coordinator Paymn Saadat has "challenged (the Mustangs) to get to the QB and pepper him up so the DBs can have a safety not," Cooper said.

"We challenge each other every game to see who can get the most sacks, and that fires us up," he added.

The Mustangs (2-1), ranked ninth in both the FCS Sports Network media and coaches polls, will have to wait a bit for their next com-

**Kiffin remains Raiders coach for now**

**Josh Dubow**

**ALAMEDA, Calif. — Lane Kiffin went over the injury report and the aftermath of the Oakland Raiders latest loss before the questions predictably turned to his shaky job status amid more reports that his firing as coach would be imminent.**

"This seems to be a common ques­tion here everywhere," Kiffin said Monday. "I'm going to kind of put it this way. Until I am told by Al Davis that I am not the head coach here anymore, we're going to keep plugging away the same way we have been. So far I have not been told by Al Davis that I am not the head coach. Until he tells me directly, we'll keep plugging away."

With no word yet from the owner, Kiffin began preparations for Sunday's game at the Las Vegas Raiders (1-2) and San Diego.

Kiffin's weekly Monday news conferences have turned into the must-dos to must-see events since reports about Kiffin's firing first surfaced on Sept. 13. This week's session included a Raiders official interrupting a question that he said was based on an incorrect premise and later calling the columnist a liar and saying he'd like to punch him.

Team officials have refused to deny the reports about Kiffin's firing and the coach has been in a sort of limbo ever since. But he once again treated it out of fora his weekly duties, staying on as coach for at least a little while longer.

He returned with the Raiders from a crucial 24-23 loss to Buffalo to report that the decision was supposed to come Monday. But Davis has refused to set a day. Far Kiffin refused to discuss the latest rumors, saying he's waiting to hear directly from the brass. The two haven't talked since before the season opener against Denver on Sept. 6.

"I have not had a conversation with him about it, nor has he gotten in touch with me. So I can't worry about what other people say," Kiffin said. "If we believed everything people said around here, we would be in a lot of trouble."

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